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The Open Door

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Dear
Friends,

I am so excited to begin our year-long celebration of Bethel Presbyterian Church. On June 4 we celebrate Pentecost and Bethel's 199th birthday. What a fitting day to remember and give thanks for this community of faith. Indeed Bethel has continued that witness that began over 2000 years ago as it has shown love, shared the good news of the gospel and sought to bring light, hope, joy and peace to the surrounding community.

This coming year will be a time to remember the stories of how this community of faith shaped the larger community, how it shaped generations of Christians, and how it continues to be a community of love, acceptance and joy. It will also be a time to laugh, to learn and to begin to imagine what it is God is calling us to do and be about in our next year, decade and century as Bethel Presbyterian Church.

I hope you will join in as many of the celebrations as you can. And for those of you who aren't in Kingston anymore, I hope you will at least plan to join us for the final celebration June 6-10, 2018. More details of that week will come. There are many events and plans throughout the year from a Fourth of July cookout to a Historic Open House Oct 7 to music concerts early in 2018 and of course performances of *A Church Called Bethel* that final week.

It is a joy and a privilege to make plans for these upcoming celebrations and to serve as your pastor at this time. What a great year we have ahead of us! Indeed what great years we have ahead of us for after this celebration year is over, we will continue to be a community of love, welcome and joy. We will continue to grow in our faith as we seek justice, love kindness

and walk humbly with God. We will continue to serve God as we serve those in need. I look forward to continuing on this journey of faith with you.

**Grace and peace,
Wendy**

Oral History Project for Bethel's 200th Celebration

We want to include your stories of Bethel in our oral history project that will culminate in a memento to be shared at the end of our year long celebration. There will be printed as well as digital copies of the oral history project compilations. Please contact Mark Banker (MTBanker1951@gmail.com or [865-376-2118](tel:865-376-2118)) to share your story either in writing, sharing it verbally in person or over the phone, or sharing it in worship during a Minute for History between now and next June. We are hoping to receive a

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(cont.) variety of stories about growing up at Bethel and the members who influenced many over the span of generations.

Please share your stories with us. And please help us share this invitation to former Bethel members or folks who may have moved away. We hope to send communication about the oral history project as well as the celebrations throughout the year to a wide and vast Bethel community. Think of the folks locally and beyond who have stories to share and who would like to participate in our celebrations and send their contact information either to Mark Banker or the church office at:

bethel@bellsouth.net or [865-376-6340](tel:865-376-6340). Thank you!



Children's Pentecost Party

Sunday, June 4 -- 4pm to 6pm at the church Fellowship Hall. Children will celebrate the Church's birthday with games, activities and Pentecost Sundaes!

Directory Sign ups

It is time for a new church directory. Pictures will be taken Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. Sign up in the gathering area, or call the church office. If you can't be here, you can submit a photo or watch for the make up date. All Bethel members and friends are encouraged to have your picture in the directory.

Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering is one of four denominational offerings received throughout the year. This offering is for children at risk, youth and young adults. Sixty percent of the money we received goes to the PCUSA to support programs such as The Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative to improve the quality of education for 1 million children in the US and abroad by 2020, the Young Adult Volunteer in Mission program which sends young adults around the world to witness what God is doing and to participate in the work of the church in those places, and the Youth Triennium, the once every three year national youth event that brings over 5000 Presbyterian youth together to study, worship, place and serve.

Forty percent of the offering we receive stays in the local congregation. This year our 40% will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance specifically for the famine in Sudan. PDA has committed to funding the first year of the Food Security Project in South Sudan to ensure that children do not die of starvation and malnutrition. Know that your offering will be used faithfully on behalf of children, youth and young adults around the world.

Youth End of the Year Celebration

Youth will enjoy putt-putt and pizza as we celebrate the end of school and beginning of summer. The date has not been finalized so watch the announcements.

Summer Movie Schedule

This year in addition to Friday night movies at church, there will be an opportunity for older youth and adults to discuss the movie during Sunday School on the Sunday following the movie showing. We will gather at 8:30pm for each movie showing. Drinks will be provided. Please bring snacks to share. And don't forget your lawn chairs. Sunday School conversation will happen in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

Friday, June 16 Zootopia

Friday, July 14 Rogue One

Friday, August 4 TBA
(suggestions welcomed!)



In memory of Jan Parker from Jill McMaster

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

In memory of Christine Woods from

Leonard and Bina Kirby

In memory of Bill Martin from Jennie Morris

In memory of Jerry Morris from Teresa and Gregory Hines

In memory of Bobbie Britton from

Teresa and Gregory Hicks

In honor of Jennie Morris from Teresa and Gregory Hicks

In honor of Jim Schall and Alf Rybka from

Mark and Kathy Banker

Summer Sunday School

We've got a lot of excitement in store for you this summer! As we begin our year-long celebration of Bethel's 200th birthday, we are going to be studying our history, and seeing how God has had His hands at work in the life of this church and our surrounding community. Children and Youth will be combining for this summer, and there will also be opportunities for adults to come and share in the fun!

In June, our kids will be learning about the area before there was a Bethel. We'll start with a tour of Fort Southwest Point on June 11, and Jennifer Langham will take us on a tour of the 2nd oldest house in Kingston on the 18th. These will take place during the Sunday School hour and adults are welcome to help with transportation, or just to come and learn along with us.

