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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

As I continue working on my Doctor of Ministry, I am focusing this summer and upcoming fall on worship. Worship is where we are most profoundly formed in the faith. It is the time we gather as a community to remember that we belong to God, to learn anew how to be God's faithful people in the world, and to be nourished for the journey of faith. In worship we learn the language of faith in scripture, prayer, song and creeds. We experience the rhythm of faith as we call ourselves to worship, confess our sin assured of forgiveness, hear the Word read and proclaimed, offer our gifts to God and depart to serve God in the world.

Planning worship is a

balancing act of maintaining tradition and practicing innovation. It is also about engaging all of our senses, our different learning styles, our varied experiences into a space where we can all encounter God. Preparing for worship requires care and intentionality something I attempt to do for each service. In my own desire to faithfully create worship services that engage and form all of us, I am focusing on worship for my Doctor of Ministry practicum.

For the next several months I will preach the Narrative Lectionary instead of the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is a three-year cycle that includes an Old Testament, Psalm, Gospel and Epistle

reading for each Sunday. The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle that focuses on one text each week. July 2- Aug 6 our focus will be the Psalms. The remainder of August will be Ephesians and September through November will be Genesis through the Prophets. In addition to a new set of texts for preaching, I will also be writing the liturgy we use for worship each week.

There will be opportunities throughout the coming months for you to reflect on worship and how you experience it. I hope you will share your thoughts with me when those opportunities arise.

Grace and peace,

Wendy

Fellowship:

Bethel will be having a cookout on the 4th of July @ 6:30 instead of our regular fellowship dinner. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. Members are welcome to bring side dishes and finger desserts to share as well as lawn chairs if you plan to stay and watch fireworks on the back patio.

Equal Exchange ordering period to the Open Door: Mandy Knies will be taking up orders Sunday, July 9th - 16th.

VBS is Coming!

Join us on July 8th as we learn about cows, chickens and gardens, and see how Heifer International is helping people all over the world to help themselves to a better quality of life.

Bethel's kids, grandkids and friends are invited to join us at the farm of Gary and Dianne Griffith. As we learn – up close and personal, no less – about the care and feeding of farm animals, we'll also learn how the gift of animals can help improve the quality of life for people all over the world. Mark your calendars now and save the date!

Family Movie Night

Rogue One (A Star Wars Story)
- Friday, July 21:

The Rebel Alliance makes a risky move to steal the plans for the Death Star, setting up the epic saga to follow. PG-13



Bicentennial Cookbook Update - 3 ways we need your help

I. History Highlights 1993-2017. The original 1993 *Bethel Always: A Collection of Recipes* did 2 things:

1. It shared recipes from members and former members of Bethel Presbyterian Church. It told the story of Bethel Church by imbedding a history of its people and community within the recipes.

The final note on page 414 reads: "This book, like Bethel, has no ending, for its collection of memories and celebrations will continue to grow.....always." The new bicentennial cookbook will pick up this story from 1993 and continue to present day. We need your help remembering all the wonderful "stuff" that's happened. So put on your thinking caps, drag out the photo albums and help us organize this new history.

On Sunday July 9th, an insert will be included in the bulletin. Please make your notes for each corresponding year and return hard copies to Sherry Burchfield or via email to momma-burch@gmail.com

II. Calling all those blessed with gifts in *Art & Graphics*. We need your help in creating a cookbook that is uniquely "Bethel." We will need original art/graphics/photos for the Front Cover, Back Cover, Dividers, and Fillers (to sprinkle throughout the recipes.) Contact myself or Marge Hettrick and tell us what you can do....or tell us who you know that would be great for this part of the work.

2. Get out your Recipes!!! We will begin collecting recipes in July!

1. Turn in a hard copy to the committee.
2. Email your recipe to me. Use our password, and submit your recipe electronically into our Type N Save account. Let's pretend the deadline is July 31st and get those recipes in ASAP. The sooner the better! (Don't worry. That's not the real deadline.)

