

# Bethel Presbyterian Church

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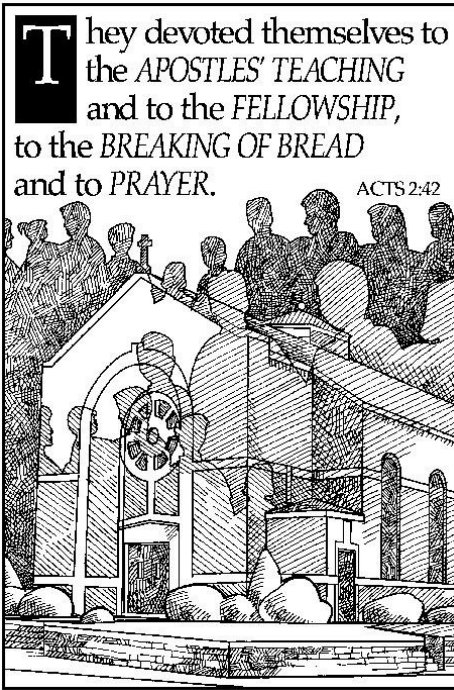
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# The Open Door

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## Dear Friends,

May is a full month with celebrations, end of year activities and plans for summer vacation. The weather is warmer and many of us are spending more time outside. May is also the time to check out summer camp options at John Knox Center, the Presbyterian camp just down the road in Ten Mile. There is day camp for 4-10 year olds, overnight camps starting at 7 years old and adventure camps for middle and high school youth. There really is something for everyone.

My son, Isaac, began day camp the first summer we were at Bethel. He was four years old. This year, at 10 years old, he will go to Marathon Camp for two weeks at the end of June. Isaac wouldn't miss summer camp at John Knox for anything in the world. It has been a

great experience for him to enjoy the outdoors, learn about critters and how we can protect them in the wild, experience skiing and canoeing, and most importantly to grow in his faith. Whether day camp or adventure camp, John Knox is a great place to spend some time in the summer.

Check out the information on the kiosk in the Gathering Area or go to the website, [www.johnknoxcenter.org](http://www.johnknoxcenter.org) to learn more. Bethel is committed to making sure every child in the congregation who wants to go to camp has the opportunity to do so. There is scholarship money available to back up that commitment. If your child could benefit from a scholarship, please let Wendy know.

In addition to end of the

year activities, we are gearing up for our year long birthday celebration beginning June 4. Watch for more information about upcoming events. The Pentecost Offering will also be received on June 4. This is a denominational offering that benefits children at risk, youth and young adults. Bethel's portion of this offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for famine relief in Sudan. As you know children are at great risk of starvation due to famine there. Our offerings will make a difference in their lives and the lives of those communities, so give generously.

Enjoy May and all its activities and make plans for upcoming camps and church celebrations. It's going to be a great month!

**Grace and peace, Wendy**

## Fundraiser Pancake Lunch May 7

Come enjoy pancakes and bacon for lunch after worship on May 7 and help support Nikki Robbins in the wake of the house fire that destroyed her house and everything in it.

## Women's Bible Study

Thursday, May  
11 and 25

10:30 AM – 12:00  
in the Library



## Ladies of the church annual Mother - Daughter event

All Ladies of Bethel Presbyterian Church and Kingston United Methodist Church are invited to attend the Mother's Day Luncheon on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11:30 A.M.. to be held in the Bethel Fellowship Hall.

We will enjoy a catered lunch and fellowship.

The cost is \$7.00 per person.

Deadline to register is Monday, May 8



**Roane Choral Society** will present **FROM STAGE AND SCREEN** at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at the Princess Theatre in Harriman.

Musical selections will include "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," "It's a Grand Night for Singing," and other favorite tunes. As winners of the Society's annual Music Education in Schools grants, Bowers Elementary and Midtown Elementary choirs will be featured in the performance. Admission is by donation. For more information, go to [www.roanechoralsociety.org](http://www.roanechoralsociety.org).

