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# THE OPEN DOOR

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Dear Friends,

After a brief sabbatical of sorts following our Birthday Celebrations, church programs are resuming full force this week. We kick off our Christian Education and Formation programs on Sunday, Aug 5 with a Rally Day breakfast at 9:30 followed by promotion for children and youth. Adults will have an opportunity to hear about Adult Sunday school classes and other educational opportunities after the children and youth have been dismissed to their classes.

Churches tend to emphasize Christian education for children but not so much for adults. This year we are going to try to change that here at Bethel. To that end, we are continuing the Wednesday evening Supper and Study program that began during Lent. I will lead an adult study on the book of Ruth paying particular attention to the place of the stranger in God's covenant with God's people. That study will continue through the month of August. Cyndi Fowler will then lead a study on the book, *Being Mortal*, in the month of September. There will be games and activities for children and youth during the adult Bible study on Wednesday Supper and Study nights.

The Women's Bible study that meets on the second and fourth Thursday from 10:30 to 12 will pick up in Genesis with the story of Jacob and Esau's meeting after years of estrangement. If you are interested or have a friend that would like to study with us, join us. We will do some review on Aug 9 to catch everyone up, so new comers will not feel behind.

A youth Sunday school class is being reformed this year for 6th-12th grade. I will teach a study of I and II Samuel during the months of August and September. Further topics will emerge for the next few months. Children will be divided into two classes. 4k-1st grade will be with Ms. Marilyn and Ms. Joan building a strong foundation of Bible studies. 2nd grade through 5th grade will utilize a rotation model curriculum to study the creation story and begin to build on their foundation of faith. A variety of teachers will accompany them on this rotation journey.

There are many ways for you to engage in Christian education and formation this fall. I hope you will take advantage of them and let the Study team know if there are particular topics you would like to study on Wednesdays or during the Sunday school hour. Friends are always welcome so don't hesitate to share the exciting things we are doing.

Grace and peace,

Wendy

## THE LAST ROMANCE

By Joe DePietro

Directed by Dianne Griffith (who also is one of the four actors in the play)

**Where?** TENNESSEE VALLEY THEATRE

[184 West Jackson Avenue](#)  
[Spring City, TN](#)

423-365-PLAY (7529)

**When?** August 25 and 26; September 1 and 2. Saturday nights at 7:30; Sunday afternoons at 2:00

A crush can make anyone feel young again. One ordinary day, widower Ralph takes a different path on his daily walk that leads him to a second chance at love. THE LAST ROMANCE is a heart-warming comedy about the power of love.

## 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”.

## Being Mortal

Beginning Wednesday nights in September, Cyndi Fowler will lead a discussion of the book Being Mortal by Atul Gawande. The 4 week discussion will explore Gawande’s thoughts about facing our own mortality, including current healthcare choices. We will also focus on various aspects of aging and decisions we must make (medical and otherwise) as we move through the aging process. If you are interested in attending this class, it would be helpful to read the book previous to the first session. Sessions will be held September 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The session on the 12<sup>th</sup> will be a video based on the book.



# Laundry Love

## Supper & Study

Wednesday Supper and Study returns in August. We will share a catered meal together at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by an adult study, lead by Rev. Wendy. The study will be on the Book of Ruth, paying particular attention to the place of the stranger in God's covenant community. Children and Youth activities will be provided. This study begins August 8th and continues each Wednesday during the month of August.

## 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 August, our focus foods will be **Cereal/Oatmeal**. 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, September 16th.

## Undie Sunday

On August 12th, the Fellowship Team will sponsor "Undie Sunday." This is a back-to-school project that benefits the children in Roane County Schools, who are in need of "undies." Bethel's contributions will help to provide basic clothing items that school officials suggest are in need. The most requested items are Girls and Boys Undies, Sweatpants and Leggings, size 5/6 and size 7/8.

## Rally Day

Rally Day is Sunday, August 5th! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for breakfast, and an overview of the Sunday morning education program for Fall. Children and Youth will be promoted to their new classes. Adults will learn more about Adult Sunday offerings, as well.

## Pool Party

The end of Summer Pool Party for children and Youth will be Sunday, August 12th from 2-4, at Melanie Sherrod's House. See Wendy or Melanie for directions. All children and youth are welcome!



August  
BIRTHDAYS

3	Alf Rybka
4	Steve Jacks
7	Jeremiah Jacks
8	Brenda Bunch
9	Pablo Crocker
10	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

## Reminders:

- Women's Bible Study resumes August 9th at 10:30 am.
- Children's Sunday school classes resume in August.
- Sunset Gap trip planned for August 23rd. Extra drivers are needed!
- Bring hygiene items to Fellowship Supper on August 15th.

# Kids Activities



## BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

### What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

### What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

## PUZZLE

### GOD'S amazzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

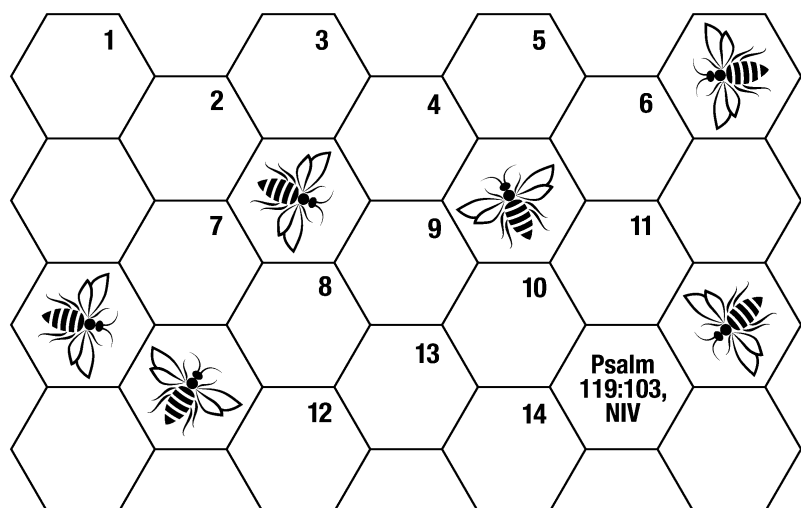
**Directions:** Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.

#### CLUES

1. rhymes with cow
2. opposite of sour
3. pronounced "R"
4. rhymes with four
5. Letters create \_\_\_\_\_.
6. not too or two
7. rhymes with by
8. the tongue's job
9. more sweet
10. rhymes with pan
11. golden liquid
12. Pleased \_\_ meet you.
13. rhymes with fly
14. body part

#### WORD BANK

than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

# August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Book Club 10 am	3	4
5 Rally Day 9:30 am  Faith Team 12:15	6	7	8 Supper & Study 6pm	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	10	11
12 Undie Sunday  Children/ Youth Pool Party 2-4 pm	13	14	15 Fellowship Team 5:30 pm  Property Team 5:30 pm  Supper & Study 6:00	16	17	18
19 H.O.M.E Collection  Session 12:15	20	21	22 Supper & Study 6 pm	23 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	24	25
26 Serve Team 12:15 pm  Study Team 12:15 pm	27	28	29 Supper & Study 6 pm	30	31	

**EACH WEEK:**

Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club Monday 10-Noon &amp; 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