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Lord,

you have been
our dwelling place
in all
generations.

Psalm 90:1

The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

November is here and what a full month it will be! Beginning with All Saints Sunday, Nov 5 we will offer our thanks for the blessings of this particular community of faith all month long. Be sure to watch announcements and emails for additional information. Here are the highlights:

Nov 5 All Saints Sunday – we will remember and give thanks for those dear to us who have died in the last year.

Nov 11 – Birthday Open House with tours of the building, lunch and worship

Nov 12 – Alternative Christmas Market and the opportunity to buy the Palestinian olive wood crafts for the last time. The local people who have worked with the artisans are retiring after this season.

Nov 19 – Dedication Sunday when we will give thanks for the gifts we have to share and commit to using them in God's service as the faithful at Bethel have done for 200 years.

Nov 26 – Christ the King Sunday where we will celebrate the end of one liturgical year as we look to begin another with the start of Advent in Dec.

So as you can see there is something every week of November. I hope you will participate in all of it. We indeed have much to be thankful for in this community of faith. As we continue to celebrate our 200 years and learn more about the people and stories of faith that go with them, I am humbled that we get to stand in such company of the faithful. I look forward to the continuing celebrations and opportunities for giving thanks.



Bethel Presbyterian Church
Invites You to an Open House
Saturday, Nov 11th
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Come experience 200 years of Bethel's history in the city of Kingston - see how people dressed in 1818, how they worshipped and discover that some things, like church suppers, haven't really changed all that much.

Tours of the Church & Bethel Cemetery	10:00 AM - Noon
Old Fashioned "Dinner on the Grounds" Lunch	Noon - 1:00 PM
Presbyterian Revival Style Worship	1:00 PM

Come celebrate with us!

Please pre-register for lunch by placing a reservation form in the offering plate, dropping it off in the church office, or calling the office at 376-6340.

National Donor
 Sabbath
 November 10-12, 2017

A time to remember and
 give thanks

To Remember Me

A Poem by Robert N. Test

Give my sight to the man who
 has never seen a sunrise, a ba-
 by's face, or love in the eyes of a
 woman.

Give my heart to a person
 whose own heart has caused
 nothing but endless days of
 pain.

Give my blood to the teenager
 who was pulled from the wreck-
 age of his car, so that he might
 live to see his grandchildren
 play.

Give my kidneys to one who de-
 pends on a machine to exist
 from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle,
 every fiber and nerve in my
 body and find a way to make a
 crippled child walk.

If you must bury something, let it
 be my faults, my weaknesses,
 and all prejudice against my fel-
 low man.

Give my sins to the devil.

Give my soul to God.

If, by chance, you wish to re-
 member me, do it with a kind
 deed or word to someone who
 needs you. If you do all I have
 asked, I will live forever.

Dedication Sunday Nov 19

Watch for the mailing that will give you an opportunity to discern where best God is calling you to use your gifts, skills, passions and ideas in the ministry of Bethel. For 200 years men, women, children and youth have given of themselves and shaped both the church and the community in meaningful ways. We want to continue that faithful witness as we use our gifts in God's service into our third century as Bethel Presbyterian Church.

We will dedicate our gifts and commitments in worship on Sunday, November 19.



AARP Smart Driver Course Being Offered

Are you in need of a refresher course on driving? Want to update your rules of the road? Is it time for you to update your training? If the answer is "yes", then the new and improved AARP Smart Driver Course is for you.

Join us on Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th from 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. each day at the Kingston Community Center located at [201 Patton Ferry Road](#) in Kingston.

During the 8-hour course you will learn to adjust to age related physical changes, reduce your incident of violations and accidents, and update your driving skills and rules of the road all in a stress-free environment. Graduates of the class receive a certificate that may entitle them to a reduction in vehicle insurance rates.

Cost of the class will be \$15.00 for AARP members and \$20.00 for non-members to cover the cost of the materials. Refreshments will be provided.

The class is being sponsored as a partnership between AARP, Kingston Community Center, and Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services.

Please call Mid-East Community Action Agency Senior Services for more information and to pre-register at 354-0450 ext. 228.

Need Tech Help?

Classes are being offered on how to better use your smart phone technology. The last 2 classes of the year are being held in November. Look for classes to begin again in the new year. Classes teach the basics of your smart phone use, as well as access to Facebook, Pinterest, and How to Use Your SmartPhone Camera.

Nov. 13th,
9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.
Facebook 101
Nov. 13th,
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Get the Most out of Your Smartphone/Tablet Camera
Classes held at
MECAA Annex
([2305 N. Gateway Ave, Suite 10B](#)) [Harriman](#)
(near Harbor Freight).
2-DAY, 4-HOUR CLASSES -
\$25.00

FACEBOOK / AWESOME APPS /
CAMERA CLASSES - \$15.00

CONTACT JENNIFER AT
[865-437-6556](tel:865-437-6556) TO
PRE-REGISTER
PAY THE DAY OF CLASS



Mandy Knies will be taking Fair Trade orders on November 5th through the 12th. This will be the last order for this year. (This would be a great opportunity to stock up on chocolate for all your holiday baking, and coffee, tea, and chocolate bars for gift-giving.)

