

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / JUL/AUG 2010



From the Pastor

What is unique about the Presbyterian Church?

We Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways: we adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

Theology is a way of thinking about God and God's relation to the world. Reformed theology evolved during the 16th century religious movement known as the Protestant Reformation. It emphasizes God's supremacy over everything and humanity's chief purpose as being to glorify and enjoy God forever.

Some of the principles articulated by John Calvin remain at the core of Presbyterian beliefs. Among these are: the sovereignty of God, the authority of scripture, justification by grace through faith and the priesthood of all believers.

What they mean is that God is the supreme authority throughout the universe. Our knowledge of God and God's purpose for humanity comes from the Bible, particularly what is revealed in the New Testament through the life of Jesus Christ. Our salvation (justification) through Jesus is God's generous gift to us and not the result of our own accomplishments. It is everyone's job - ministers and lay people alike - to share this Good News with the whole world. That is also why the Presbyterian Church is governed at all levels by a combination of clergy and laity, men and women alike.

In its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition. Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. These confessions reflect our understanding of God and what God expects of us at different times in history, but all are faithful to the fundamental beliefs described above. Even though we share these common beliefs, Presbyterians understand that God alone is lord of the conscience, and it is up to each individual to understand what these principles mean in his or her life.

Related to the central affirmation of God's sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition: The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation; Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God; A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation; and, the recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God.

(Source of Material: PCUSA Website)

Blessings, Craig

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Office Hours: 9-3:00 M-F

Sunday Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Youth

Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

*Bethel
Presbyterian
Church —
a community of*

*faith, fellowship, study and
service ...*

*seeking God's peace,
justice and love.*



From the Parish Nurse

My favorite season of the year is here.....SUMMER! Along with summer come picnics, parades, hikes, gazing at sunsets and other wonderful warm weather activities. Of course, my mind wanders to food that goes with these activities, and one in particular jumps out. WATERMELON. How I love it! In my past, I remember getting a slice of watermelon and mama putting a napkin on the front of my shirt and then.....no holds barred.....stick your face in..... and spit out the seeds fun. Hopefully my brother was sitting in close enough range that my seeds could reach him...heh-heh. Naturally, that meant all-out seed WAR.

Today, watermelon is still fun. As a nurse however, I see the nutritional side of this wonderful vegetable/fruit (it is kin to squash and cucumbers). The reason I added watermelon as a vegetable was that the *Chattanooga Times* in its July 5th article *Watermelon: A tasty tradition* names it as such. Watermelon, like tomatoes, is a rich source of Lycopene, offering about 7.4 mg per cup of fruit states *Lifescrypt healthy living for women*. Raw watermelon has about 60% more lycopene than raw tomatoes. As you have read, lycopene is a cancer-fighting chemical found in some foods. Also watermelon is a good source of vitamin C, potassium, fiber and even supplies a small amount of calcium. Watermelon needs a protein-rich food

like beef or veggie burgers to be ingested with it so you will not get the high energy spike and crash of eating watermelon alone.

Now, I must address something I have been dreading. Since this is my last column, I want to tell all of you how much I love you and wish you the very best health and happiness in the future. The reason I am leaving this job is that I needed a full-time job. I will be starting my new job as an emergency room nurse at Roane Medical Center on August 9th. This parish nurse job here at Bethel has been my most favorite job ever and I am sure I will always have fond memories of the people and situations of which I have been a part. And now fondly,
To your Health.....Deb

Notes, Letters, etc.
This and That

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Kay Michener:
John and Dabney Moloney
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Jim and Karen Schall
Dan and Cathy McDowell
Greenburg Traurig
Loden's Auto Center
Ruth Ann Ludwig
Rosa Mount
Huntonwood Homeowner's
Association
Polly Wagner
James Charles
Bobby and Peggy Collier
Thomas and Joanne Gajentan
Bill and Marianne Shadden
Roane County Republican
Women's Club
Andrew and Krista Levy
Betty Ulrich
Southwest Point Chapter D.A.R.
Jim and Gisela Condon
Starl and Joanne Moore

In memory of Joyce Law from:
Vernon Law

In memory of Jessie Zirkle from:
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Moore

In memory of Doris Barber from:
Doris Barber Trust

In memory of Jack Stackpole
from:
Dick Evans and Celia Simon
Ruth Ann Ludwig
George and Ginny Warlick

In memory of Ruby Hunter from:
Mae Kerley, Emma Hood and
Betty Robinette

In honor of Danny Holloway's
50th birthday from:
Bill and Nancy Kasior

An Invitation...

We would like to invite our Bethel family to our wedding October 22 at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville at 7 PM. A reception will follow in the Cokesbury Center across the street from the church.

Amanda Myers and Will Purushotham



Parish Life

We will not have Fellowship suppers in July and August. Also there will be no Fun Lunch in July and August. We will resume usual fellowship meals in September.

Prison Ministry:

Bethel continues to support our prison ministry at the Morgan County Regional Prison. Recently the ministry team met and considered requests for scholarship assistance for inmates who want to prepare themselves for meaningful careers when they return to the free world. We were pleased to be able to offer two scholarships (which are mainly funded by inmate contributions) for \$300 each.

Bethel bakers might want to mark your calendars for another event – the annual banquets for

the inmates' Varsity Club and Veterans Club are coming up, and they and their families look forward to enjoying the wonderful desserts that we supply. The first banquet is tentatively scheduled for July 19. If you can help provide a dessert, please contact Karen Schall (423-369-2955) or Marge Hettrick (882-6513).

Joni Morgan is planning a trip to **Sunset Gap** on Thursday, July 22nd. Any interested drivers should meet at the church by 8 am that morning; after dropping things off at the Mission, we'll have lunch together and be back in Roane County by around 2 pm. If you have items to donate

they should be left in the first classroom on the left on the 3rd floor.

Brown Bag Lecture:

"Appalachians All" by Dr. Mark Banker. Lecture begins at NOON! Spend an hour with history over lunch! Wednesday, July 14 at the East Tennessee Historical Society FREE
Dr. Mark Banker intertwines the histories of three communities—urban Knoxville, coal production in Clearfork Valley, and the farming, logging, and tourism of Cades Cove to tell a regional story that extends well beyond East Tennessee's boundaries. As he reflects on the research and revisionist interpretations of Appalachia that have emerged over the past thirty years, he reveals the region's profoundly rich and complex experience. For more information contact: Cherel Henderson Phone: 865-215-8823

Happenings
This Month

Produce Table

Apparently the produce table was a big hit last year since many people started asking when it would reappear on Sunday mornings. Our gardens are beginning to show some results so we will have as much produce as possible until frost. When you have produce to share, please contact Jane B. Walsh 376-5250. Please help yourself to any of the produce you can use. Donations to Mission Outreach projects are appreciated.

**Green Team
(Environmental Stewardship)**

Did you like the plates and cutlery we used for the Bethel's 192nd Birthday Party? Turns out the silverware was made

from cornstarch and the plates were made from sugar cane fiber, You can get these Eco-Friendly items at Party City, 8503 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN.

Thanks to Carol Brown for bringing this to our attention.

**Action . . .
Adventure . . .
Astronomy!**

Join us for the **Truman D. Anderson Discovery Center's** Summer Program at the Kingston Public Library beginning July 9th.

Youth 12 years and older are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Please contact the Kingston Public Library at 376-9905 for more information.**

**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN
COMMITTEE**



Thanks to all the folks who responded to Bethel's capital campaign during these hard financial times. Through your generosity, we have made an additional \$9,000 in principal payments. The PILP mortgage balance is now \$956,000 ... \$30,000 lower than scheduled. We've saved \$56,660 in interest and will pay off our mortgage one year early.

Now... watch for our "loose change" interest savings opportunity coming in the fall. Twenty dollars a week in loose change will save us over \$100 in interest each month!

As always, mortgage offerings must first be applied to the regular mortgage payments. Amounts above the mortgage reserve and all of the building memorials will be used for direct payments on principal.

Happenings Next Month

Calling all Youth Group Alumni:

Mark your calendars now for the First (but hopefully not last!) Bethel Youth Group Alumni Reunion on Friday, August 20th. All former youth group members, their spouses, significant others, and friends are invited to come by, enjoy a few burgers on the grill, and catch up with old friends. We'll provide the food, and child care if you need it, and you can provide the memories, fun and laughter. Be watching the mail for an invitation with further details.

