



The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

It doesn't feel like it yet, but the seasons will soon change. We will exchange the heat and humidity of summer for the crisp and cool of fall. The days will become shorter as the unstructured summer fades into the routine of school, work, homework, sports and music activities. Friday lights will shine brightly around here as the sounds of marching bands and football plays fill the air. We will trade in our tomato sandwiches for warm tomato soup and our summer squash for baked acorn squash. The rhythms of fall bring a familiar comfort. A comfort for which we pause to give thanks to God.

Sadly, this time that should bring familiar comforts for all of us, instead brings assessing loss for those swept up in the floods of West Virginia and

Louisiana. The devastation is overwhelming, particularly in Louisiana where 10s of thousands of homes have been destroyed. The familiar comforts of Fall may not be felt by these residents this year. Yet even now support teams are on the ground offering care, love and needed resources to those in the affected areas.

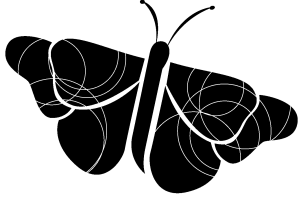
Our own Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is assessing the needs and what we can do. They are offering pastoral care and making plans for work groups to come help clean up and rebuild. When the plans are in place for work groups to come, we in this Presbytery will be putting together teams to go to Louisiana. Watch announcements and emails so

you join a team if you feel called to contribute in that way. And of course, funds are always needed. You can make a donation through Bethel, earmarking your check for PDA, or you can donate directly on the website, www.pcusa.org/pda.

As we give thanks for our familiar comforts of Fall, we can also give thanks that we are part of the body of Christ that reaches out to those in need, connecting us one to another in life giving ways.

*Grace and peace,
Wendy*

Coming up this Month:



NEW
BIBLE STUDY

New Adult Sunday School Class:

Sunday: Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 4

9:30 AM 3rd floor Classroom
Lamentations & The Tears of the World

Rev. Wendy Neff will lead the class in a study of the Book of Lamentations to better understand the grief in the world today and our response as God's people.

"Young at Heart" Senior Health and Safety Fair,

Thursday September 8, 2016 at the Kingston Community Center from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Come out for a time of free demonstrations and information provided by health care services providers from across the region. Silver Sneakers demo by Foust Family Fitness, free massage demo by Medical Massage Therapy, flu shot clinic provided by Clinton Drugstore, light lunch and door prizes.

Steel Magnolias

Dianne Griffith directs the next production at Tennessee Valley Theater, STEEL MAGNOLIAS which opens on Friday, September 9th at 7:30. Subsequent performances are on Sat, the 10th at 7:30, Sunday, the 11th at 2:00; Friday, the 16th and Saturday, the 17th at 7:30 and Sunday, the 18th at 2:00. TVT is located at 184 West Jackson Avenue in Spring City and ticket information can be obtained by calling 1-432-365-7529. Dianne will reprise her role of OUISER which she portrayed last year in Athens.

Bethel's annual picnic

will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at Marge Hettrick's. We will enjoy Buddy's BBQ. Church members and friends need to bring a lawn chair, drinks, and a finger-type dessert to share. Kids activities and socialization will begin at 3:00 P.M. with the meal beginning at 5:00 P.M. Hope to see you at the picnic!

AARP Smart Driver

Course, September 14th and 15th at the Kingston Community Center, each day from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Cost of the class is \$15.00 for AARP members, and \$20.00 for non-members to cover the cost of materials. Refreshments provided. By completing the course participants may be eligible for a reduction on their automobile insurance rates. Please contact Mid-East Senior Services Department at 865-354-0450, ext. 228 for additional information and to pre-register.

Medicare got you confused?

Plan on attending the "**Understanding the Medicare Maze**" educational program on Thursday, September 22, 2016 at First Baptist Church in Kingston from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. Sessions include a Medicare 101, Medicare Savings Program, Extra Help on Prescription Drugs, Agent Do's and Don'ts, and a Q&A session with area insurance representatives. Light breakfast provided. Please pre-register by calling the Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services Department at 865-354-0450, ext. 228.



Save the
Date! Fall
Festival is
just around
the corner!
Saturday,
October 22



Eight Weeks - that is how soon Fall festival will be here!

