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Dear Friends,

What a wonderful celebration we had in June. Thanks to everyone who shared their gifts, their time, their energy to make our 200th birthday wonderful. I couldn't have imagined anything better. If you want a DVD of the play A Church Called Bethel, let Wendy or Susan know. Also there are still cookbooks for sale – both the original and the new one. They are available in the office. And if you are looking for a place to eat out, try Roane St Grill in Harriman. They catered our birthday lunch and were incredibly generous to us, not to mention the food was delicious.

July will continue to be a quiet month with no children's Sunday School, but look for everything to crank up again the first of August. There will be opportunities for Wednesday evening meals and studies as well as Sunday School education. However, we will gather for Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, July 18 at 6:30. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food and fellowship with one another.

Did you know that Bethel had adopted two camp counselors at John Knox for the summer? You can get to know more about them on the bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs, outside the office.

Grace and peace,
Wendy

Bethel's 200th Anniversary Celebration

Bethel was founded on June 6, 1818. Thanks and appreciation to all those involved in every aspect of the 200th Anniversary Celebration. It was a year of hard work by so many and much intense labor the month before the updated production of the play "A Church Called Bethel." The June 8, 2018 production was the fifth time the play had been performed over the years.

I SO enjoyed the play. The entire cast and all the supporting staff did an extraordinary job. I had no idea as to the level of theatrical talent in our congregation. Some of the children had memorized their parts, which was so impressive. The changing of the people and significant props for all 14 scenes just flowed beautifully. Great effort was made to have everyone in the period appropriate costume. The 200 year story line was extremely well condensed – lasting about an hour. Alf Rybka recorded the play and DVD's will be made available. I encourage everyone who did not get to see the live performance to look at the DVD. Even those of us who saw the play may want to view the DVD – the play was so good that seeing it again is certainly warranted. Although our pastor, Rev. Wendy Neff, wants no credit, others have told me that it was Rev. Neff who brought all the pieces together for this fifth production of the play.

Thanks to everyone who had a part in this 200th Anniversary Celebration - what a memorable event.

Cathy McDowell

Laundry Love

Your Bethel Service Team is planning a Laundry Love Day. This event will provide money and laundry supplies for folks in our community that are in need of this help. The event is planned for Tuesday, August 14 at the Kingston laundromat and is estimated to cost approximately \$540 for 3 hours. Part of this mission will include having snacks and fellowship as well as supporting our neighbors with their laundry chores. If you are interested in helping either financially or with your services, please contact Liz Singley. You may also designate an offering in the collection plate to this cause "Laundry Love Day".



Laundry Love

Tour des Trees

The Tour des Trees is quickly approaching! Riders will ride from Columbus to Cleveland, Ohio, July 29th - August 4th. The bicycle ride (530 miles) is a fundraiser for the TREE FUND, which supports urban tree research and education. Melanie Sherrod will be participating with her sister and needs to raise \$3,500 for TREES! **Melanie is still in need of donations!!** The deadline to donate is July 28th!! Please see Melanie for more information on donating.

HOME Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our June HOME collection. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community. For the month of July, our focus foods will be **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. 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, July 15th.

memorials & gifts

In memory of Larry Strickling from:
Bob and Mary Jane Bowman
Marianne Shadden
Francis W. Thom
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Glenn and Anne Horner

In memory of Helen Kettenbeil from
Tom and Jane Pickel

In memory of Bill Shadden from:
Jim and Mary B. Hines
Marianne Shadden

In Memory of Linda Pogany from
Gary and Dianne Griffith

In memory of Jacob Murr from
Tom and Jane Pickel

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from:
Mark and Kathy Banker
Andrew and Patsy Buchanan

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from:
Mark and Kathy Banker
Terry and Charity Robbins

In memory of Ruth Pride (chart member of Bethel) from:
Jim and Mary B. Hines

In memory of Sam Sheppard from
Gary and Dianne Griffith

In memory of Nelda Toon from
Terry and Charity Robbin



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| 2 | Nancy Beth Gerberding |
| | Anneke Oonk |
| 5 | Paul 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 Byrn |
| 21 | Dan Hyder |
| 22 | Jeff Paris |
| | Anne Sides |
| 27 | Mandy Phillips Knies |
| 28 | Jonathan Dailey |
| 30 | Moira Koppelberger |

Reminders:

- Women's Bible Study will break for the summer months. Join us again in August!
- Children's Sunday school classes resume in August.
- **The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th**

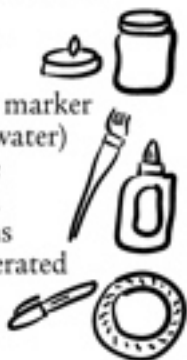
Kids Activities

A STARRY LIGHT

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork — including you!

What you need:

- Glass jar
- Permanent marker
- Glue (and water)
- Paper plate
- Paintbrush
- Star sequins
- Battery-operated tea light



What you do:

1. Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
2. Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
3. "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
4. Add the tea light and give your bedroom a starry glow at nighttime.

PUZZLE

Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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_____ PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV

July 2018

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 Faith Team 12:15 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 Book Club 10 am | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 H.O.M.E Collection Session 12:15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Fellowship Team 5:30 pm Property Team 5:30 pm Fellowship Supper 6:30 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Serve Team 12:15 pm Study Team 12:15 pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

EACH WEEK:

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

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

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7 pm

Yoga: Thursdays 5:30 pm