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THE OPEN DOOR

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the third week of Easter, the first week of May, and school is nearly finished for the year. The first four months of this year have already held much but much is yet to come. This month alone we will celebrate women at our annual Mother's Day lunch May 11, celebrate graduates at our Wed supper, May 15 and confirm 9 youth in worship on May 19. The biggest event this year begins on May 28 when I begin my three-month sabbatical.

The Rev. Dr. Dan McMillan will provide pastoral leadership for Bethel while I am on sabbatical. Dan will plan and lead worship each Sunday, be in the office on Wednesdays, moderate monthly session meetings, and provide pastoral care as needed from May 28 through August 25. Dan is a retired member of the presbytery. He was born in Kingstown, St. Vincent, Windward Islands, West Indies. He is the eldest of seven children of Baptist missionary parents. His youth was spent primarily on the island of St. Lucia.

Reverend McMillan received his undergraduate education at Bryan College, taught public school in Rhea County, served seven years as a Boy Scout Executive in Chattanooga, TN and Newnan, GA, and went on to receive graduate degrees at West Georgia College, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned a doctor of ministry degree at Eastern in the field of marriage and family therapy.

Throughout most of his 30 plus years of pastoral ministry Dan also served as an Air Force Reserve and Guard Chaplain. He retired from the Air Force after a career of 23 years.

Honorably retired from Presbytery of South Alabama in August, 2014, Dan was granted membership in the Presbytery of East Tennessee as a retired minister in 2015, and most recently finished 2 ½ years as interim pastor at Soddy-Daisy First Presbyterian.

Dan met his wife Anita, now a retired Christian School teacher, at Bryan College where her father, Dr. John Anderson, taught Greek and Hebrew and Bible. Anita's father still resides in nearby Dayton, Tn. The McMillans have 4 children and 9 grands; two daughters (Wendy and Carrie) live in nearby Loudon, not far from Athens where Dan and Anita currently enjoy gardening and looking after a few chickens.

I know you will enjoy getting to know Dan over the summer and certainly will appreciate his ministry. I'm also sure that Dan will come to love the Bethel community as much as I do. During the summer, you most likely won't see my family either. We are looking forward to some dedicated family time and some time sitting in church pews together while we worship at various churches. All of us look forward to sharing the month of May with you and then returning to your midst the first Sunday of September.

Grace and peace to you,

Wendy

Free summer music clinic!

During the week of June 10-15, a special music program will be offered to the children of Bethel, as well as to any children in the community who are interested in participating. Group sessions will include instruction on playing guitar, ukulele, drums, keyboard, recorder, harp, bells, xylophone, and boom whackers! On the final day, a concert involving all participants is planned. A tentative schedule is listed below. Anyone who is interested should sign up on the registration form on the church office door.

June 11-13(Monday-Wednesday) 10am-noon PreK and Kindergartners

12 noon Lunch

12:45-2:45pm Elementary ages

June 14-15 (Thursday-Friday) 12:45-2:45 all participants

Concert (time to be determined)

About the clinician, Ms. Alyssa Marie Hunek:

Alyssa lives in sunny Sarasota, FL but loves the beautiful state of Tennessee. Alyssa grew up singing and performing in musical theatre productions. She began studying voice at age seven, and appeared in about 35 theatre productions growing up. Alyssa studied with Mrs. Rebeca Price from age 13 until she went away to college, where she received a Bachelor's degree in Voice Performance from Florida Southern College. Alyssa then attended Florida State University, where she earned a Master's degree in Music Therapy. Alyssa just completed her fourth year teaching elementary music. She loves teaching children to develop a love of music, and hopes that they can find joy in music making. She is so excited to be here for this workshop this summer!

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.

Adult Sunday School

Beginning on Sunday May 12th, the Library Sunday School class will view and discuss together the PBS/Frontline documentary *From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians*. This "[explores] the life and death of Jesus, and the men and women whose belief, conviction, and martyrdom created the religion we now know as Christianity."

We will watch it on most Sundays throughout the summer and engage in discussions that will particularly complement our class's ongoing concern with the prophetic and elusive Biblical vision of justice. We meet in the Barber Library at 9:30.

Newcomers are always welcome! If you are interested, contact Mark Banker at MTBanker1951@gmail.com for more details.

Fair Trade

The Equal Exchange ordering period will be Sunday, May 5th - 12th. Orders can be made at the cart or by email:

bethelpcusa@gmail.com.

Some standard items and Divine Chocolate eggs are available in the church office.

The next standard items ordering period will be in July.

H.O.M.E. Food Collection

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

For the month of May, our focus food will be boxed **Canned Meat (tuna, chicken, spam)**. 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, May, 19th.

Pull Ups and Size 4 Diapers are in high demand!



Mother's Day Luncheon

Join us for the annual mother-daughter luncheon in the Bethel Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, May 11th at 11:30 am. The deadline to register is Sunday, May 5th. We will enjoy a catered lunch and fellowship. Please call the church office at 376-6340 or email 1bethel@bellsouth.net to register.

Thank You

Thank you to Dan McDowell for creating a new logo for the TN Ten book club and for posting news about the club on the church website. You may find the current book list at Bethelpcusa.org. All ladies are welcome to join us for interesting book discussions on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 in the church library.

Reminders

- The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.



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| 1 | Avery Parish |
| 2 | Jennifer Vandever |
| 4 | Bram Hyder |
| 5 | Jane Pickel |
| 6 | Joe Coen |
| 7 | Samantha Rybka |
| 12 | Celia Simon |
| 16 | Jim Hines |
| 18 | Linda Gerth |
| 19 | Maggie Dungan |
| 20 | John Carter |
| | Loftin Gerberding |
| 21 | Ron Thompson |
| 23 | Chuck Bunch |
| 24 | Marianna Oonk |
| 26 | Mark Patton |
| | Jane Walsh |
| 28 | Jackson Gerberding |
| | Robert Vickers |
| 29 | Donal Cross |
| 30 | Julie Bunch Barber |
| | Karen Hart |
| | Vernon Law |



Mortgage Update

Debt Reduction Summary							
3/31/19							
			3/31/19				
Gifts, Pledges							
& Building Use		Income	\$8,035.00				
Monthly Payments							
				Balance			
PILP	6,500.00			520,838.62			
PET Loan	450.00			53,548.38			
Other Bldg Ln				833.33			
	6,950.00			575,220.33			
4 months payments							
			27,800.00				
Shortage of income to expenses							
		Expense	-\$19,765.00				
Mortgage Reserve Balance							
			\$5,695.29				
Our General Fund Giving & Summary of Expenses							
Updated 3/31/19							
						% of Annual	
		YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted	% of YTD Budget		Budget	Annual Bdgt
Operating Income		\$55,055.00	\$61,212.00	89.94%		22.23%	\$247,700.00
Operating Expenses		\$57,679.00	\$61,212.00	94.23%		23.29%	\$247,700.00
		-\$2,624.00					

May 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Supper & Study 5:45	2 Book Club 10	3	4
5	6	7	8 Supper & Study 5:45	9 Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	10	11 Mother's Day Luncheon
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15 Supper & Study 5:45	16	17	18
19 H.O.M.E collection Confirmation Session 12:15	20	21	22 Supper & Study 5:45	23 Women's Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

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