If you've been here before, you know that our Fall Festival is a wonderful, food- and fun-filled day for everyone in our community to enjoy. All money that is made during the festival is donated to worthwhile causes right here in Roane County. This year our festival will benefit the Boys and Girls Club and Family Promise! Let's do all that we can to support these worthy organizations!

Our leadership team is in place, and the ideas are flowing. As you can imagine, it takes many hands to make this event a success. How can you help?

- First, sign up on the sheet in the gathering area. We will personally contact you for specifics.
- Can't be there on THE day – we have tasks for you!
- Check your inventory of new or gently-used items to donate to the marketplace – we had great donations last year! Handcrafted items welcome! The Christmas Corner will return. Bring your contributions to the church office – the sooner the better. Need a pickup from your home – we will be happy to do that.
- Watch for the Fall Festival Giving Tree that will have ongoing needs that you can purchase and provide. Sign your name and take a “leaf” listing needed supplies.
- Share the news with your family, friends and neighbors. Take a flyer to your workplace – Printed materials will be coming soon!
- Pre-Sell breakfast tickets and fried pie order forms
- Serve on the Fried Pie Assembly Team – all work will be completed by the Friday before the festival
- Make a cash donation to cover expenditures - memo your gift “Fall Festival”
- Commit to bake something for the bake sales – have fun with creative packaging!
- Separate and repot plants for sharing: empty pots and other garden items are also needed
- Volunteer your tent
- Set-up and Clean-up are some of the most appreciated tasks – consider this team!
- New ideas – we welcome them!

All this information can be communicated to the planning team on the volunteer sheets. We look forward to your participation!

Thanks to Volunteers from Bethel for Support of Tutoring Program

Volunteers from Bethel, along with others in the community, serve as tutors and supporters for the after-school program in the Evans Heights Housing area in Rockwood. Thanks to Bethel members Jan Rybka, Jim Gerberding, Marge Hettrick, Sherry Paris and Bob and Sue Jones for their support, and to Jenny Morris and Dianne Griffith for their help with start-up.

This program gives grade-school children the opportunity to work one on one with a caring adult to complete homework assignments and to practice basic skills. Tutoring sessions are held from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays at the community center in Evans Heights. Please contact Anne Sides at 234-7061 or at wsidesjr@gmail.com if you are interested in providing tutoring, snacks, or materials for this effort.

Birthdays for September

- 3 Liam Choate
Tammy Holloway
- 4 Shara Cross
Lisa Pickel
- 6 Kathy Francis
- 10 Dick Evans
Bobbie Martin
- 12 Amber Jacks
- 14 Laura Dailey
Eli Jacks
- 15 Sue Jones
- 16 Jackie Rylander
- 18 Corey Preston
- 20 Pat Harvey

- 24 Grayson Pierce
- 27 Frank Harris
Dianne Russell
Bill Shenk
- 29 Chris Guy
April Jackson
Jeanette McElhinney
- 30 Marianne Shadden



Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Wellington Place

1098 Bradford Way, Kingston
37763

Chris Badger, Room 107

TN Veterans' Home

1 Veterans Way, Knoxville 37931

Jan Parker

Cornerstone Village-North

2-1 Oak Street, Johnson City
37601

Tauno Maki

At home:

Bobbie Martin, Larry & Brenda Strickling, Mary B. & Jim Hines, Marianne & Bill Shadden, Nikki Robbins.

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Sundat	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Each week: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Fri. 10-11:30 AM, Sat. 9-10:30 AM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM Yoga, Thursdays 5:30PM				1 Ten 10 Book Club 10 AM	2	3
4 Communion Sunday Faith Team 12:15	5	6	7	8 Sr. Health & Safety Fair @ Community Center	9	10 Camera Group 10 AM
11 New Adult SS Class Begins Church Picnic 3 PM	12 Finance Team 6 PM	13	14 Fall Festival Mtg. 6 PM	15	TN Valley Theater Steel Magnolias	
18 Hands of Mercy Offering Session 12:15	19	20	AARP Smart Driver Course 9 AM @ Community Center		TN Valley Theater Steel Magnolias	
25 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	26 Generosity Team 7PM	27	21 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	22	23	24
28	29	30	28	29	30	