

# THE OPEN DOOR

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA  
KINGSTON, TN

## Adult Bible Study

Beginning July 7, we will gather via zoom at 6:30pm for four Wednesday evenings to study the Book of Ephesians. This disputed letter of Paul has much to share about living into our identity as the church in any age. Everyone is welcome to join us using this link:

[https://  
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pwd=Q0pMcIlBejZJWlU  
zK3A2OTFwcHlNZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81607571267?pwd=Q0pMcIlBejZJWlUzK3A2OTFwcHlNZz09)

Meeting ID: 816 0757  
1267  
Passcode: 886843

## Youth Lake Day

On Sunday, July 27, the youth are invited to a day on the lake with boating, swimming and food. Please let Wendy know if you are able to attend. More details will be sent in an email.

Dear Friends,

We are in the heart of summer: travel, lake days, summer movies, and cool treats. I know my family and I are enjoying being able to do some of the normal summer fun activities this year. I hope you are too.

While we are enjoying summer, Fall will be here soon enough. We are hopeful to return to in person Sunday school classes and resume Wednesday night activities and youth activities as well. Now is the time to get ready for the Fall.

Please let me know what ideas you have, what hopes you have about what we will study, how we will engage in mission. Teams and committees have not met regularly during the pandemic and life has changed in the last year and some months for many of us. I do not imagine the composition of those engaged in study team or fellowship church will automatically stay the same as it was March 2020.

So we need you - whether you are in person for worship, will remain on line, or have only ever been online - we want you in our becoming hybrid ministry. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Grace and peace, Wendy

## *Worship Protocols Updated*

At its meeting yesterday, Session updated our worship and building use protocols. We are excited to share that the distancing restrictions will be removed. We encourage families with children to sit together in family groups rather than with other friends for the time being. Hymnals, pew Bibles, and friendship pads will be returned to the pews, and we will again pass the offering plate. We will also share communion on Sunday, July 4 in a modified way. We will continue to require masks to be worn in the building until such time as children are able to be fully vaccinated. Our concern for children as well as concerns about the Delta variant warrant the continued use of masks for a couple of more months. We hope by the end of summer we can remove our masks and return to in person Sunday School and studies. Of course, the session will reevaluate at its July meeting and keep you updated along the way.

- 1 Buddy Patton
- 2 Anneke Oonk
- 5 Paul Jackson, Jr.
- 6 Ellen Evans Kellogg  
Amy Evans Rourke
- 7 Mabel Copeland  
Maris Neal  
Macey Neal
- 11 Susan Cutts  
Orlando Vanegas, Sr.
- 14 Ryne Knies
- 16 Jan Rybka
- 17 Robinette Garner  
Will Horton
- 19 Wendy Neff
- 20 Darrell Guy  
Veronica Kirby Poland
- 21 Dan Hyder
- 22 Jeff Paris  
Anne Sides
- 27 Mandy Phillips Knies
- 28 Jonathan Dailey
- 30 Moira Koppelberger
- 31 Cathy Allen



## Happy Birthday

### *HOME Food Collection*

For the month of July our focus foods are peanut butter and jelly. 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.

Thank you for supporting our local food pantry and helping needy families in our community.



•Family Promise of Roane County is pleased to announce the hiring of Gregory Chadwick as its new executive director effective June 7, 2021. Mr. Chadwick brings a varied background to this position. He holds both a Bachelor of Arts degree from Florida State University and a Master of Fine Arts from the University of Mississippi. His work experience includes a strong background working with nonprofit organizations in executive positions as well as counseling and supervisory positions. Most recently, Mr. Chadwick served as Recruitment Coordinator at Knoxville Leadership Foundation. Prior to that he worked in several positions with Job Corps. The Board of Family Promise believes that because of his extensive work history with nonprofits and his understanding of the needs of our homeless, Mr. Chadwick will strengthen the endeavors of Family Promise of Roane County.

•The Family Promise Annual Rummage Sale will be held this August. Stay tune for more details. In the meantime, start setting aside those things you wish to donate. We do not have storage space, so we ask that you keep your items until the week before the sale.

•Family Promise has served several families this past year by providing hotel rooms, food and other basic necessities as well as case management. Plans are in the works to return to a fuller program this November. Bethel is signed up to host families the week of Christmas.

•Bethel wishes to thank Eric Windhausen for serving as our volunteer coordinator with Family Promise for the past two years. Now that he has moved to Oklahoma, Jan Rybka will assume that roll until further notice. Also note that Melanie Sherrod, as Service Team Chair, is Bethel's liaison to Family promise. Melanie and Wendy also serve on the Family Promise Board.

•If you have questions or concerns about Family Promise, please contact Jan Rybka at [jjrybka@hotmail.com](mailto:jjrybka@hotmail.com) or 865-882-8836 (H) or 865-310-8836 (C) by phone or text.

## Bethel Kingston Lakeside Market

The Market continues to be a great success. Thank you to all the Bethel members and friends who are regular supporters. We hope in the coming weeks to encourage people to shop and then visit on our porch. You are welcome to join your friends there as you enjoy a cup of tea and a pastry!

### Sanctuary Flowers

Please share your garden flowers with us in worship. We are grateful to have a variety of arrangements to contribute to our worship each week. Please let Wendy know when you can contribute worship flowers.



### Prayer Concerns

Brenda Strickling

Janet Morgan

Katie Curtis

Trey Byrd