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THE OPEN DOOR

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Dear Friends,

We are halfway through our Lenten Journeys. The Lenten wilderness can be a dry and challenging place but it can also be a place of nourishment and life. I pray you are finding the nourishment amid the challenge. Our Lenten Study of Isaiah continues on Wednesday evenings. Supper is at 5:45pm and the study is at 6:15pm. As we near Holy Week, I want invite you to the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services as well as remind you of the Sunrise service on Easter morning followed by breakfast.

Maundy Thursday will begin in the fellowship hall with a potluck meal and conclude with communion in the sanctuary. We will gather in the fellowship hall at 6pm. We will begin worship, eat together, and move to the sanctuary after supper to conclude the worship service. As we began Lent with a meal together on Ash Wednesday, we will share a meal together during Holy Week and experience the truth of God's love being bigger than our messes at the Lord's Table during communion. On Good Friday, we will hear the passion of Christ from the Gospel of Luke and pray together as the lights go dark. The Good Friday service begins at 6pm in the sanctuary.

Then after three days, we will gather in the gathering light of day for an Easter sunrise service outside on the back porch. After worship we will continue our celebrations with breakfast. Youth will meet at 8:30 to hide Easter eggs in the Bethel cemetery. Children and toddlers will gather at the office doors at 9:30am to walk to the cemetery for the Easter egg hunt where we remember that new life comes from unexpected places. Then our 11am worship service will round out of Easter Day of worship and celebration.

I do hope you will join us for the many opportunities for worship and fellowship together throughout the rest of Lent concluding with Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Wendy

Bethel Arts Ministry Annual Art Show

BAM will hold its annual art show on Sunday, April 28 following worship. Please come and invite friends to enjoy the many talents of the BAM members. The artists will be present to engage with us about their art as well. It is always a wonderful show.

Remote Area Medical

Remote Area Medical will host a free clinic in Cleveland, TN on June 1&2 at Cleveland High School. You may register to volunteer at <u>ramusa.org</u>. We invite you to join us for this very important and life changing volunteer opportunity. Contact us to carpool.

Susan Garner and Cyndi Fowler

Roane County Hazard Waste Day

The county will be hosting a free Household Hazardous Waste Collection event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Roane County Recycling Center located at 215 White Pine Road, Harriman. This is an opportunity to rid your home of old cleaners, oil-based paints, fuel, automotive fluids, as well as, garden and home chemicals. Many of these items are either flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic and should not be thrown in the garbage. If you have questions about a particular product, please call Ralph Steward at 865-590-7779. A more complete list of accepted products will be posted on the board in the Gathering Area. The event sponsor is the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

Thank you Bethel for supporting RCCM Garden Grants

Bethel supports Roane County Corporative Ministries (RCCM) in providing Garden Grants to low income families in Roane County. RCCM is able to fund these grants from receipt of a Presbytery Hunger Fund grant and proceeds from Bethel's Souper Bowl offering. Bethel also supports RCCM Garden Grants with multiple volunteers. RCCM will distribute Garden Grants this year starting April 2. The Garden Grants provide each gualifying family with a \$40 voucher that can be used to cover the cost of vegetable seeds, plants, and a bag of fertilizer. Families receiving the vouchers are able to redeem their vouchers at Browder's Ace Hardware in Kingston or at the Ag Central Farmer's Co-op in Midtown.



Laundry Love

As part of our Lenten service opportunities, previously known as Save our Saturdays, we will be hosting another Laundry Love Night, on Thursday, April 11th. If you would like to help, please see Liz Singley or a Service Team member for more information.

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Divine Chocolate

Divine Chocolate's Mini Chocolate Easter Eggs will be available this month for all of your chocolate needs. We will have Dark, Milk and Speckled, with a crisp sugar shell. Orders can be made at the cart or by email: bethelpcusa@gmail.com.

The next standard items ordering period will be in May.

H.O.M.E. Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our February HOME collection, which helps to support our local food pantry and helps feed hungry folks in our community.

