

The Open Door

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Session Highlights *May 22, 2022*

The average in-person Sanctuary Worship attendance for April 2022 was 76, and for Facebook Live the average was 141. The April 14 Maundy Thursday Sanctuary attendance was 15 and Facebook 135. The April 15 Good Friday Sanctuary attendance was 19 and Facebook 121. The April 17 patio Sunrise Service, in-person 30 and Facebook 141.

Ken Dungan - May Devotion.

Communications Team – no report

Faith Team – is focusing on meaningful worship experiences and getting more of the congregation involved.

Communion was served on May 1. Appreciation was expressed for our Music Director, Judy Yeaworth.

Fellowship Team – Ellen Daily and the Session continue to work on updating Bethel's Active Roll. About 45 people attended the Ladies Day Luncheon on May 14 – Bettye Rose Bakery catered a delicious meal. A sizable quantity of feminine hygiene products were collected for Roane County students. Fellowship supper resumed on May 18; 40 to 50 people attended. Graduates were recognized.

Finance Team – Our giving is below our budget; but our spending is also below our budget. The total contributions for 2021 made to Bethel through PayPal were \$7,201.53 – acknowledgements are always received by the donors.

Personnel Team – no report

Property Team – is still exploring solar possibilities.

Service Team – The Love Kitchen meal in Rockwood on May 14 went well. About 55 people were served.

Study Team – Summer Sunday School will begin on June 12.

Presbytery Meeting – Tuesday, May 17, 2022. One could have attended this meeting at the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum in Vonore in person or via zoom. Mark Banker and Esther Parish were the commissioners. Nancy Coleman and Liz Singley also attended.

The next Session meeting is June 26, 2022.

Cathy McDowell
Clerk of Session





Family Promise

and monthly expenses

*learning to save

*Parenting (a certificate is given upon completion)

*Home care/cleaning

*Nutrition/ cooking balanced low-cost meals

*Goal developing /keeping focused on set goals and how to reach them

* Diabetes education/care/recipes

* Self-care/ practicing mindfulness/ dealing with stress

* Social and Emotional Learning skills with kids and teachable moments for parents to recognize

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Family Promise and serve our community! I can be reached at lmcmah10@utk.edu or (865) 376-5558.

Lisa McMahan

One of the ways Family Promise maximizes resources and effectiveness is through partnerships with other agencies. One of these agencies is the UT Extension Office. Lisa McMahan, the person in Roane County responsible for Family Consumer Science was asked for an overview of the services she provides. She shared the following and indicated that additional services are also possible. An individualized plan is developed for each family.

Family Consumer Science and Family Promise Partnership

As a Family Consumer Science agent, I am able to offer many opportunities for families who seek the services of Family Promise of Roane County.

* Money management and budgeting

*understanding the difference in needs and wants

*clarifying sources of income

June Birthdays

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



Notes from Rev Nancy

Dear Friends,

During the season of Easter we have been looking each Sunday at a passage from the book of Acts, which tells the story of the birth and expansion of the church. We have revived our acquaintance with such prominent Christian leaders as Peter and Paul, and have deepened our awareness of some who may be less familiar to us, including two women, Tabitha (Dorcas) and Lydia. Each of these people left their mark on the early church and on the communities where they served.

As we consider how we at Bethel Presbyterian might leave our mark on our community and our world, the times have perhaps never been more challenging. I write to you on the day following the latest school shooting at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas. We are just starting to see the photographs and read the names and ages of the latest victims, some of whose years are numbered in single digits. This is starting to feel all too familiar, coming just ten days after the mass shooting at the Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, New York, which killed ten people and wounded three others, and nine days after the killing of a family physician with and the wounding of five elderly parishioners at the Irvine Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in California, which met in the building of Geneva Presbyte-

rian. If we are not safe in our schools, our neighborhood grocery stores, or our churches, where can we feel safe?

While we wish to speak out against such unfathomable violence, and to offer a word of hope, perhaps our first step is to listen and to try to better understand the climate which allows such things to happen. Race or nationality seem to have been significant factors in two of these tragic killings. The ten who died in Buffalo were black; those shot in California were of Asian descent. The killers in both cases expressed hatred against the group they targeted.

My home church in Maryville, New Providence Presbyterian, is getting together with St. Paul's AME Zion Church to hold a series of meetings over six Sunday evenings in June and July, titled Becoming the Beloved Community: Through Understanding Systemic Racism. I realize, that Maryville is a long drive from Kingston, but I know some in our congregation are planning to attend, and I plan to be there as well. More information will be forthcoming. My hope is that those of us who attend can share the insights we gain with the rest of the congregation.

"When we study together, we learn together, we work together and we prosper together."

--Barack Obama

As we head into Pentecost Sunday and the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, may we be reminded that the Spirit's coming was for all people, and God does not make a distinction based on race, gender, nationality, or creed. Be in prayer for the victims, their families, and their communities. Be open to what God may be calling you to do to address this or other issues impacting our world. My door is open if you'd like to talk.

