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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

October is a month full of opportunities to learn more about what the church is doing in the world. The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday as well as the day we receive the Peacemaking and Global Witness offering. The portion Bethel keeps of our offering will go to support Mission Co-worker, Leslie Vogel, in her peacemaking work in Guatemala. The presbytery also keeps a portion which helps to bring an International Peacemaker to our midst each year.

This year, Rev. Luis Fernando San Miguel, will be our International Peacemaker. Rev. San Miguel is a pastor in Columbia where he serves a church and works on peace efforts between the government and the guerillas. You

can meet Rev. San Miguel on Thur., Oct 6 at 6:30pm in the Gathering Area. We will share a light supper before moving to the Sanctuary to hear Rev. San Miguel's program. Please invite your friends and family to learn more about Columbia and what God is doing through the church in that place.

We will recognize World Food Day in worship on Oct 16 as well as at the Fellowship Supper on Oct 19. The Presbyterian Church continues to advocate for food security around the world as well as fair trade and a living wage for workers. There is much yet to be done to ensure that everyone has access to safe, healthy food. Our own Fair Trade Buying Club is one way we at Bethel are making a difference.

Children's Sabbath is Oct 23. We will hear how the Presbyterian Church's Educate a Child initiative is going around the world and what still needs to be done locally and globally. Finally the month ends with Reformation Sunday. This is a day to celebrate our heritage and also imagine the new ways God wants us to engage in God's vision for all of life.

I hope you can join us for all the great worship and fellowship and learning opportunities that October will bring. If you want to know more about any of the programs mentioned, go to www.pcusa.org.

*Grace and peace,
Wendy*



**Saturday,
October 22nd
8 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Breakfast starts @8;
Activities start @ 9
ALL PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT LOCAL
CHARITIES***

FALL FESTIVAL: The Fall Festival Supply Tree is up in the gathering area. Items that are needed for the festival are listed on leaves. To contribute, please remove both copies of the leaf from the tree. Write your name on the line provided, drop in the basket. Take the other one home as a reminder. Drop the items off at the church office. If you desire a Noncash acknowledgement letter, see Susan in the church office.

Deadline for all contributions is October 9th.

In addition, we need your items for the Marketplace (fall and/or Christmas "crafty" items; gently-used white elephants), the plant sale, the bake sale, and YOUR TIME. If you can help with any of these, please talk to Sherry Paris, Karen Schall, Marilyn Harris, Liz Singley, Rachel Gallaher, or anyone else on the committee. (If you're new to Bethel, just ask! Someone will point you in the right direction.)

*This year the proceeds will benefit Family Promise of Roane County and the Boys and Girls Clubs.



Adult Sunday School Class Continues

Sunday: Oct 2nd, 9th // 9:30 AM in the Library

Lamentations & the Tears of the World

Rev. Wendy Neff leads this study of the Book of Lamentations as we try to better understand the grief in the world today and our response as God's people.

Congregational Meeting October 9

The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, Oct 9 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to hear the report of the nominating committee and elect officers for the 2019 term. The nominees for elder are: Sue Jones, Mariana Oonk, Jim Condon and Susan Garner; for Trustee: Joe Coen.

Women's Bible Study

Thursday, Oct. 20 // 10:30 – Noon in the library

Mourner, Mother, Midwife: Reimagining God's Delivering Presence in the Old Testament

This study led by Rev. Wendy Neff focuses on God in the Old Testament. Watch announcements for scheduled meeting times.

HOME Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our Sept. Non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our Oct. focus will be **Pasta / Spaghetti Sauce**. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.

Christmas Basket Volunteer Signups



Once again Bethel will host the Christmas Basket Signups. If you are able to volunteer please

HOLIDAY BASKETS

contact Ann DeBord at adebord43@comcast.net or 376-2931. There is a volunteer orientation for new volunteers Thursday, October 13 at 7pm at Kingston UMC. The dates and times of the volunteer signups are listed so you can choose the one that works best for you. Thank you!

Tue, Oct 18	11-1
Thur, Oct. 20	11-1
Mon, Oct 24	11-1
Wed, Oct 26	6-8
Mon, Oct 31	11-1
Tue, Nov 1	11-1
Wed, Nov 2	11-1
Wed, Nov 2	6-8

Mortgage Update

We have done a tremendous job paying down our mortgage. We now owe less than \$800,000.00! Thank you all for your support in making that happen. Our monthly mortgage bill is \$7000.00. For several years we have had a mortgage reserve that helped cover that payment on the months we did not receive enough in contributions. So far this year those contributions have been significantly down. We have drawn \$2000.00 or more each month from the reserve which has left it severely depleted. There is \$13,000.00 remaining, or enough to supplement for 6 more months at the rate we have been going. We want to keep on track with our good progress on the mortgage payment. Please consider how you may contribute to the mortgage payment and make a difference at Bethel. Thank you!

Welcome, New Members

We recently welcomed the following new members to membership: Elaine Steele, Sherry Burchfield, Fred and Shirley Swindler, and the Parish Family (Brad, Esther, Levi and Avery).