For the month of April, our focus food will be boxed **Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce.** These and other nonperishable food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our inworship collection will be Sunday, April, 14th.

Pull Ups and Size 4 Diapers are in high demand!





April 17: NO SUPPER AND STUDY

April 18: Maundy Thursday - 6 PM potluck followed by worship

April 19: Good Friday - 6 PM in the Sanctuary

April 21: Easter Sunrise Service - time TBA

Easter Breakfast

Easter egg Hunt - 9:30 AM (meet at office door)

Easter Worship - 11 AM



Have You Fed Your Fish?

One Great Hour of Sharing

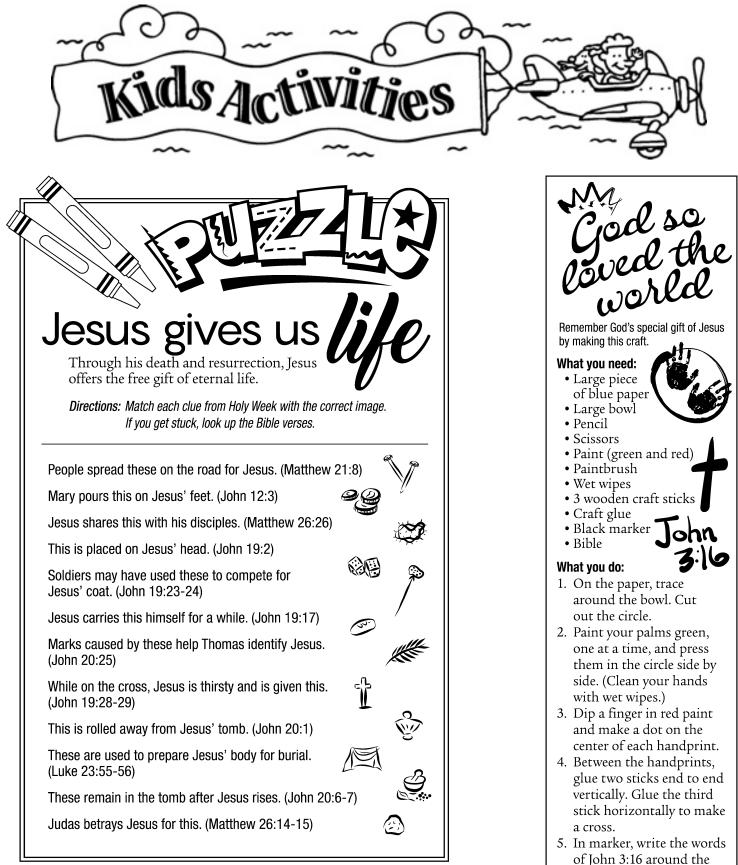
One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Bethel will receive our OGHS Offering on Easter Sunday.

- 4 Jeremy Copeland Laura Windhausen
- 6 Mary Kathryn Willettl
- 9 Bill Sides
- 10 Cathy McDowell
- 13 Sherry Burchfield
- 17 Chuck Brumley
- 19 Clay Landers Sheryl Stadnik
- 22 Dolores Sandmel
- 23 Sophie Crocker
- 27 Sarah Applegate David Choate Joni Morgan
- 28 Nancy Braski

Thank You

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped in the Church office during the month of March!





Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

blue circle.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Supper & Study 5:45	Book Club 10		
7 Faith Team 12:15	8	9	10 Supper & Study 5:45	11 Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Laundry Love	12	13
14 Palm Sunday H.O.M.E Collection Session 12:15	15	16	17	18 Maundy Thursday 6 pm	19 Good Friday 6 pm	20
21 Easter Sunrise - TBA Egg Hunt: 9:30 am Easter Worship - 11	22 Earth Day	23	24 Supper & Study 5:45	25 Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	26	27
28 BAM Arts Show	29	30				

EACH WEEK:

Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club Monday 10-Noon & Monday 5-7 pm Taoist Tai Chi: Tuesday 5:30 -7 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30-11 am Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7 pm Yoga: Thursdays 5:30 pm