Got Games?

The RCHS Interact Club will be collecting gently used board games, cards, and puzzles under 550 pieces for the Boys and Girls Club of Roane County throughout the month of November. You can find out more about what the recipients do by visiting the Roane United Way website, the club website (www.bgcor.org) or on Facebook. Every afternoon after school is a chance to change the lives of students of all ages and playing games is a win-win for everyone. Please bring your contribution to the church office or give to Interact Club officers Katherine Frye or Henry Coen.

Looking Ahead....

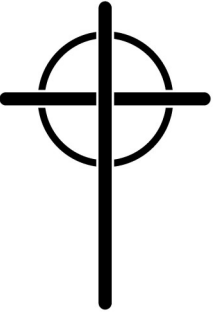
Bethel's Prison Ministry will have a couple of opportunities to be of service during the month of December.

We are being asked to provide "goody bags" again this year. These bags contain treats such as candy, snacks and cards. The prison administration has very strict guidelines which change from year to year, so we have found it best to ask people to donate money to purchase the approved items instead of asking for donations of actual "goodies." If you would like to make a donation, please mark your check for "Prison Ministry" and drop it in the collection plate.

We also may be asked to provide desserts for Christmas dinner — the gooier, the better! If you'd like to help with this, please contact Karen Schall at 423-369-2955 or email schallk@highland.net

To Our Bethel Family:

Kelly and I want to thank you very much for all the food, flowers, cards, calls, prayers and acts of kindness shown to us during Bill's passing.



Bill loved his Bethel family very much, and we appreciate all of you.

In Christian Love,
Marianne Shadden
Kelly Maddux

HOME Food Collection

In November our focus items will be **Personal Grooming Items** (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving items, etc.) Thank you for supporting our local food pantry. Non-perishable food items can be brought in through-out the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area.

Alternative Christmas Market Sun. Nov 12 in the Gathering Area following Worship

A PalCraft Aid Representative will be in the Gathering Area selling Palestinian olive wood crafts and gifts. This is a great opportunity to buy beautiful Christmas gifts and help support artisans through this fair trade cooperative.

memorials & gifts

In memory of Bill Shadden from:

Tom and Jane Pickel
Jeff and Sherry Paris
Kimberly Yates
Jimmy and Dian Sutton
Frank and Marilyn Harris
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Greg and Margaret Murr
Marie Pritchard

Women's Bible Study

Thurs. November 9th
10:30-Noon in the Library

The study will focus on challenging scripture texts from the Epis-

tles. Frances Taylor Gench's book, Encountering



God in Tyrannical Texts: Reflections on Paul, Women and the Authority of Scripture, will guide our conversations. Women's Bible Study meets the second and fourth Thurs. of each month.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **Sunday Nov 12 immediately following worship** for the purpose of hearing the report of the nominating committee and electing officers for the class of 2020. The following persons have been nominated and are willing to serve if elected:
Trustee: Joni Morgan
Elders: Frank Harris, Joan Pharis, Mandy Knies, Rick Durham

Birthdays for November

- 1 Josh Brown
Diego Vanegas
- 2 Jack McNew
- 3 Julie Hart
- 7 Lyric Rivera
- 9 Chelsea Richmond Shirk
- 10 Nancy Landers
- 12 Leonard Kirby
- 13 Charlie King
- 14 Larry Koppelberger
- 16 Eyan Choate
- 21 Brian Shelby
- 25 Jimmy Walker
- 27 Jim Gerberding
- 28 Andy Avel
- 29 Cyndi Fowler
Bryson Turnbull
- 30 Jerry Harvey

In Our Prayers...

Wellington Place

1098 Bradford Way, Kingston
37763

Chris Badger, Room 107

Alexander Guest House

83 Kentucky Ave., Oak Ridge,
37830

Dick Evans

Cornerstone Village-North

201 Oak Street, Johnson City,
37610

Tauno Maki

Prayer Requests

Marianne Shadden & family;
Shirley Swindler;
Robinette Garner



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly Events: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 5:00-7:00 PM Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Fri. 10-11:30 AM, Sat. 10-11:30 AM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM						
			1 All Saints' Day	2 10 Ten Book Group 10 AM	3	4
5 Daylight Saving Ends Faith Team 12:15	6	7 Election Day	8	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30	10	11 Veterans' Day BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE 10 AM—2 PM
12 Congregational Meeting/ Election of Officers Alternative Christmas Market 12:15	13 Finance Team 6 PM	14 Presbytery Meeting 2nd Pres.	15 Fellowship Team 5:30 PM Property Team 5:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM	16	17	18
19 Dedication Sunday HOME Offering Session 12:15	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Christ the King Sunday Study Team 12:15 PM Serve Team 12:15 PM	27 Generosity Team 7 PM	28	29	30	Looking Ahead: Advent Begins December 3 Hanging of the Greens: December 3 at 3:30	