## Fellowship Dinner

On May 17 will be honoring this year's graduates, Will Jackson & Charlie Coen. Please come, bring a dish to share, and congratulate these wonderful young men.

## Hands Of Mercy Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our April HOME collection. 23 packages of pasta and 15 jars of sauce were collected. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community.

For the month of May our focus foods are **canned meat (tuna, chicken, Spam)**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will be Sunday, May 21st.

## Equal Exchange

Mandy Knies will be taking orders for Equal Exchange items Sunday, May 21st & 28th. Please check out the display in the gathering area on those Sundays and talk with Mandy then.



## Taoist Tai Chi

The Taoist Tai Chi group that meets at Bethel will be hosting a new beginner's series beginning on Friday, May 5 at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and again on Saturday, May 6 at 10 am. If you are interested in finding out more, please join us on either of those days.

## Family Prom- ise of Roane County



ATTENTION!!! We have a new date for the 2nd Annual BBQ and Bluegrass Event!! It will be August 19th at Roane County Park!! If you are a member at one of our Host or Support Congregations or Organizations and would like to have a team in the event please message me for details!! More info to come! Contact Jan Rybka at [jgrybka@hotmail.com](mailto:jgrybka@hotmail.com), or 310-8836, or 882-8836.

## A Birthday Celebration – 200 Years of Bethel's Presence in Kingston

Late this past winter at a meeting after Church, Bethel members and friends shared and brain stormed ideas for celebrating Bethel Presbyterian Church's 200th Birthday. Since that time, a Committee has been meeting to sort out the ideas, group like activities together, and begin to schedule the events that will take place over the next year. Our Bi-Centennial celebration will begin on June 4, 2017 and will culminate on our 200th birthday next June 2018.

To clarify a complicated picture, we have divided the Bicentennial events into FOUR CATEGORIES. Contact one of the Committee members or send an email to [bethelbirthday200@gmail.com](mailto:bethelbirthday200@gmail.com) if you have questions or to volunteer.

**CATEGORY #1** includes activities that are scheduled for an exact and specific date. As you can see these are the bigger events throughout the year. We will need volunteer helpers.

- Celebration Kick-Off, 6/4/17
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Party on the Back Porch to promote Celebration, 7/4/17
- Fall Saturday Open House with period dress, picnic, revival type worship, tours, September or October 2017
- Have piano concert or other musical offering, January or February 2018
- Worship swap with other Churches in the area including a meal, March to May 2018
- In-House Hymn Sing, traditional Bethel service music with stories of why important, March to May 2018
- Host the Presbytery at their Qtrly. Meeting, May 2018

- Place a time capsule in the ground, June 10, 2018

**CATEGORY #2** groups together activities that, at this time, do not have a specific date. Indeed, many of them will be on-going throughout the year. As you will see from reading the list these items may or may not need additional resources.

- Create a Cookbook – reprint old and create new, starting now through May of 2018
- Bethel oral history project – have various people provide monthly minutes for history in worship at the end of year produce a DVD of the stories, starting June 2017 through June 2018
- Reenact the play “A Church Called Bethel,” June 2018
- Host a one-day community wide Vacation Bible School Event, June 2018 after anniversary

**CATEGORY #3** is particularly exciting and will require many volunteers and considerable help from the congregation. Some of these activities need more definition and energy to get them established as viable activities for this celebration. From now until June 2018:

- Talk with other churches who have recently celebrated to find out what the events and other ways they celebrated,
- Ensure that the Bethel Arts Ministry (BAM) is involved,
- Ensure that the John Knox Center is involved
- Ensure that the Michael Dunn Center is involved.
- Continue the History of

Bethel Presbyterian started by Katy Banker.