There are two sessions scheduled in **July** that should appeal to everyone – on July

2nd, we're inviting anyone who "grew up Bethel" to come and share stories of your favorite memories. (You might also be tape recorded so your stories can be part of the Oral History that's being compiled.) And on July 30, we're calling all Camp Ozone Alumni to come and share some good camp cooking and swap stories about your camp experiences. We will be re-creating recipes from the Ozone section of the *Bethel Always* cookbook. Both of these events will take place during the Sunday School hour...

...And there's lots more on the horizon! Please come, share your stories, and enjoy the fellowship. (And along the way, you'll be helping our current generations to appreciate our history and form memories of their own.)

VBS is Coming!

Join us on July 8th as we learn about cows, chickens and gardens, and see how Heifer International is helping people all over the world to help themselves to a better quality of life.

Bethel's kids, grandkids and friends are invited to join us at

the farm of Gary and Dianne Griffith. As we learn – up close and personal, no less – about the care and feeding of farm animals, we'll also learn how the gift of animals can help improve the quality of life for people all over the world.

Details about registration, time and transportation will be in the Sunday bulletins by mid-June. Mark your calendars now and save the date!

Attention

Longtime Members & Friends, We are trying to locate a copy of the play: A Church Called Bethel.

This item is a play script – NOT the blue book by the same name by Mrs. Banker.

It was probably last performed around 2003 at the 185th anniversary.

If anyone has a copy of the play or has any ideas about where a copy might be found, please contact Jan Rybka or the church office.

Thank you

Debt Reduction Summary

4/30/2017

YTD 4/30/17

Gifts, Pledges

& Building Use

Income

\$25,717.00

Monthly Payments

Balance

PILP 5,700.87

670,705.22

PET Loan 450.00

63,898.38

Other Bldg Ln 833.30

15,563.67

6,984.17

750,167.27

4 months payments

27,936.68

Shortage of income to expenses

Expense

-\$2,219.68

Family Promise of Roane County

ATTENTION!!! We have a new date for the 2nd Annual BBQ and Bluegrass Event!! It will be August 19th at Roane County Park!! If you are a member at one of our Host or Support Congregations or Organizations and would like to have a team in the event please message me for details!! More info to come! Contact Jan Rybka at jgrybka@hotmail.com, or 310-8836, or 882-8836.

Birthdays for June

- 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
- 16 Shirley Swindler
- 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



Classes Offered

Do you only use your smart phone as a phone?
Don't know how to text or use all the features of your phone?
Want to connect with family and friends on Facebook?
WE HAVE A CLASS FOR YOU!!



Join Jennifer Dancu and her staff from Social Media 4 Seniors (SM4S) for the following classes:

June 14th, 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
– **Facebook**

June 14th, 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.
– **Pinterest**

June 22nd and 23rd, 9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M. – **Android Basics**

June 28th and 29th, 12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. – **Apple (iPhone/iPad) Basics**

Classes held at MECAA Annex (2305 N. Gateway Ave, Suite 10B) Rockwood
COSTS: 2 DAY, 4-HOUR CLASSES \$25.00
FACEBOOK / PINTEREST CLASSES \$15.00
CONTACT JENNIFER AT 865-437-6556 TO PRE-REGISTER
PAY THE DAY OF CLASS

STIHL Tour des Trees

The leading US fundraiser for tree research and education – STIHL Tour de Trees ...hits its 25th anniversary this year.

Over the past 15 years, the TREE Fund has issued nearly \$3 million in research grants for urban forestry and arboriculture researchers, as well as student scholarships and community education program grants... creating a healthier and more resilient canopy for future generations.

This year's Tour des Trees is a 500-mile loop trip in the area surrounding Washington, DC. Our own Melanie Sherrod is actively involved in this organization, and will be riding once again this year.

The tour is the last week of July this year instead of October. The direct link to Melanie's fund raising page is;
<https://www.crowdrise.com/STDTTeamSouthernChapter2017/fundraiser/melaniesherrod>

Mailing address for donations: TREE FUND, 552 S. Washington Street, Suite 109, Naperville, IL 60540.

Or, Melanie will mail in donations if given to her. All donations need the donor's name and address for non-profit tax deduction credit.

Prayer Requests

At Home: Tom Pickel, Jennifer Human, Jim & Mary B. Hines;

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Wellington Place, 1098 Bradford Way, 37763

Chris Badger, Room 107


The Lantern, 155 Morning Pointe Dr., Lenoir City 37772

Dick Evans

Cornerstone Village-North, 2-1 Oak St., Johnson City 37601

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Weekly Events: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM / Rug Hookers 1-3 PM / Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Fri. and Sat. 10-11:30 AM / / Yoga: Thursdays, 5:30 PM</p>						
 <p>Bethel's year-long 200th Birthday Celebration begins this month. We hope you'll be able to join us!</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Day of Pentecost Faith Team 12:15 Children's Pentecost Party 4-6 PM				Book Group 10 AM	Directory Photos taken	Directory Photos Taken
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Trinity Sunday Summer Sunday School Begins Today! Session 12:15	Finance Team 6 PM				Movie Night 8:30	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fathers' Day			Fellowship Team 5:30 Property Team 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	Women's Bible Study 10:30 AM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Study Team 12:15 Serve Team 12:15	Generosity Team 7 PM					