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THE OPEN DOOR

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As you may know, Rev. Wendy Neff will be out of the office from May 28 - Aug. 26 on her three-month sabbatical. While she is gone pastoral leadership will be provided by the Rev. Dr. Dan McMillan.

Rev. McMillan will be in the office on Wednesdays (9-3). If you would like to contact Rev. McMillan when he is not in the office, just call Bethel at 865-376-6340.

Rev. McMillan encourages you to be in contact with him.

A minister cannot know when they are needed, so don't hesitate to get in touch if:

- you have pastoral needs or need to talk
- you or a loved one is going into the hospital
- you have a prayer concern
- you want to talk about religion
- you want to get to know the new minister
- you want to discuss how the Atlanta Braves season is going

Rev. McMillan is here with and for you during his time at Bethel.

Bethel's LEGO Church Dedication

Bethel Presbyterian Church celebrated their 200th birthday last June. Leading up to the Bethel's 200th birthday, the children at Bethel were learning about the history of Bethel and the city of Kingston at the time the church was started. A Sunday school teacher, Jan Rybka, asked her elementary-aged class what they would like to do to celebrate Bethel's birthday. Ryne Knies, along with Isaac Shelby, had the idea to build a replica of the church out of LEGOs.

One of the members of the Bethel asked local architect and lifelong LEGO enthusiast, Brian Pittman of Knoxville, to come lead the boys in their LEGO church project. Brian helped the boys plan and construct a rough draft model of the church and then the final replica. Several of the LEGO pieces were very difficult to find. However, Brian and Ryne, over the course of a year and a half, along with help from other youth members of the Sunday school class, were able to complete the LEGO church.

This makes the second replica of the church that has been constructed. The first replica was built by Bethel member David Stevenson many years ago. Stevenson's wooden replica is still on display in the Old Courthouse.

Bethel's sanctuary was built in 1858 and located on Presbyterian Hill. It was later moved to the corner of Kentucky and Church Street between 1883 and 1886 by Carl Ferdinand Rothe and a boy named Edward Wyatt. Rothe was a graduate in architectural engineering from the University of Leipzig. We believe Rothe would be proud of the new replica.

On Sunday, May 19th, Bethel Presbyterian Church dedicated the LEGO replica in memory of those who came before us, to the ones today who still find this to be a "house of God," and to acknowledge the many hours of hard work that went into planning and constructing the LEGO sanctuary.

Bethel would like to extend a special thanks to Brian Pittman of Johnson Architecture of Knoxville for his tireless efforts on this project. He not only helped the children of Bethel construct the LEGO church, but spark an interest in architecture and engineering.

Dear Bethel Family:

I made it safely to Florida. It is so good to be with Kelly and Aaron, but I already miss you and my Tennessee mountains.

After 2 days of stormy weather, the Florida sun has returned and I am sitting by the pool under the fans. But I do have to get busy with getting car insurance, change my TN driver's license into a Florida one, check on my license plate, make a doctor's appointment for my swollen legs and burning eyes (Kelly washes with Tide which I am allergic to) and lots more little things. I am a little hesitant about driving around.....I am not in Kingston anymore, ha!

Thank you, Wendy and my Bethel Family for the many years of being in your midst. You all have been so wonderful to Bill, Kelly and me. We have never felt as outsiders; you have included us in all the activities from the start and welcomed us with open arms.

I may look for a church for worship but I will stay a Bethel member until I return one day to our memorial garden. After all, I have to since my name is already engraved on the memorial stone.

I will never forget you, my dear Bethel Family or our sweet Pastor Wendy! You have helped me through many tough decisions. Your love and friendship meant the world to me.

So long, dear friends, till we meet again.

With love and gratitude always,

Marianne

Pentecost Party

RCCM is hosting a community Pentecost Party on Saturday, June 8th at 6:00 PM, at Southwest Point. This is a celebration of the birthday of The Church with worship and music, followed by cake and ice cream and activities for the kids! Come celebrate and remember to bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

H.O.M.E. Food Collection

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

For the month of June, our focus food will be boxed **Soup and Crackers**. 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, June 16th.

Pull Ups and Size 4 Diapers are in high demand!



memorials & gifts

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

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

In memory of George Ray Dailey from
Greg and Margaret Murr

In memory of Larry Strickling from
Liz Singley

In memory of Edith Miles from:
Bobby and Susan Garner
Tom and Jane Pickel
Terry and Charity Robbins
Frank and Marilyn Harris

Thank You

What a wonderful surprise it was to be honored on my 10th anniversary of working for the church. Thank you for the cards, gifts, and kind words; they all made me feel extra special. It was so thoughtful of you to recognize my efforts in this way. I hope to serve the church for many more years as I truly love my job and my church family.

Susan Cutts, Administrative Assistant



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| 2 | Carol Brown |
| 4 | Susan Garner |
| | Levi Parish |
| 8 | Kaylee Brown |
| 9 | Kelly Shadden Maddux |
| | Tauno Maki |
| | Susannah Morgan |
| 12 | Doug Brown |
| 14 | Mike McElhinney |
| 15 | Ellen Dailey |
| | Jesse Richmond |
| | Jordon Sherrod |
| 16 | Shirley Swindler |
| 18 | Linda Jones |
| 19 | Linda Brown |
| | Charlotte Knies |
| | Fred Swindler |
| 22 | Wayne Jackson Sr. |
| 24 | John Richmond |
| 25 | Dave Braski |
| | Chuck Garner |
| 27 | Micki Anderson |
| 28 | Marilyn Harris |
| 29 | Kerry Hyder |
| | Danny Morgan |

Looking Ahead

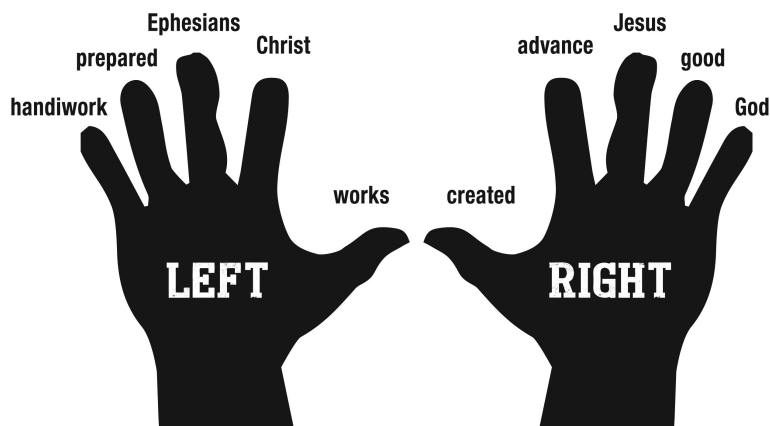
- Children's Sunday school will not meet in July.



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in
L pinky R thumb

_____ to do _____,
L pointer R middle R ring L thumb

which _____ in _____
R pinky L ring R pointer

for us to do. _____ 2:10, NIV
L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!

June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 Faith Team Meeting 12:15	3	4	5	6 Book Club 10	7	8 RCCM Pentecost Party @ 6PM @ SW Pt.
9 Pentecost Session Meeting 12:15	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 H.O.M.E collection Father's Day	17	18	19 Fellowship Team Meeting Fellowship Supper	20	21 First Day of Summer	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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