- Create a financial campaign to pay for any special Celebration expenses.
- Start a Third Century Capital Campaign to pay off the mortgage from the remodeling project.
- Freshen up the building and grounds in anticipation of the big event,

**CATEGORY #4** includes activities that we on the Birthday Committee will primarily oversee.

- Create a list of invitees – members, officials from denomination, local and state government
- Create Logo for this event
- Have a master calendar of events available all year
- Mark Banker to do an essay about Bethel's moving history
- Create a print of Bethel Church through the Years
- Slide show using pictures present and past; make a commemorative book
- Commission a hymn (seed money has been donated for this purpose)
- Historical marker: Recover the Presbyterian Marker that used to be on the front of the Church
- Finish work on the bell to be able to ring it
- Review and Enhance our Local Mission Efforts
- Figure out something to do with the leftover original bricks
- Install a water bottle water fountain at the walking trail
- Arrange to have a New Roadside Historical Marker



We look forward to celebrating with you!

## Prayer

## Requests:

Tom Pickel; Nikki Robbins;  
Jennifer Human;  
Deb Hyder; Jim & Mary B. Hines;  
Janet Morgan (*Joni Morgan's  
sister-in-law*)

Assisted Living and  
Nursing Homes**Wellington Place**

1098 Bradford Way, 37763  
Chris Badger, Room 107

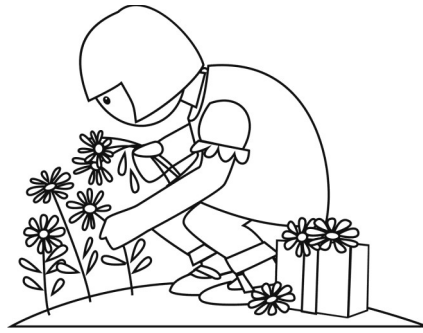
**The Lantern**

155 Morning Pointe Dr., Lenoir  
City 37772

Dick Evans

**Cornerstone Village-North**

2-1 Oak St., Johnson City 37601  
Tauno Maki

MAY  
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Avery Parish
- 2 Jennifer Vandever
- 4 Bram Hyder
- 5 Jane Pickel
- 6 Joe Coen
- 7 Samantha Rybka
- 8 Nidia Crocker  
Mike Skinner
- 9 Rachel Dailey Gallaher
- 10 Nancy Maynard
- 11 Erick Crocker
- 12 Celia Simon
- 16 Jim Hines
- 18 Linda Gerth
- 19 Maggie Dungan
- 20 John Carter  
Loftin Gerberding
- 21 Ron Thompson
- 23 Chuck Bunch
- 24 Marianna Oonk  
Kalyani Purushotham
- 26 Mark Patton  
Larry Strickling  
Jane Walsh
- 28 Jackson Gerberding  
Robert Vickers
- 29 Donald Cross
- 30 Julie Bunch Barber  
Karen Hart
- 31 Vernon Law

## Just for Kids...



Make this craft to display a bit of  
springtime year-round!

**What you need:**

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown,  
dark pink, light pink  
and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white  
construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels

**What you do:**

1. Roll up one sleeve and  
paint your arm and the  
palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper,  
carefully place your  
painted arm and hand,  
with fingers spread apart.  
(This is the tree trunk  
and branches.)
3. Place the other paint  
colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots  
of paint (blossoms!) all  
over the branches.
5. When dry, display your  
tree — or give it as a  
Mother's Day gift.



# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly Events:</b> Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM; Rug Hookers 1-3 PM / Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Fri. and Sat. 10-11:30 AM / Bell Choir Practice: Wednesdays 6:00 PM / Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM / Yoga: Thursdays, 5:30 PM						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Book Club 10:00	<b>5</b> National Day Of Prayer Beginner Tai Chi Classes start 10:00	<b>6</b> Beginner Tai Chi Classes start 10:00
<b>7</b> Communion Sunday Pancake Lunch 12:15 Study Team 12:15 Faith Team 12:15	<b>8</b> Finance Team 6:00	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Women's Bible Study 10:30	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Mother-Daughter Event 11:30 Roane Choral Society 7:00
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship upper 6:30	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Hands of Mercy Offering Equal Exchange Orders Session 12:15	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Ascension of The Lord Women's Bible Study 10:30	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Equal Exchange Orders Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Looking Ahead:</b> Pentecost Sunday is June 4, and we also will begin celebrating the birthday of Bethel Presbyterian Church. You won't want to miss it!		