

# *The Open Door*

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Macaroni and Cheese/  
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## **Session Highlights**

January 16, 2022

The Interim Search Committee (ISC) - Jake Horton Chair - has been interviewing and observing various candidates for the Interim Pastor position. The ISC voted (5 - 0) to recommend their preferred candidate for Interim Pastor to the Session. That recommendation was made to the Session on January 16, 2022. Following discussion, the Session passed a motion to approve the ISC's recommended candidate. The Personnel Team of Bethel's Session and Jake Horton will work with the Presbytery of East

Tennessee to create and approve a formal offer of employment to the candidate. More information will be shared later.

The Clerk sent to the Presbytery of East Tennessee (PET);  
1) Bethel's Commitment to PET of \$20,250 for 2022;  
2) Bethel's 2021 Necrology Report (elders and pastors who passed away in 2021 – the names will be read at the February 12, 2022 PET Meeting.  
3) Bethel's 2021 Statistical Report was sent to PCUSA.

The Session approved the choir resuming practicing on a non-Sunday in the sanctuary (not the Choir Room) with masks and 6 foot social distancing. The choir can begin practicing when they feel comfortable doing so.

Communion - the Session approved the Faith Team ordering individually wrapped pre-filled juice cups with wafers to be used during Lent, contingent upon the COVID situation at that time.

The 2022 Budget was approved.

Parish Care is being discussed. Elder Bunch volunteered, and the Session approved his being the point person for inclement weather conditions. In that

capacity, he will notify people no later than 8 a.m. on any Sunday morning when conditions make travel to church unsafe.

The Session approved Elders Jake Horton and Chuck Bunch as commissioners for the February 12, 2022 Zoom Presbytery Meeting.

Elders Chuck Bunch and Ken Dungan were approved to serve on the 2022 Nominating Committee.

The Session called a Congregational/Corporation Meeting for Sunday, February 20, 2022 immediately after Worship; Rev. Reisinger has agreed to be the Moderator.

The Session approved up to \$1,500 coming from the General Memorial Fund for the Communication Team to use for audio/visual needs.

The Session adopted the Guidelines for Communication for 2022. These are guidelines for communicating in preparation for Session meetings, at Session meetings, and communicating with the Congregation.

The next Session meeting will be on February 20, 2022

Cathy McDowell  
Clerk of Session

# Family Promise of Roane County

The following is a letter from the director of Family Promise of Roane County. Just want to let you know one of the many ways your support is changing lives.  
Jan Rybka

In January, Family Promise of Roane County's Prevention and Diversion Program was able to, within the period of less than twenty-four hours, work with a private landlord that FPRC has spent months building a strong, trusting relationship with to find immediate housing for a family of five who are on the brink of eviction from their current landlord. The family, who were in dire need of housing, includes a husband, wife and their three children, who are all under the age of ten—two of whom need additional support due to special needs.

It is because of your generosity and support for Family Promise

## **Girl Scout Cookies**

Kaylee says,  
Brittyn and I are selling Girl Scout cookies again this year, but because of COVID, we are asking you to send your orders to Nana at brownLL61955@gmail.com or if you want to, you can leave them in her box in the church office. We are hoping that by the time cookies come in at the end of February, everyone will be able to be at church again so we can hand out cookies in person. We miss seeing you and we miss our hugs.  
<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/cookie-flavors.html>

of Roane County and its mission to end and prevent homelessness for all children and their families in Roane County, that FPRC will be able to help subsidize a portion of the family's rent over the next few months until they will be able to get back on their feet and become fully self-sufficient. FPRC will also walk alongside the family by providing support through case management during this time of transition. Now, three children will no longer have to worry about where they will be sleeping come February 1st.

From the bottom of my heart and all that is within me, thank you.  
—Gregory Chadwick, Executive Director of Family Promise of Roane County

## February Birthdays

4 Bonnie Anderson  
Mark Banker

5 Jon Rybka

11 Esther Parish

13 Jennifer Kolwyck

14 Pedro Crocker

15 Callahan King

17 Mary B. Hines

18 Sarah Dungan  
Liz Singley

19 Melanie Sherrod

23 Phil Walsh

27 Jennifer Choate  
Deb Hyder

"God,

Grant that we will be participants in this newness and this magnificent development. If we will but do it, we will bring about a new day of justice and brotherhood and peace. And that day the morning stars will sing together and the sons of God will shout for joy.  
God bless you."

PRAYER BY MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR.

