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Dear Friends,

The month is finally upon us - our birthday month! It has been a great year remembering and celebrating our ministry. The minutes for history have been illuminating and interesting and even humorous. Several of you have commented that you would like those to continue in some form and we will work to make that happen. Telling our story is important. Thanks to all of you who have shared parts of your story with us in worship. We are grateful.

I hope you will be able to join in as much as possible this last week of our celebrations especially for the Church Called Bethel Play on June 8 and then worship and lunch on June 10. It has been amazing to learn more about this church and its witness over 200 years. We have a rich legacy indeed. And we have a future that lay ahead of us brimming with possibility and promise.

As we give thanks for the past 200 years we also give thanks for the years of ministry and mission that are yet to be. Who knows where God will lead us and what God will call us into tomorrow or next year? The journey of faith continues as our stories are woven into the biblical story and the community's story. This church has always asked what are the needs of the community and the world and sought to shape its ministry to so meet those needs.

I look forward to the ministry yet to come even as I give thanks for the ministry that has been. Thanks be to God for this Church called Bethel and for the faithful men, women and children who have shared of themselves as they served God here. May it be so for years to come.

Grace and peace,  
Wendy

## Birthday Festivities

### **June 1st: 6 pm**

#### **A Concert at the Fort:**

Performances by Charlie King, and Liz and Tim. Bring your chair and blanket for an evening of Americana, Folk and Traditional Appalachian music. The Smokehouse BBQ food truck will be on site. A portion of the proceeds from sales will benefit Roane County Cooperative Ministries.

### **June 6th: 6:30 pm**

#### **Fellowship Supper and Hymn**

**Sing:** Fellowship Supper will be Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share and your table setting. After supper, we will have a Hymn Sing and share Bethel stories. Bring a friend!

### **June 8th: 7 pm**

**A Church Called Bethel:** Take a walk through Bethel's history when you attend this play. It has been specially updated for the Birthday Celebration!! The play starts on Friday, June 8th at 7 pm, and is followed by an Ice Cream Social!

### **June 10th: 11 am**

**Congregational Photo and Lunch:** Immediately following worship, we will have a Congregational Group Photo and Celebration lunch. **Please RSVP by Monday, June 4th for lunch!**

## **Children's Choir**

On June 3rd, the Children's Choir will be singing during worship service, with a special anthem composed by Becky Price, honoring the children of Bethel and the special presence of God in their lives.

### **Play Rehearsal**

Practices for the cast are Wednesday, May 30th at 6pm, and Sunday, June 3rd after worship (lunch provided). The dress rehearsal will be Wednesday, June 6th at 5pm. The play performance will be Friday, June 8th at 7 pm.

## **HOME Food Collection**

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our May HOME collection. 111 cans of tuna and salmon, 21 cans of chicken, 6 cans of SPAM/other canned meat and 39 miscellaneous food items were collected! Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community. For the month of June, our focus foods will be **Soup and Crackers**. 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, June 17th.



2	Carol Brown
4	Susan Garner Levi Parish
8	Kaylee Brown
9	Kelly Shadden Maddux Tauno Maki Susannah Morgan
12	Doug Brown
14	Mike McElhinney
15	Ellen Dailey Jesse Richmond Jordan Sherrod
16	Shirley Swindler
18	Linda Jones
19	Linda Brown Charlotte Knies Fred Swindler
22	Wayne Jackson, Sr.
24	John Richmond
25	Dave Braski Chuck Garner
27	Micki Anderson
28	Marilyn Harris
29	Kerry Hyder Danny Morgan

### **Reminders:**

- No June Session Meeting
- No Faith Team Meeting
- Women's Bible Study will break for the summer months. Join us again in August!

# JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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					Concert at the Fort 6pm	
3 Children's Choir Performance 11 am Play Rehearsal 12 pm	4	5	6 Play Dress Rehearsal 5 pm Fellowship Supper & Hymn Sing 6:30 pm	7	8 A Church Called Bethel Performance 7 pm Ice Cream Social	9
10 Congregational Photo and Lunch 12pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day H.O.M.E Collection	18	19	20 Property Team 5:30	21	22	23
24 Serve Team 12:15 pm Study Team 12:15 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30

**EACH WEEK:**

Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club Monday 10-Noon & Monday 5-7 pm

Taoist Tai Chi: Tuesday 6-7:30 pm, Friday 10-11:30 am, Saturday 10-11:30 am

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7 pm

Yoga: Thursdays 5:30 pm