I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ~Acts 10:34

Peace to you,

Nancy



"I will pour out my Spirit on all people."

Joel 2:28, NIV



Memorials

- In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from:
 - Mark and Kathy Banker
 - Andrew and Patsy Buchanan
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- In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from
 - Mark and Kathy Banker
-
- In memory of Moira Koppelberger from
 - Melanie Sherrod
-
- In memory of Karen Schall from
 - Jim and Mary B. Hines
-
- In memory of Anita Richmond from
 - Jim and Mary B. Hines
-
- In memory of Shirley Swindler from:
 - John and Sheila Shands
 - Rick and Regina Durham
 - Dan and Deb Hyder
 - Frank and Marilyn Harris
 - Fred Swindler
 - Physicians and Staff of Houston Medical Group

Father's Day June 19



Sunday Study in Maryville

New Providence Presbyterian Church and St. Paul AME Zion will sponsor a six-session, Sunday study titled *Becoming the Beloved Community: Through Understanding Systemic Racism*. This session is a follow-up to last summer's study on bias. The 2022 study will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall at New Providence. The dates are June, 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 10 and 17. The focus will be on racial history in East Tennessee. Presentations will cover St. Paul AME Zion Church, AME Zion history, New Providence Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (USA-PCUSA), Maryville College, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), including HBCUs in Tennessee, and the Beck Cultural Center. Several speakers will guide us in this important study. This is the second quarter of a four-quarter study which we hope will produce tangible outcomes for our larger community. We welcome you to join us! Contact Jan or Alf Rybka for car-pooling opportunities.

Fellowship Supper

June 15, 6:30 pm
Covered Dish
(Like we did before Covid)

Facebook Donate Link

A permanent "pinned" post has been added to the top of Bethel Presbyterian Church's Facebook page. The post provides a link, <https://www.bethelpcusa.org/giveFB>, which may be used by people wishing to make a financial gift to the Church. Clicking the link will lead to the Giving Center located on Bethel Presbyterian Church's website. From there, users may process financial gifts to the Church via PayPal. Gifts may be designated for use in specific funds within the Church, or they may be designated for use "where it is most needed."

All financial gifts to Bethel Presbyterian Church are deductible for tax purposes, and users may request to receive a receipt to document their gift. While PayPal does charge a very small fee for processing financial gifts to the Church, this fee is paid by the Church and does not affect the total amount of the gift or the total amount of tax deduction available.

As always, we appreciate the gifts of all of our members, whether in time, talent, or financial contribution, as we continue to do God's work together

--Jake Horton



Update and Ask from Study Team

What a celebration! As of March 6, we were able to restart Sunday school here at Bethel Presbyterian. In addition to getting 3 adult classes going, we launched three classes for children and youth, combining PreK through 1st grade, 2nd grade through 5th grade, and middle and high school youth. It has been a great experience having our young ones back in these classes and we are seeing 3 – 8 children a week in attendance.

Coming in early June, the children and youth classes will pivot to a “market place” experience with the children learning lessons in a less formal and more interactive setting – more details to follow about how this will look for our kids.

Our plans are to return to a “normal” Sunday school class environment as the school year begins again in the Fall. This is where we need your help. We need at least 3 teachers and 3 helpers for the Fall classes – a pair for each class. You do not have to have teaching experience – there are curriculums and resources available to help plan and create lesson plans. We only need your willingness to serve these children to whom we as a congregation have made a commitment. If you think you might be interested or would just like more details, please see Cyndi Fowler or Bonnie Phillips. We know everyone is busy these days but we will not be able to launch our fall classes without your help. Thank you!

Fellowship Team Update

The annual Bethel Ladies luncheon was held in the fellowship hall on Saturday, May 14th. Women were asked to bring donations of feminine hygiene products. Ellen Dailey delivered the large donation to Roz Wilkerson, the head nurse of Roane County Schools. Roz will distribute the donations to all middle and high schools in Roane County.

If you are interested in hosting a Bethel fellowship supper, there will be a sign up sheet in the gathering area. Fellowship suppers will be potluck style. If you have any questions, please

email Ellen Dailey at ellendailey15@gmail.com.

The Fellowship Team would like your input. If you have food allergies or preferences, please use the QR code to complete this form. If you do not have a smart phone, you may email Ellen Dailey at ellendailey15@gmail.com.



Bethel Choir News

The Bethel choir will be on summer break from June 6 through Labor Day. Please consider sharing any musical talents, vocal or instrumental, in our summer worship services. All ages welcome! Please contact Judy Yeaworth at 615/579-7170 or judyyeaworth@gmail.com.

If you enjoy singing but aren't ready to solo, please consider joining our choir when we resume in the fall. We meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm and all are welcome - no experience necessary!

*When
words fail,
Music
speaks*

Pentecost Sunday

*June 6
Birthday of the
Church!
Everyone Wear
Red*

*"I will pour out my Spirit
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV

