



The Open Door

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Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! We journeyed through Lent as we studied the Sermon on the Mount, shared table fellowship, remembered that God's love for us was bigger than any mess we have made, and finally experienced the crucifixion through Scripture and song. We have come to Easter, the destination of our Lenten journey. Easter is the great good news that God's love has defeated death itself, that life is forever changed because of God's love for us.

Yet as we hear in Mark's version of the resurrection story, Easter is also a decisive time for us as Christians. It is not just about trumpets, alleluias, bright colors and an easy new life. It is recognizing that because everything has changed, so too have we. And now the Gospel story continues through us –

through our lives of faith, through what we say and what we do, the choices we make, the love we share with one another.

Throughout the season of Easter, which lasts until Pentecost, we will continue to imagine ways we faithfully proclaim the gospel today. The Wednesday night supper and studies will continue through April and early May. We will celebrate Earth Day in worship on April 22. And of course our Birthday Celebrations begin in earnest. There is much to do, to learn, to celebrate this Easter Season. There are many ways for us to tell the Gospel story, the Good News that has changed everything. I look forward to sharing this Easter Season with you.

Grace and Peace,
Wendy

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 29:

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service
(Fellowship Hall)

6:00 PM Bethel

March 30:

Good Friday Service - Seven Last Words

6:00 PM KUMC

April 1:

Easter Sunrise Service (Back Patio)

6:30 AM Bethel

Easter breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 AM Bethel

Egg Hunt (meet at office doors)
9:30 AM Bethel

Easter Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 AM Bethel

Join us as we celebrate Easter!

Sunrise Service 6:30 AM Easter Breakfast 7:00 AM

Immediately following the Sunrise Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Jobs We need volunteers for Food Prep, Serving, and Clean-Up

Breakfast Items Needed:

2 Crock Pots (label with your name so we can return)

1 Box of Vegan Cereal

2 Small Jars of Jam or Jelly

1 ½ gal of Fruit Salad

If you can help, please text or contact Liz at [865 274-3550](tel:8652743550)

Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 AM

Meet near the church office to walk together to the Bethel Cemetery

Easter Worship

11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Also we will have the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Collection

Remember to bring in your fish box!



Have You Fed Your Fish?

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Bethel will receive our OGHS Offering on Easter Sunday

Wednesday Evening Supper and Study

Our next study series will be on Death and Dying. The series will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning on April 11 and extending through May 2. Dinner will be at 6:00 and the study from 6:30-7:30. Here's a list of the classes:

Death and Dying Series at Bethel

Week 1 Wednesday, April 11 FIVE WISHES

The Five Wishes document is a living will that talks about your personal, emotional and spiritual needs as well as your medical wishes. It is an easy-to-complete form that lets you say exactly how you want to be treated if you get seriously ill. You can state your wishes for:

1. The person you want to make care decisions for you when you can't
2. The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want
3. How comfortable you want to be
4. How you want people to treat you
5. What you want your loved ones to know

Week 2 Wednesday, April 18 Dr. David Wooten

Dr. David Wooten is the medical director for palliative and hospice care at Covenant Health. Palliative care is focused on providing relief from the symptoms and stress of a serious illness. The goal is to improve the quality of life for both the patient and the family.

Hospice is a specialized type of care for those facing a life-limiting illness, their families and

their caregivers. Hospice care involves a team-oriented approach to medical care, pain management and emotional and spiritual support expressly tailored to the patient's needs and wishes.

Week 3 Wednesday, April 25 Bailey Schrieffer, JD

Have you thought about how an illness might impact your ability to provide for your loved ones? Have you thought about how you might want your children to care for you as you age? Do you have a plan that spells out your wishes for the distribution of assets after your death? Have you developed an estate plan or advanced directives but haven't updated them as life circumstances have changed?

Bailey Schiermeyer is an attorney with Elder Law of East TN where she assists elders, individuals with disabilities and their families with planning for the legal and financial challenges of aging and long-term care situations. An elder law attorney can help protect what matters most: quality of life for loved ones, cherished relationships, family wealth and peace of mind.

Week 4 Wednesday, May 2 Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Plate?

[Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate: A Guide to Passing on Personal Possessions](#) (University of Minnesota Extension Service) is an award winning book that eases the challenges of distributing personal possessions.

BAM Art Show:

Bethel Arts Ministry group along with the Fiber Arts Group will present their annual Art Show on Sunday, April 8 following worship. Artists will be present to share about the arts groups as well as talk about individual pieces. This is a wonderful opportunity for Bethel folks to celebrate with the artists who share their creative energies and talents with us and each other weekly.

Fellowship Team International Dinner

On April 18th, we will be having an Internationally-themed fellowship dinner at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating countries from all around the world. Please feel welcome to bring your favorite international food.

Hosts Needed!

The fellowship team is searching for individuals to host fellowship dinners. If you are interested in hosting a fellowship dinner or have any questions, please contact Rachel Gallaher at [\(865\) 307-9976](tel:8653079976).

Birthday Celebration- Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for the following happenings related to our birthday celebration.

April 8 BAM art show

12:15 to 2pm in the Gathering Area

April 22 Concert by Vocalist Michael Rogers

2pm in the Sanctuary followed by a reception in the Gathering Area

May 15 Presbytery of East TN meeting at Bethel Presbyterian Church

June 1 Community Concert at South West Point 6pm to 8:30pm featuring Charlie King and others.