This is going to be another great book. We want everyone at Bethel involved.....this generation and those to come.

Bless you bunches,
Sherry Burchfield

If you'd like to purchase a copy of the re-printed cookbook, *Bethel Always*, they are available in the office, and also in the Gathering Area after worship.

Love a Good Musical?

Jim Lumpkins, who sings baritone in Bethel's Chancel Choir, and 2nd Pres. Pastor Tim Reynolds will appear in the Encore Theatrical Company's production of **Rag-time**, the musical at the Jefferson County Comprehensive High School Theater.

Showtimes are:
Friday, July 14 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 15 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m.
Friday, July 21 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 22 at 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Location:

Jefferson County High School For more information, the website is: <https://www.encoretheatricalcompany.com/>

A Musical celebration for Bethel's bicentennial

The Faith Team is pleased to announce that renowned composer, John Purifoy, has accepted a commission to compose a choral anthem honoring the 200th birthday of the church. Mr. Purifoy is a prolific, published composer of sacred works. His works have been recorded by the Chicago Master Chorale, National Christian Choir, and other artists. The patriotic oratorio, "We Hold These Truths" for chorus and orchestra, received the 1989 Freedom Foundation Award for Musical Programs." The Faith Team, along with many members of the choir, met with Mr. Purifoy on June 6th to discuss the project. We are very pleased that Mr. Purifoy has agreed to be part of the celebration of this milestone in the life of the church.

Thank you , Mary Hook

Attention

Longtime Members & Friends, We are spending the coming year teaching our children something about the history of our church — what it has meant to us through the years, and how God has been at work among us, shaping our lives and building our community. If you have a story to share, please join us for Sunday School (1st room on the right on the main level) on either July 2nd or 30th.

We'd love to hear your stories!



The **Bell Choir** ended the season on a happy note. We always welcome the opportunity to show new folks how to read their part so participating is enjoyable rather than frightening. We welcome seasoned ringers Ann Horner and Carol Nelson from KUMC along with their strong, kind husbands to help with heavy lifting.

All the music is marked for each bell indicating red is for your right hand and green for your left hand. The folks playing their parts to the right or left of you are helpful with counting the rhythm and keeping you from getting lost. Jackie focuses on the joy of praising God through music and making the learning process a positive experience. Whether you once played an instrument years ago or love to hum a familiar tune, if music is in your heart, we invite you to join in. Try it....you might like it!

Thanks for Flowers

I greatly appreciate the beautiful flowers that have been donated to grace our sanctuary as well as the Gathering Area. Debbie Hyder graciously donated her gorgeous gladiolas for three weeks, beginning for Pentecost Sunday. Elaine Steele has donated her beautiful blue hydrangeas and Jeanette McElhinney has donated zinnias. I really appreciate these ladies giving their flowers to me, as I don't have such an abundance of flowers in my own garden.

I sure do miss Joan Davis, as she grew most all of the flowers that graced our sanctuary each Sunday. If anyone has beautiful flowers in their garden and would like to donate them for a Sunday, please contact me, Nancy Braski at 376-4795.

We are getting ready for a big birthday here at Bethel Presbyterian Church. On June 6, 2018 Bethel will celebrate 200 years of ministry and mission. That is a significant birthday for sure, and so we are planning several celebrations throughout the next year. We will have an Open House on Oct. 7, complete with period costumes, tours of the church, dinner on the grounds and a worship service.

In addition to a few celebratory moments this year, we are compiling an Oral History Project to tell Bethel's story. This is where we need you. Your stories and memories of Bethel are important to us and we would love to hear them. You can email Mark Banker, who is heading up this project, at mtbanker1951@gmail.com to share your story.

You may also remember that in 2009 we completed a major renovation which included moving the sanctuary and adding what we call the Gathering Area to connect the sanctuary to the education building. We are making great strides in paying off our mortgage, and your contribution would help us pay off the mortgage early. Thank you in advance.

We hope you will join us for as many of the celebrations as you can and especially the big birthday party on June 10, 2018 – mark your calendar now! We are grateful to be celebrating 200 years of ministry and mission and grateful for the part you have played in our history. Watch for more specific information early in 2018 about the big party. We look forward to seeing you then.

Dear Bethel Family,

We hope you still remember us. Although, we haven't attended church with you for a long time, we do think about all of you and keep you close to our hearts. You are so very dear to us; our thoughts and prayers are with you daily. Bill and I want to thank you for everything you have done for us, especially during the last two years: from sitting with Bill while I had my chemo treatments to providing food during those difficult times and for taking me to appointments when I needed a driver. We also appreciated your prayers, cards, calls and the many visits and encouragement from our sweet pastor, Rev. Wendy Neff. Bill is very disabled and confined to a wheelchair. Thankfully, he is in no pain. I have a lady who comes in every morning from 10 - 2 and one in the evening from 6 - 8. These two ladies are a big help and I am very thankful to them. It has been one year since I had my last chemo. My oncologist can't find any trace of cancer. Thanks be to GOD! I am feeling good except for this neuropathy in my feet. So far, all the meds haven't helped but I know someone who still is in the miracle business. GOD IS IN CONTROL! Thanks again for all you do for us and others. You are truly a church that demonstrates love, compassion and care, and we are so honored and grateful to be a part of this wonderful church family, called BETHEL...the House of GOD.

Thanks again for your love and support.
Blessings to all!
Marianne and Bill Shadden

Family Promise of Roane County

ATTENTION!!! 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,

Birthdays for July

- 1 William Buddy Patton
- 2 Nancy Beth Gerberding
Anneke Oonk
- 5 Paul Wayne Jackson, Jr.
Fern Stackpole
- 6 Ellen Evans Kellogg
Amy Evans Rourke
- 11 Susan Cutts
Orlando Vanegas, Sr.
- 14 Ryne Knies
- 16 Jan Rybka
- 17 Robinette Garner
Edith Miles
- 19 Wendy Neff
- 20 Darrell Guy
Veronica Kirby Poland
- 21 Dan Hyder
- 22 Jeff Paris
Anne Sides
- 27 Mandy Phillips Knies
- 28 Jonathan Dailey
- 30 Moira Koppelberger

STIHL Tour des Trees

The leading US fundraiser for tree research and education – STIHL Tour de Trees ...hits its 25th anniversary this year.

Over the past 15 years, the TREE Fund has issued nearly \$3 million in research grants for urban forestry and arboriculture researchers, as well as student scholarships and community education program grants... creating a healthier and more resilient canopy for future generations.

This year's Tour des Trees is a 500-mile loop trip in the area surrounding Washington, DC. Our own Melanie Sherrod is actively involved in this organization, and will be riding once again this year.

The tour is the last week of July this year instead of October. The direct link to Melanie's fund raising page is:
<https://www.crowdrise.com/STDTTeamSouthernChapter2017/fundraiser/melaniesherrod>

Mailing address for donations: TREE FUND, 552 S. Washington Street, Suite 109, Naperville, IL 60540.

Or, Melanie will mail in donations if given to her. All donations need the donor's name and address for non-profit tax deduction credit.

Prayer Requests

At Home: Linda Preston, **In Nevada:** Linda & Howard Gerth

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

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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Weekly Events: 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 // Yoga: Thursdays, 5:30 PM						
2 Communion Sunday	3	4 July 4th Fellowship Cookout 6:30	5	6 Book Group 10 AM	7	8 VBS @ Griffiths' Farm 9:30-2:30
9	10 Finance Team 6 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16 Hands of Mercy Offering Session 12:15	17	18	19 No Fellowship Supper	20	21 Friday Night Movie 8:30	22
23 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	24 Generosity Team 7 PM	25	26	27	28	29
30 Prison Ministry @ MCCX	31					