

# *The Open Door*

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### **Cereal/Oatmeal**

*Collection via Youth  
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## *Session Highlights*

*Worship Attendance: June 2022 average in-person Sanctuary attendance was 52 (from Sanctuary tablet) and the June 2022 average Facebook Worship attendance was 144.*

*The new fire resistant cabinet for the Bethel office arrived on July 6, 2022, and is now in use.*

*Property Team – Bethel's Safety Plan was updated and approved by the Session. The purpose of*

*the Plan is to convey in broad terms our plans in the event of the unexpected. The Plan covers three types of emergencies: 1) presence of a threatening person; 2) Fire; and 3) Impending Storm Event.*

*The Sunday morning Sexton Duties were reimplemented on June 12, 2022.*

*Service Team – Susan Garner met with the Session and made a presentation about GriefShare. This is a 13-week, Christ-centered support group seminar for people who have lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend through death. A portion of each session will feature a video presentation on topics like comfort, answers and hope. The Service Team brought a motion to the session asking for approval to have this seminar at Bethel for the Bethel Family and for the community. The Session supported this motion, and the motion passed.*

*The next Presbytery meeting is Saturday, August 13, 2022 at Madisonville Presbyterian Church. Current elder Chuck Bunch volunteered to attend. Bethel can have two Commissioners. Is there a former elder who would also like to attend this Presbytery Meeting as a*

*Commissioner? If so, please contact Cathy ASAP so that you can get registered for the meeting. Attendance can be either in-person or via Zoom.*

*Cathy McDowell  
Clerk of Session*

## *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>. 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.*

*As always, we appreciate your contributions to Bethel's ministry.*

*--Jake Horton*

Happy  
Birthday

### Birthdays for August

- 3 Alf Rybka
- 4 Steve Jacks
- 7 Jeremiah Jacks
- 8 Brenda Bunch
- 9 Pablo Crocker
- 10 Treavor Cribbs  
Joan Pharis
- 15 Jason Brown
- 17 Margaret Murr  
Gabriel Pierce
- 18 Regina Durham
- 20 James Condon
- 21 Amy Coen
- 22 Rachel Cutts
- 25 Frederick Morgan
- 26 Julie Coen
- 29 River Copeland  
Jeremy Gerberding

Happy  
Birthday

# Family Promise



**Family Promise**  
of Roane County

## RUMMAGE SALE

**120 West Spring St  
Kingston, Tn. 37763**      **9am-3pm  
Aug 26th.-27th.**

All proceeds to help  
local families in  
Roane County  
Family Promise program

→ CLOTHING  
→ HOUSEHOLD  
→ MISC.

**Donation  
drop off times  
Aug 22-25  
9am-3pm**

Items we will not accept:  
Electronics,  
undergarments, swimwear,  
chemicals, car seats, safety  
helmets

SALE

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*Hannah Sherrod & Alex Lewis are having a  
baby boy on October 22*

Grandmother Melanie Sherrod is getting excited. Hannah is registered at Target and BabyList.com  
Diapers would be particularly welcome. Please bring gifts, cards, gift cards to the church office for delivery to the bundle of joy.

<https://registryfinder.com/registry/hannah-sherrod/-/baby/july-2022/tennessee/2627249>

# Notes from Rev Nancy

Dear Friends,

Our family friend Eric Minton has recently published a book with the title ***It's Not You, It's Everything: What Our Pain Reveals About the Anxious Pursuit of the Good Life***. We met Eric when he served as the youth director at our former church during our youngest son Sam's high school years. It was Eric who kept Sam attending the Baptist church for a couple of years after my husband and I had called it quits. Any positive feelings Sam may still harbor toward the Christian faith are mostly attributable to Eric. Today, he and his wife Lindsay serve as licensed therapists at Minton Family Therapy in Knoxville.

Because our family loves Eric and considers him wise beyond his years and because this is the closest I've ever been to a published author, I was eager to buy the book. As the title suggests, the basic premise is that, yes, a lot of people are hurting and are concerned about the future. But in light of the realities of this particular time in history—the weakening of democracy at home and abroad, an alienation exacerbated by social media, an unveiled racism, an increase in violence, record-breaking heat waves attributable to climate change, and of course, a global pandemic that we pretend is over but really isn't—it should come as no surprise that we are

not okay. What we feel is the natural response to the world we inhabit. If we are not feeling some anxiety, perhaps we are not paying enough attention.

For those of us who are paying attention, though, we struggle with what our response should be. How do we live faithfully? How can we work for change? How do we make a difference, when the challenges are so immense? It can feel like a reasonable form of self care to stick our heads in the sand and hope the problems just go away. But as followers of Jesus Christ, called each Sunday to pray "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," we don't really have that option. We each have our role to play in the bringing of God's kingdom. And so may we draw near to God, seeking the Spirit's guidance, praying these words from an early twentieth century hymn:

Grant us wisdom,  
grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

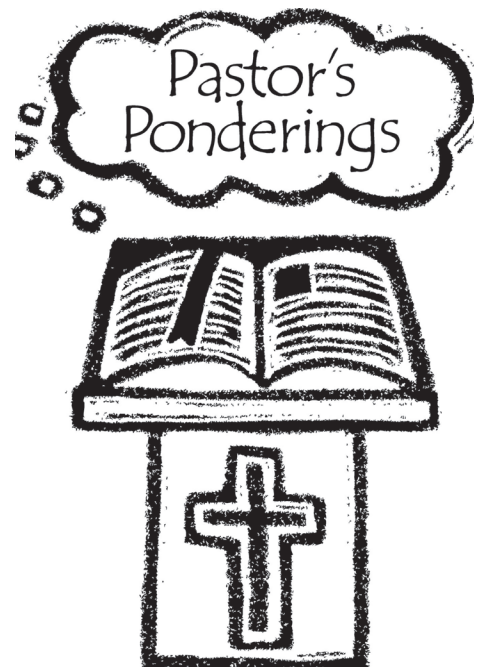
In so doing, may we find the strength to live as faithful disciples in our world.

You may be asking yourself "What ever happened to the Transition Team?" We are pleased to announce that at the July meeting of session, we approved the team which will help lead us through the transition

process. I appreciate those of you who took the time to make suggestions regarding who you would like to see serve in this capacity.

The members of the Transition Team are as follows: Mark Banker, Linda Brown, Cyndi Fowler, Susan Garner, Jake Horton, Amanda Knies, Esther Parish, Rebecca Pierce, and Liz Singley. Thank you to each of these for agreeing to serve. Please pray for them as they begin their work.

Peace to you,  
Nancy







## FARMERS' • Market •

*Every Saturday  
8 am to 11 am  
All Local! Baked  
goods, Fresh Eggs,  
Local Meats, Crafts*

### *Introducing a new Bethel ministry: Collection of Bingo Items for the Love Kitchen*

The Service Team has approved a proposal for Bethel to contribute in a purposeful and routine manner to the Bingo stash used with the bi-weekly Love Kitchen. The Love Kitchen outreach at the First Presbyterian Church in Rockwood touches 60–80 people — adults, teenagers, elementary school kids, and preschoolers — for food and companionship, and it recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. Bethel has been providing meals to the Love Kitchen in rotation with many other groups for over 12 years. However, there are now fewer Rockwood individuals providing “loot” for the Bingo games that are held after dinner. We hope that Bethel can supply Wilma with 20–30 prizes per month.

## *Volunteers Needed for Ride Program*

Sometimes our members need a ride to church, and it would really help out Pastor Nancy and Susan if the Service Team could provide them a list of volunteer drivers for them to call on as needed. If you are willing to be called for rides to Bethel on occasion, please call/text Esther Parish at (865) 405-5242 or email her at [eparish29@gmail.com](mailto:eparish29@gmail.com). Esther will compile the list of names and provide the list of volunteers to the church office.



The Bingo prizes will be collected during worship along with the HOME food on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The prizes may also be dropped off in a new bin in the gathering area labeled “Bingo Prizes.” For more details, please contact Liz Singley at [zipty123@gmail.com](mailto:zipty123@gmail.com).

List of items that Wilma Brummett has requested for the Bingo table:

- Laundry supplies
- Cleaning supplies both kitchen and bathroom
- Toiletries, body wash, bath puffs — The teenage girls love the perfumy stuff, of course!
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap
- Cute hair clips/claws — Sparkly, jeweled, butterflies, animal faces, etc.
- Toys/games for all ages (especially for preschool & elementary school ages) — Picture card games (Go Fish, memory games, etc.), small plush toys,

small Pixar or DC action figures for girls and boys, My Little Pony, etc.

- Jigsaw puzzles (e.g., 300–500 pieces; no more than 500, please)
- Cake mixes/icing
- Brownies/cookie mixes
- Band-Aids
- Small first aid kits
- Nail polish/nail decals — Consider kid-safe, water-based, peel-off nail polish like PiggyPaint



## *Update and Ask from Study Team*

Summer Sunday School continues as the children and youth classes are enjoying a “market place” experience, learning about foods, animals, traditions and practices of the early Christians.

Our plans are to return to a “normal” Sunday school class environment as the school year begins again in the Fall. We still need your help. We need at least 2 teachers and 2 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 we as a congregation have made a

commitment to. We can break this up in to smaller segments if that would help you decide, even taking a 6 week segment would be helpful.

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!

Thanks to Our  
Sunday School  
Teachers!



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## *Fellowship Team Update*

If you are interested in hosting a Bethel fellowship supper, please add your name to the 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](mailto: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](mailto:ellendailey15@gmail.com).

### *August Fellowship Supper*

*Wednesday, August 17*

*6:00 pm*

*Covered Dish*

*Back to School Theme*

*“Undie Sunday” will take place on Sunday, August 14th! The fellowship team requests donations of socks and underwear of all sizes to be distributed in Roane Co. Schools! (Don’t forget: these items will be tax free the last weekend of July)!*

## *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](mailto: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!

## *Hygiene Items Needed for Shower Ministry*

The church is collecting travel size hygiene items for Shower Ministry Hygiene Kits. We are most in need of deodorant, shave cream, lotion, shampoo & conditioner. Full size towels are also needed. Please drop-off items on the bench outside the church office. Thank you for supporting this community ministry.

### **Donate Hygiene Items**