Beginners Tai Chi Classes

The new Beginners class will start Saturday, August 14th 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. The Continuing class will meet Saturdays from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. Tuesday evening Continuing class will stay the same 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

All classes will meet at Bethel Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call 865-661-8510.

Dear Bethel:

Dear Craig and all—

I'm now an official resident in Titusville, FL (the Space Center).

This was never my plan to be in an assisted living – But I'm so enjoying it all. The people are friendly and there's so much to do. Today I go to exercise (Fun in Motion – that's to keep the joints in good shape). This afternoon is Mobile Library and tonite shuffle board. There's much activity morning, afternoon & early evening.

I do miss all in Kingston – friends and my house & Bethel. But I have a three room apartment and my own furniture. And the icing on the cake – my son & daughter-in-law are 10 minutes away. I'm blessed!! What more can I ask?

--Love to all, Carolyn
Carolyn's new address is:
Carolyn Tulley
Titusville Towers, Apt. 307
405 Indian River Ave.
Titusville, FL 32796

To Bethel Church Office:

We visited Kingston to see the fireworks, and with 3 children in tow, we knew we'd need to seek a restroom eventually. We climbed the hill to ask for directions. We were so warmly welcomed and invited to come inside. We were offered drinks and food and even given a tour of the beautiful new addition. I'm a quilter, and noticed the gorgeous quilts hanging in the entrance. It was wonderful and everyone was so friendly. My children are still talking about it and planning on next year's event! (We could bring something next time.) Thank you for making us feel like a part of your church family and sharing with us. It was one of the most memorable outings that we've taken as a family. We kicked back with full tummies, empty bladders, smiles and enjoyed our first time in Kingston!

Love in Christ, The Downeys

Prayer Reminders

The members and regularly attending friends of Bethel are assigned to elder care groups. Each month, we publish the list of one or more elder care groups in the newsletter for your prayers. The elder's name and phone at the top of the list are listed as a reminder of their role in nurturing and supporting those who belong to Bethel. You should feel free to contact your elder or the pastor if you have a particular spiritual need or other matter that needs to be brought to our attention.



**JONI
MORGAN
(2010)
882.6139**

Ralph (out-of-state)
Frederick, Susannah [out-of-state]
Applegate, *Kevin & +Cindi
^Cash, Roberta
Carter, John
Cross, Donald & Shara
Kirby, Eddie
Kirby, *Leonard & Bina
Landers, Clay & Nancy
Maki, Tauno & ^Marge
Parker, Jan
Parker, *Robert & Elaine Toon
Poland, *Ben & Veronica Kirby,
*Lucas
Ricker, Helene
Sandmel, Dolores
^Shields, Marnie
Stackpole, Fern
^True, Margaret
Toon, Nelda
Ulrich, *Bill & Betty

School of the Laity begins this Fall

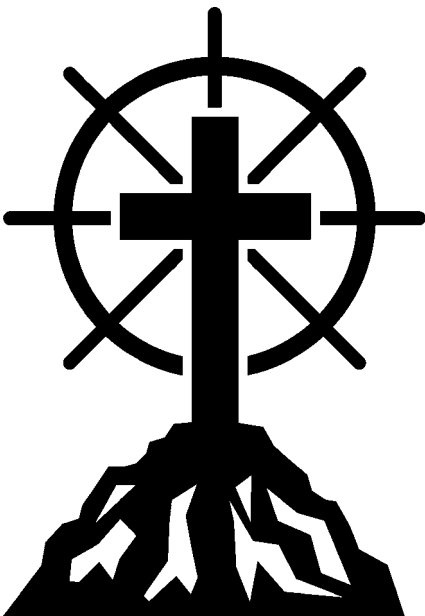
Interested in learning more about your **faith**? Curious about **Reformed Theology** or our **Presbyterian heritage**? Thinking about the possibility of becoming a Commissioned Lay Pastor or accepting other leadership opportunities? Then we have an innovative program just for you.

Starting in the Fall of 2010 our presbytery will be offering a **School of the Laity at Maryville College three times a year**. Each class will be held on two Saturdays and will be taught by Maryville College faculty or area ministers. The cost for each class will be **\$65, which includes lunch** at the college both days. Please note that although one needs to be an elder to be a Commissioned Lay Pastor, **the School of the Laity is available to all lay persons.**

For more information, contact:

Elizabeth Wilson: / 865-671-4132
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Ron Keese: / 865-521-6851
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John Knox Center News 50th Anniversary Weekend September 17-19, 2010

Join us for a weekend of worship and celebration as the John Knox Center turns 50! There are several options for your family, congregation, or individuals to take part in the festivities. Come for the weekend and enjoy all the special activities, memories, meals and fun or join us for the day. The details have just been released on accommodations, meals and a full schedule of activities. This is not just a picnic, everything from special worship services, activities, and high quality meals will make this experience one you won't forget. Details at the anniversary celebration page of the JKC website.

Suggestion Box

Two suggestions were received in May - The session referred both suggestions to the Worship Committee. **First suggestion** - "One Sunday we should have Worship outside." The Worship Committee's response to the first suggestion was to wait until the proposed amphitheater is built on the bank behind Bethel. There is an upcoming Worship event that will be outdoors - John Knox Center will celebrate their 50th Anniversary September 17th - 19th. Bethel will join John Knox at their September 19th Worship Service. For those who do not want to go to John Knox - there will be an 8:30 Worship Service at Bethel. **Second suggestion** - "One Sunday we should have contemporary Christian music for the Youth Group." The Worship Committee is working to determine what the youth would like to have. A response will be in a future "Open Door."

Jordan Sherrod selected for Summer Lilly Internship Program

Our own **Jordan Sherrod**, a member of **Bethel Presbyterian Church** in Kingston and daughter of Melanie Sherrod and the late Rev. Marc Sherrod, has been selected for the Summer Lilly Internship Program. She will intern at REACH of Macon County, a domestic violence and rape crisis center headquartered in Franklin, N.C. She will help manage the shelter and assist with court advocacy, grant writing and the intake of abused women.

Funded by Lilly Endowment Inc. and a component of the College's Initiative on Vocation, Summer Lilly Internships enable Maryville students to obtain first-hand experience in quality professional, nonprofit and corporate work settings. The program is now in its eighth year at the College.

Available Volunteer Position

Do you have an interest in history, keeping up with relevant records, organizing data and ensuring that data are maintained in an efficient manner? If so, we have just the volunteer position for you.

The **Bethel Archivist** would work with the Clerk of Session and Session Committee chairs and others to gather the necessary materials to provide a historical record of the operation and significant events important to Bethel. Previous experience with set-up and maintenance of files would be a plus. Also, experience with scrapbooks could be a plus. Assistance and counsel would be available to assist with just what needs to be archived. No previous archivist experience necessary. If interested, please contact Cathy McDowell

Session Highlights from April, May, and June

Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1. The session passed a motion to dispense with individual elder subscriptions to the *Presbyterians Today* magazine and to purchase one subscription of *Presbyterians Today* and one subscription of *Presbyterian Outlook* and to keep these issues in the library.

2. The Session is reviewing the 2007 Task Force report on Care Giving and working to update the Parish Care List and the Church Rolls.

3. Elder Larry Strickling attended the May 4th Presbytery Meeting and gave a report to the session.

4. The session is supporting the East Tennessee Human Resources Association (ETHRA) "Summer Feeding Program." This is an ongoing Program used to feed any hungry child through the summer. Meals are being served at Cowan's Chapel United Methodist Church. Ten folks from Bethel have been trained and are working as volunteers in this Program, which began on June 14th and will end on August 6th.

5. There is ongoing discussion about the Vision 2010 Ministry Initiatives that came from the Congregation's 2003 Visioning process. Which of these six Ministry Initiatives have been accomplished; what still needs to be done? What should be Bethel's vision for the future?

6. The Presbytery's review of the Session Minutes and Church Register occurred on June 26th at Sweetwater. Bethel received all positive marks.

Complete Session Minutes are stored in the Bethel Office and are available for anyone to read - PLEASE do not remove the Session Book from the office.