June 6 Fellowship Supper and sharing of memories with a hymn sing

6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

June 8 Production of A Church Called Bethel at 7pm in the Sanctuary followed by an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall

June 10 Homecoming Worship 11am in the Sanctuary followed by a celebration lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

In addition to these great events for Bethel and the larger community, you can also celebrate the church's birthday by offering a gift to the mortgage fund. The Generosity Team set a goal of an extra \$20,000 toward the mortgage debt during our birthday year. We are set to exceed that goal which is a wonderful way to celebrate the ministry of this church as well as set us in a good financial position to continue to do the ministry to which God calls us into our third century. If you would like to give a birthday gift to the church, simply mark your check birthday mortgage gift.



Women's Bible Study

Thursday, April 12 & 26
10:30 AM – Noon in the Library



Welcome Baby Mae!

Saturday, April 7th, from 2-4 PM
in the Fellowship Hall.
The Fellowship Team cordially
invites you to a shower for Mae
Christine Gallaher on Saturday,
April 7th, from 2-4 in the Fellow-
ship Hall. She is registered at Tar-
get. Please plan to join us as we
celebrate the birth of the newest
member of our Bethel Family!

Nursery Volunteers Needed

If you love watching children at
play, and want to be a vital part
of the "village" at Bethel as we
care for and raise our growing
group of toddlers and infants,
this is a great job for you!

We need helpers in the nursery
on Sunday mornings, mostly dur-
ing worship time, who can help
our regular staff when an extra
set of hands is needed.

There's a signup sheet in the
gathering area right outside the
nursery. Please join us!

Volunteers Needed

After worship, ever wonder who
makes sure the church is
locked, and lights are turned
off? With our new safety plan,
who checks the doors and locks
us in after worship begins? This
is the job of sexton. Several
folks have been doing this job
for years but time moves on
and we need to recruit some
new folks. The duties are not
onerous. It takes perhaps 10
minutes after church, but pro-
vide a valuable service to the
church. With the implementa-
tion of our safety plan, the sex-
ton would be asked to sit at the
back of the church during the
service or in the gathering area
to allow latecomers in. Prefera-
bly, a sexton will serve for a
month at a time, but there is
flexibility to trade weeks, etc.
Of course, instruction will be
provided. If you feel this is a
place you can serve Bethel,
please let Frank Harris know
(wfharris21@comcast.net) or in
person.

Prayer Requests

Assisted Living and Nursing
Homes
Wellington Place
1078 Bradford Way, Kingston
37763
Chris Badger, Room 107
Cornerstone Village-North
2-1 Oak street, Johnson City
37601
Tauno Maki

Prayer Requests
The family of Larry Strickling
Marianna Oonk
Anneke Oonk
Gil & Julie Barber

Happy Retirement!

Many Bethel folks have fond
memories of Rev. Don Morris,
former pastor at KUMC. Don
served the KUMC congregation
during the renovation of Bethel
and hosted the joint worship
services. He will be retiring in
June.

Those who wish to send a card
may send it to

Rev. Don Morris
Kern UMC
451 E. Tennessee Ave
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Birthdays for April

- 3 Amanda Purushotham
- 4 Jeremy Copeland
Laura Windhausen
- 6 Mary Kathryn Willett
- 9 Bill Sides
- 10 Cathy McDowell
- 13 Sherry Burchfield
- 17 Chuck Brumley
- 19 Clay Landers
Sheryl Stadnik
- 22 Dolores Sandmel
- 23 Sophie Crocker
- 27 Sarah Applegate
David Choate
Joni Morgan
- 28 Nancy Braski
- 30 Previn Griffith Langham

HOME Food Collection

Thank you for supporting our
local food pantry and helping
feed hungry folks in our com-
munity.

For the month of April our focus
foods are **Pasta & Spaghetti
Sauce**. These and other non-
perishable food items can be
brought in throughout the
month and placed in the HOME
collection basket in the Gather-
ing Area. Our in-worship collec-
tion will be Sunday, April 15th.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>EACH WEEK: Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club—Adults: Mon. 10-Noon & Mon 6:30-8:30 PM Fiber Arts Group Mondays 12:30 PM Taoist Tai Chi: Tues. 6-7:30 PM, Fri. 10-11:30 AM, Sat. 10-11:30 AM / Yoga Thursdays, 5:30 PM Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7:00 PM</p>						
1 EASTER SUNDAY Sunrise Service 6:30 Breakfast 7:00 Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 Worship 11:00	2	3	4	5 Ten 10 Book Club 10 AM	6	7 Baby Mae Shower 2:00
8 BAM Art Show 12:15	9 Finance Team 6:00	10	11 Death & Dying Series begins Dinner 6:00 Study 6:30	12 Women's Bible Study 10:30	13	14
15 Hands of Mercy Offering Session 12:15	16	17	18 Fellowship Team 5:30 Property team 5:30 Fellowship Sup- per 6:00 Death & Dying Study 6:30	19	20	21
22 Serve Team 12:15 Study Team 12:15 Michael Rogers Concert 2:00	23 Generosity Team 7:00	24	25 Death & Dying Series Dinner 6:00 Study 6:30	26 Women's Bible Study 10:30	27	28
29	30					