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THE OPEN DOOR

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Dear Friends,

Thank you all so very much for the wonderful pastor appreciation gift. I look forward to spending my gift card on books and deeply appreciate the gift to Family Promise. I am compiling my list of books to read for fun. If you have favorites, please let me know, so I can add them to my list. It continues to be my privilege to serve among you as your pastor. Your faithfulness revealed in your genuine welcome of everyone, your willingness to grow and learn, your response to needs locally and beyond, and your care for and love of one another is a powerful witness to the transforming grace of God. I am grateful to be in your midst.

As we approach November, the season of thanksgiving, it is appropriate to consider the gifts we can offer the church. God has given each of us gifts - talents, time, energy, passion, money - to be used for the good of all. On Nov 11, we will share lunch together and hear more about the current ministry and mission of Bethel. I pray that this time of food and fellowship together will also inspire and encourage you to see the place that God has called you to share of your gifts.

Coming soon will be opportunities for you to adopt angels for Christmas, to help with and participate in the Hanging of the Greens activities and Christmas basket distribution, and to celebrate the season with the annual Christmas pageant. Invite friends and family to share with us in these meaningful events during a busy season.

In these days especially, it seems critically important for us to watch our words with one another, to pause before we react, and to witness to the grace and love of Jesus Christ. These are trying days, days filled with divisive rhetoric and dug in opinions. As God's people, we can witness to another way to find our way through these trying days. Listening before we speak, speaking always in love, and seeking creative and life-giving solutions to problems will show us new ways forward.

And again, thank you for your faithful witness to Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,
Wendy

Stewardship Luncheon

In lieu of the November fellowship supper, the fellowship team will offer a Stewardship Luncheon on Sunday, November 11th. Plan to stay after worship for lunch. Team leaders will share about the ministry and mission opportunities in their particular areas of church life. You will have the opportunity to learn more about what the church is up to, as well as imagine what new thing God might be calling us to be and do as you discern the place you can share your gifts with the church.

Children's Choir/Harp Girls

The Children's Choir will offer a song during worship for World Communion and Peacemaking Sunday. The girls harp group will continue to practice during November. Practice will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday, **November 7th and 14th**.

They will offer a song with their harps next month.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will do a recap of Genesis on Thursday, November 8th and 29th. The study begins at 10:30 until noon in the library. A new study on the Book of Revelations will begin on January 10, 2019.

Wednesday Supper and Study

Wednesday evening Supper and Study resumes on November 7th, for the final session on Earth Care and Stewardship. Elaine and Kirk Steele will share biblical perspectives on earth care and help us understand immediate challenges related to recycling and what we can do to meet them.

Supper begins at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. The program is from 6:15 to 7:15.



ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP

Mulch Day

Mulch Day will be Saturday, November 10th. Our flower beds are in desperate need of mulch and we could use your help in spreading it! We will start at 10 AM and as soon as the task is completed, we will share lunch together. Wendy will close the day with a brief time of worship on the patio. Please bring any tools that will help with the job, such as wheelbarrows, pitch forks, rakes, square nose shovels, and brooms. Men, women, boys and girls of all ages can help lend a hand.

The Peace of Patriotism

On Sunday, November 11th, Roane Choral Society presents The Peace of Patriotism, featuring The Babahatchie Community Band. The performance begins at 3 PM in the O'Brien Theatre at Roane State Community College.

Doing Our Part

As part of an Earth Care Congregation program, we have a Cell Phone Recycle Box located in the Gathering Area. We also recycle ink cartridges and toner. These can be dropped off in the church office. **Please place items in a bag.**

H.O.M.E. Food Collection



Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our October

HOME collection, and supporting our local food pantry and helping feed hungry folks in our community. For the month of November, our focus foods will be **Personal Grooming Items** (soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving items, etc.). 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, November 18th.

Diapers, size 4 and Pull Ups are in high demand, as well!

memorials & gifts

In memory of Teresa Hettrick from Liz Singley

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Jacob Murr from Greg and Margaret Murrs

In memory of Dick Evans from Jim and Mary B. Hines

In memory of Jerry Morris from Jim and Mary B. Hines

Fair Trade

Mandy Knies will be taking up Fair Trade orders through **November 4th.** Orders can be placed at the cart in the Gathering Area on Sunday 4th, or by email: bethelpcusa@gmail.com.

Also, milk chocolate Advent Calendars and mini candy bar packs from Divine Chocolate will be available to purchase off the cart. Advent Calendars will be \$5.



- 1 Josh Brown
- Diego Vanegas
- 2 Jack McNew
- 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

Reminders:

- The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Wednesday, November 21st through Friday, the 23rd.
- Looking Ahead: Hanging of the Greens is just around the corner!





HARVEST OF GOODNESS

God always provides, no matter the season.

Directions: Match the shapes in order to write the words in the correct places below.



FALL SCAVENGER HUNT

Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 Book Club 10	2	3
4 Daylight Savings Ends Faith Team 12:15 pm	5	6 Election Day	7 Harp at 5 Supper and Study 5:45	8 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	9	10 Mulch Day 10 am
11 Veterans Day Stewardship Luncheon 12:15 pm	12	13	14 Harp at 5 pm Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30	15	16	17
18 H.O.M.E Collection Session 12:15	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 Serve Team 12:15 pm Study Team 12:15 pm	26	27	28	29 Women's Bible Study 10:30 am	30	

EACH WEEK:

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

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

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7 pm

Yoga: Thursdays 5:30 pm