Mission Outreach

Mission Outreach focus for July:

Hands of Mercy

Mission Outreach focus for

August: Cents-a-bility

The MO committee is sending \$87.50 to the Kingston Fire Department. This amount will supply fire safety information and services to 50 children in the community.

Committee News

Stewardship & Finance

General Fund through

June 2010:

Offering received:	\$99,055
Funds Transferred	\$5,600
Expenses:	\$121,543
Net -Decrease:	-\$ 16,889

PNC Report

The PNC continues to meet, listen to tapes, and conduct telephone interviews. Please continue to keep the PNC in your thoughts and prayers, and do not hesitate to bring names to our attention.

Flowers

Joan Davis and Jane B. Walsh would like to thank all of you who have said how much you appreciate the flowers each Sunday morning. I would like to thank Marge Hettrick and Nelda Toon for the innovative, special occasion arrangements in the sanctuary. And a very big thanks to Joan Davis for her beautiful arrangements week after week.

While many of the flowers come from our gardens, others in the church and community are also contributing their flowers. Thus far, Marge Hettrick, Nancy Maynard, The Bankers, Deb Hyder, Mary Page (KUMC), Nelda Toon, the Benfield family, the Michener family, Joan Davis, Jane Walsh, Scott and Brenda Franklin Parkhurst, Mike and Jeanette MacElhinney, Bethel landscape and this beautiful Green Earth have all contributed flowers. We thank each and every one.

Joan and Jane welcome any flowers you would like to share with the congregation. They can be left at the church Saturday afternoon. We are usually there working on arrangements then. If you would like to take flowers home after church (most of them last several days and some as long as a week or more), please do so. Just be sure to return the container and anything else other than the flowers.

The *Bethel Library* is about to become a reality. Thanks to a generous gift from the family of John and Doris Barber, we are able to begin creating a welcoming space where folks can come for information, find a space for quiet contemplation, conduct meetings, and gather together for discussion. Bookshelves, tables, chairs and a TV are in place.

Books are being shelved. CE Committee is in the process of selecting audio-visual equipment for use in meetings, etc., and we are looking forward to being able to purchase some new books. We hope to be able to dedicate the library soon.

We welcome suggestions about the kinds of books that you would like to see in your church library. Please contact Karen Schall (423-369-2955) or Marilyn Harris (539-4779).

We are moving along this summer! If you have not been to youth or Sunday School in awhile, bring a friend for games and a great night to learn how we can love our friends and help our neighbors grow closer to Jesus Christ on Wednesday nights!



Youth Council-
Sunday July 11 at 2 PM. Come join us to help jump start our Fall plans in the KUMC youth room.

July 14- Youth (Watch Facebook, Email and the text tree for details)

July 21-Hebrews Coffeehouse at Cokesbury UMC. We will leave KUMC at 6 PM and head to Cokesbury for music, coffee, fun and fellowship! We will be returning at 9:15 PM.

July 21- DEADLINE for Dollywood Registration (Watch your email, Facebook and the text tree for more information on this event!)

July 24-Dollywood!!!!

July 28-Word and Water 7PM at the Seeleys.



Future Activities:

August-Whitewater Rafting on the Ocoee!!

August 8-School Kickoff Picnic @ Southwest Point

August 13-LockIn!!!! (For grades 6-12)

September 19- Bethel Worship @ Camp John Knox. No Sunday School that day.

We will be moving back to our Sunday night schedule and small groups once school starts back!

Are you interested in serving on Youth Council? We can all create and maintain an awesome ministry to impact the community of Kingston. If you're interested or would like more information, talk to Will Perushotham for an application form.

Here's the Scoop Youth News

Upcoming Seniors and Juniors-

We are in the pre-planning stages of restarting "Almost There". Send me your ideas for this year's events and mission ideas!

Let Will P. know if you want to be added to our text tree to receive up to the minute updates on youth activities. Text your name to (423) 506-9584.

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Thought for the week: "Do you think God loving you is nothing special? Stop and think about it. The God of the universe who created everything, the God who controls the oceans and holds the stars in the sky loves YOU. Wow!

"The Lord your God is with you; the mighty One will save you. He will rejoice over you. You will rest in His love; He will sing and be joyful about you.

Zephaniah 3:17

Text or email Will your thoughts on this passage!

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV