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The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

If this summer is any indication of what we can expect from our year-long 200th birthday celebration, we are in for a treat. We kicked off the celebration on Pentecost this past June and then continued with a Fourth of July fellowship supper and fireworks. The Minutes for History are underway and what a joy they are. We have heard from three different generations of Bethel folks about their memories and the ways Bethel has shaped them. There is been laughter, tears and much rejoicing. If you would like to join the list of those who share a minute for history in worship, please contact Mark Banker to get on the

schedule. We would love to hear your story! The

Bethel Always Cookbook reprint has arrived and the cookbook team is hard at work to secure your recipes and stories for the Bi-Centennial edition of Bethel Always Cookbook.

This month we are back to school – literally and figuratively. Our children and youth begin the school year and we at Bethel celebrate Christian Education with Rally Day breakfast, commissioning of teachers, back to school pool party and new educational opportunities for adults. Watch for announcements about what's coming.

I want to thank you all for your generosity toward this community of faith. Your financial gifts have exceeded our annual expenses so far this year and your gifts of time and talent have enriched our life together. You are faithfully fulfilling baptismal promises to serve God here and now. I am grateful to be on this journey of faith with you all.

Grace and peace,

Wendy

Dear Bethel members and friends,

For the past eight and a half years, I have had the privilege of serving as Bethel's Church Musician; first as accompanist, then after Laura Walker's retirement, taking on the choral director role, as well.

I have been blessed to have been able to work with a wonderful choir, and have always felt supported and appreciated by the minister and congregation.

Less than one week ago, the principal of Knoxville Catholic High School called to ask if I would take on the direction of the choral program at KCHS. I have been serving as choral accompanist for the school for the

past five years, and with the sudden departure of their director, I was asked to take on both jobs.

As much as I love my role at Bethel, I feel I cannot summon the energy to manage the new responsibilities at school and continue my work at church. My last Sunday will be August 27th.

Thank you for all the many kindnesses you have shown to me over the last eight plus years. Bethel will always have a very special place in my heart.

Sincerely,
Mary Hook

Back to School Basics!

August 13th has been designated by Bethel's Fellowship Team as "**Undie Sunday**" – a back-to-school project to benefit children of Roane County Schools. While many parents (and grandparents) are concerned with dressing their children for school, who of us might have guessed the great need for "undies" that many school children are lacking? Bethel's contributions will help to provide basic clothing items that school officials suggest are most requested: Girls' and Boys' Undies and Sweatpants/ Leggings- Size 5/6 and Size 7/8.

At the August 16th Fellowship Supper, the Fellowship Team will host a Back to School celebration. Please bring kid-friendly potluck dishes. We will have an Ice Cream Sundae Bar to round out this dinner as an alternative to regular monthly desserts. At the Fellowship Supper household-size **hygiene items** will be collected for distribution by Roane County school officials for families in need. Items most requested include: deodorant, shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste/ toothbrushes, combs/ brushes, etc.

Children and Youth Back to School Pool

Party August 13 4-6pm at Melanie Sherrod's house. Join us for the annual splash into the new school year. Pizza, drinks and cookies will be provided. See Wendy or Melanie for directions.



Family Promise of Roane County

will have its annual BBQ Cook-off Fundraiser on Saturday, August 19, 2017 at Roane County Park. We need teams to compete. We would love to have a Bethel team. Stacy and Jeremy Cope-

land were our cooks last year but are unable to compete this year. If you know your way around a BBQ grill and would like to participate, please contact Jan Rybka (882-8836; 310-

8836; jgrybka@hotmail.com) as soon as possible.

Family Promise is within \$30,000 of the money needed to open our program. Our goal is to start serving homeless children and their families no later than fall of 2018. Please help us by participating in the BBQ Cook-off Fundraiser through competing, attendance and/ or donations.

Welcome New Member

Please join us in welcoming new member Jennifer Kolwyck. She joins us by letter of transfer from Middle Tennessee. Jennifer lives South of the River, and she works as a pharmacist in Rockwood. We have a lovely photo of Jennifer and her daughter Krista, but it just doesn't want to leave my camera and migrate to the computer!

Look for a tall, dark-haired lady with a beautiful, curly-haired little girl and say hello!

Looking ahead to September:

Handbells

Time for school to begin and Summer heat will be soon be over. Opportunity knocks with the many wonderful events coming up with Bethel's Birthday celebration. Look at your Bucket list... maybe trying to develop new skills or adding joy is top on the list. Stay cool, help others, make new friends, a bit of upper body building...All things are possible in the music room on Wednesday evenings after labor day weekend.

Heads-Up for Heifer...

Our summer of reading in support of the Heifer Project is coming to its conclusion... Some of our kids have been reading Heifer-themed books in order to raise money for a donation to Heifer International. If you have pledged to donate money on behalf of a certain child, you might want to contact them to see how many books they have read. If you haven't been asked to pledge, fear not – you'll have one more opportunity! On September 10th during the Sunday School hour, you will have a chance to listen as a child reads their book to you – or, you could volunteer to read to a younger child and then donate on their behalf. We will have "Reading Nooks" at various locations throughout the building. Mark your calendars now and plan to be entertained, learn something new, and make a difference at the same time. Stay tuned...

The 3rd Annual Presbyterian Pre-teen Retreat

is planned for [Saturday](#) morning, Sept. 16 to [Sunday](#) morning, Sept. 17 at John Knox Center. Registrations are now being accepted by registrar Brianna Cook brianna@fpcknox.org so please send your 4th and 5th graders for this nurturing overnight. Detailed flyers and full registration forms can be mailed to pastors, parents, educators, and volunteers per request with Brianna. Multiple congregations participate, evening Vespers enrich, Communion is shared, boating and ropes courses challenge and thrill. Join in and bring a contingent from your congregation.

The Women's Bible

Study will resume in September, on alternating Thursday mornings. Check the September Open Door for information about the upcoming topics.

Birthdays for August

- 3 Alf Rybka
- 4 Steve Jacks
- 7 Jeremiah Jacks
- 8 Brenda Bunch
- 9 Pablo Crocker
- 10 Treavor Cribbs
Joan Pharis
- 15 Jason Brown
- 17 Margaret Murr
Gabriel Pierce
- 18 Regina Durham
- 20 James Condon
- 21 Amy Coen
- 22 Rachel Cutts
- 25 Frederick Morgan
- 26 Julie Coen
- 29 River Copeland
Jeremy Gerberding
- 31 Carolyn Tulley

A Session Highlight— July 2017

Elaine Steele met with the session on July 16, 2017 to talk about Bethel becoming an "Earth Care Congregation." PC(USA) Environmental Ministries oversees the certification program for environmentally responsible churches, which are called "Earth Care Congregations". The goal of the program is to inspire churches to care for God's earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all facets of church life including worship, education, facilities and outreach. The audit and application look at what we have done and what we can do to rebuild our world and rebuild justice in our world. For initial certification Bethel has to have 25 points in each of the four mentioned areas. Elaine Steele with the assistance of others completed the environmental audit, just to see how close to the 100 required points we were. She discovered that the church as a whole is already doing many environmentally friendly things (for example, low water flow toilets, recycling, using reusable dishes, using mulch in our landscape to manage rain runoff,) The audit showed that Bethel has 301 points so Earth Care is already a part of who we are and what we are doing. The annual enrollment period is January 1-February 15. The session passed a motion to affirm the audit and for Elaine to file the Earth Care Application in January 2018. Elaine will be the Earth Care point person moving forward with others joining to help her.
Cathy McDowell,

Bicentennial Cookbook

Your 3-5 Recipes are Due Today!.....or tomorrow !

The MANY ways to submit your recipes:

Using typensave
Go to:
www.morriscookbooks.com
User Name: Bethel200
Contributor Password: fresh463
Enter your recipe

Submit your recipe via email to
Sherry Burchfield momma-burch@gmail.com

Send via text of a photo of your recipe to Sherry Burchfield
865.661.9413

—or—

Give a Hard Copy of your recipe to
Sherry Burchfield
Marge Hettrick
Mary B. Hines
Robinette Garner
Rachel Gallaher
Nancy King
Sherry Paris
Roger Richmond

—or—

In the Gathering Area you will find:
Recipe Cards and drop-off basket
Use your CELL PHONES! A poster with this information is available to photograph.

Most Important
Include your name and phone number
Tell us about your recipe! What led you to share this particular recipe?
Tell us the who, what, where, when

Debt Reduction Summary			
6/30/2017		YTD 6/30/17	
Gifts, Pledges & Building Use	Income	\$30,364.99	
Monthly Payments		Balance	
PILP	5,700.87	663,512.42	
PET Loan	450.00	62,998.38	
Other Bldg Ln	833.30	13,897.01	
	6,984.17	740,407.81	
6 months payments		41,905.02	
Shortage of income to expense		-\$11,540.03	
Mortgage Reserve Balance		\$28,307.15	(approx. 4 mos pmts.)
Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses			
Updated 6/30/17			
	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	% of YTD Budget
Operating Income	\$115,500.66	\$118,124.94	97.78%
Operating Expenses	\$104,369.05	\$118,125.16	88.35%
	\$11,131.61		
	% of Annual		
	Budget	Annual Bdgt	
Operating Income	48.89%	\$236,250.00	
Operating Expenses	44.14%	\$236,250.00	

Elaine Steele submits the following article as part of our environmental awareness efforts:

"Bee" Informed About Native Bees

Source: Tennessee Conservationist July, August 2017

Bees pollinate 75% of our fruits, nuts and vegetables and 80% of other flowering plants.

Without our native bees we would suffer the loss of tomatoes, eggplants, squash, cranberries, blueberries, pumpkins, cherries, apples and ornamental plants like azaleas.

The bee population is spiraling downward due to insecticides, pesticides, habitats loss secondary to residential development, land use changes, agricultural practices, as well as climate change.

90% of our bees live a solitary life alone as a single bee. 10% of bees are social, such as our bumblebees.

Ground nesting bees live in tunnels in the ground. They make up 70% of our native bees. The other 30% are cavity nesting bees that make their nests in existing holes.

We can make a difference by considering the three basic things that bees need - food, shelter and a pesticide free home.

August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Book Group 10 AM	4	5
6 Back-to-School Breakfast 9:30 Faith Team 12:15 Communion Sunday	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 "Undie Sunday" Collection for local schools Pool Party at the Sherrods' 4-6 PM	14 Finance Team 6 PM	15	16 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:30	17	18	19 Family Promise BBQ Cookoff
20 H.O.M.E. Offer- ing Session 12:15	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15	28 Generosity Team 7 PM	29	30	31		

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. 10-11:30 AM
Yoga: Thursdays, 5:30 PM