Photos of the Parish family and Sherry Burchfield are shown on the next page, and we'll follow up with photos of Elaine Steele and the Swindlers as they become available.

Please be sure to extend a warm welcome to these fine folks.

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. Bethel members Jan Rybka, Jim Gerberding, Marge Hettrick, Sherry Paris, Bob and Sue Jones are actively participating in this program. Dianne Griffith and Jenny Morris assisted in the 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. Mondays and Thursdays at the community center in Evans Heights. Please contact Anne Sides at 234-7061 or wsidesjr@gmail.com if you are interested in providing tutoring, snacks, or materials for this effort.

Photo Group will not have a regular meeting in October. All members are encouraged to take photos of their favorite autumn-related themes and post them on the Bethel Digital Arts group facebook page. We can't wait to see what you are all doing!

One more thing about our Fall Festival wish list — we need lots of gently-used stuffed animals for our Adopt-an-animal booth. This is one of the most popular booths in the childrens' section at the festival.

Hike in the Smokies - Sunday October 30th

On Sunday October 30th, we will renew an old Bethel tradition: a fall color hike in the Smokies.

The Ace Gap Trail will be ideal for multi-generational hikers, and the trees should be in full color.

Participants can wear hiking gear to church or change into such after worship. We will leave immediately from Bethel and car pool to Townsend. After lunch together at the local Subway, we will drive a short distance into Tuckaleechee Cove and the trail head.

Ace Gap Trail's relatively flat 5.6 miles skirt the boundary of the National Park. It is described as "lazy day, little effort trail [ideal for] quiet contemplation."

The make-up of our group, weather, and other variables will determine just how much of the 5.6 miles we will complete. We will definitely return to the trailhead by late afternoon and plan to arrive back at Bethel before dark.

Indicate your interest in joining in this outing and direct any questions to Mark Banker at worship. Or contact him at: mtbanker1951@gmail.com or 376-2118. He will particularly appreciate hearing in advance from adults who are willing to drive. (Please indicate the seating capacity of your vehicle.)

memorials & gifts

Memorials were received in the month of September for:
Rev. Marc Sherrod from:
Mark and Kathy Banker

Rev. Dick Hettrick from
Mark and Kathy Banker

Bill Martin from:
Liz Singley
Wes and Judith Delaney
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Jerry and Becky Lawson
Larry and Betty Jane Taylor
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Tom and Cindi Applegate
Gary Lemaster
Clay and Nancy Landers
The Ron VanEaton Family
Bill and Marianne Shadden
Glen and Anne Horner
Bob and Mary Jane Bowman

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for your love and support during this difficult time. I appreciate all of you very much.

Chemo treatments are behind me and also four weeks of radiation with 2 1/2 more weeks to go. By the time you will get the next Open Door, all is behind me.

I have an appointment with my oncologist October 17 and probably another PET scan end of December or beginning of January. I'll appreciate your continued prayers.

Oh, BTW, my hair is starting to grow back...very slowly....and it is not brown and curly (wishful thinking). But I will take any kind of hair, even if it is GREY!

Love to All, Marianne

Birthdays for October

- 2 Don Pierce
- 3 Chris Badger
Linda Preston
Jamie Woodard
- 4 Rick Durham, Jr.
Hannah Sherrod
- 5 Gisela Condon
Eden Sherrod
- 10 Adam Gallaher
Joe Pierce
- 13 Gary Lemasters
Tom Pickel, Jr.
- 15 Carrie Vickers
- 16 Mike Cutts
- 17 Jared McGill
- 19 Andy Holloway
Scott McGill
Jill McMaster
- 20 Eddie Kirby
Caleb Sherrod
- 24 Yvonne Rossi
- 25 Eric Windhausen
- 29 Rebecca Dailey Pierce
Will Purushotham
- 31 Julie McGill
Roger Richmond



Prayer Reminders

Wellington Place
1098 Bradford Way
Kingston, 37763
Chris Badger, Room 107
TN Veterans' Home
1 Veterans' Way,
Knoxville 37931
Jan Parker
Cornerstone Village-North
201 Oak Street
Johnson City, TN 37601
Tauno Maki

Marianne & Bill Shadden;
Jill McMaster



New Members Welcomed

Welcome to the Parish family, left to right: Brad, Levi, Avery, and Esther, and in the photo on the right, Sherry Burchfield.



October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 World Com- munion Sunday Peacemaking Offering Faith Team 12:15	3	4	5	6 10 Ten Book Club 10 AM International Peacekeeper Rev. San Miguel 6:30 PM	7	8 No Photo Group Meeting
9 Congregation- al Meeting 12:00	10 Finance Team 6 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16 H.O.M.E. Offering Session 12:15 Youth 5-7 PM	17	18	19 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:30	20 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	21	22 Fall Festival 8 AM to 1 PM
23 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	24 Generosity Team 7:00 PM	25	26	27 Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM	28	29
30 Fall Hike 12:15 :PM	31	Weekly Events: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM Rughooking Group Mondays at 1 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				