The Open Door







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9:30 a.m. Combined Bethel/ KUMC Youth SS 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 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.

What is Lent?

Lent is a 40 day period before Easter that commemorates the time Jesus spent in the wilderness. In the early church this was a time of preparation for those about to be baptized. Today it is more often regarded as a season of soul searching and repentance for all Christians when we prepare for the joy and celebration of Easter by giving ourselves an annual spiritual check up. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Maundy Thursday. You probably realize that there are more than 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday. That is because early Christians never fasted on Sundays. They are excluded from the days of Lent because they are always celebrations of Christ's resurrection.

The temptations of Christ parallel those of the children of Israel in the wilderness but how different are his responses. The children of Israel were dissatisfied with God's provision of manna. They remembered the rich foods from their captivity in Egypt and greedily hungered for more so that their physical cravings could be satisfied. (Num 11:4-36) Christ saw his physical hunger as unimportant and trusted in God to provide for all his needs.

At Massah, the Israelites demanded miraculous signs that revealed God's presence, totally ignoring God's constant and miraculous care for them.(Ex 17:1-7). Jesus refused to test God by the use of miraculous signs. The Israelites fashioned a golden calf

to worship but Christ turned his back on temptations of worldly wealth and power.

Each time he is tempted by Satan, Christ deliberately turned away from the attractions of a self centered and self serving world in order to place God's purposes and the outwardly focused values of God's kingdom at the center of all he was and did.

Lent is a time when we reflect on our behaviors and seek help in rededicating ourselves to God's purposes. It is a time for selfdenial and fasting when we give up some of the comforts of our lives in order to make ourselves more available to God.

Traditionally, Lent is marked by penitential prayer, fasting, and giving. Most churches that observe Lent at all focus on it as a time of prayer, especially penance, repenting for failures and sin as a way to focus on the need for God's grace. It is really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

During Lent it is as though we join Jesus in his walk toward Good Friday and the crucifixion. Our self denial is a way to enter into the fellowship of Christ's suffering so that we can identify more fully with those who are chronically hungry, oppressed, in pain or in need. This year as we walk towards the Cross may we invite God to make us aware of those things that distract us from a wholehearted commitment. Let us be open to the ways of the spirit.

Blessings! Craig

Mission Outreach

The March mission focus will be the great need in Haiti. Deb Hyder will present the Minute for Mission on the needs in Haiti and what Bethel can do to help.

Many thanks to all of you who contribute to the Cents-Ability Program. The Roane County Cooperative Ministry received a \$1000 grant in January 2010. This will help 40 low-income families in Roane County grow their own food. This project can use new, unused canning lids if you are interested in donating some.

Bethel continues to contribute to Living Waters of the World Program and has received a certificate of "thanks" for this generosity.

Green Team

Did you get catalogues and other unwanted mail you did not request or want this past year? If so, you can go to catalog-choice.org and have your name removed from the mailing lists of your choice. This free service stops waste, clutter and saves natural resources.

Many of us will soon be buying plants for our gardens. Remember many of the plastic containers can be recycled through Michael Dunn Center. Just check the bottom of the container for the recycling logo and any number between 1-7. Contact Jane B. Walsh at 376-5250 if you need help recycling these containers.

Sunset Gap News

A recent newsletter from our friends at Sunset Gap Community Center tells of extensive water damage suffered in their dormitory due to broken water pipes. More info can be found at www.Sunsetgap.org,



Last Thursday I was part of a PCUSA webinar regarding Haiti and what the PCUSA is doing. I wanted to take this time to bring you up to date. The latest statistics show that there are 250,000 dead as the result of the earthquake and 1 million left homeless. Water and sewage disposal systems have been destroyed. 1,000 have had amputations secondary to their injuries. There are approximately 700 children orphaned and many unaccompanied children. The impact of the earthquake on their agriculture is enormous...their main crop is rice which must have a lot of water.

What has PCUSA done? Through One Great Hour of Sharing- \$100,000 has been given to support World Church Service that acts in response to the local's needs. Holy Cross Hospital and school of nursing were destroyed by the earthquake. To date, PCUSA through PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) has given \$ 1/2 million to help rebuild the hospital and school of nursing. Most of the population is living in

tents made only of tarps strung together. The job is not going to get easier. In fact, officials fear the coming months when Haiti will face its rainy season with the threat of storms, floods and hurricanes.

Right now, trauma counselors fluent in French or Creole are the main need.

Children can make the Hygiene kits and gift of the heart kits or have a fundraiser to benefit Haiti.

Are the adults to go on a worktrip to Haiti? Not yet....officials say that we don't know all the needs and exactly what we can do.

So what can we do? (1) Pray, and (2)Financial support by phone 1-800-872-3283; online at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, or mail: PC(USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA., 15264-3700
Please earmark checks: DR 000064

Thank you for your kindness, Deb Hyder, Your local PDA representative

Property and Personnel

The following items remain from our remodeling. They are free, although a donation to the building fund would not be refused. You may contact Gary Griffith or Frank Harris if you are interested:

- 2 speakers, 35 watts, 8 ohms, cloth cover torn on one.
- 4 bathroom mirrors, 16 inches by 22 inches, stainless steel frames.
- One 36 inch six panel door, 84 inches tall.
- Two 32 inch six panel doors, 69 inches tall.

If no one wants them by April 1, they will be hauled to some organization like Habitat for Humanity or put out on the street with a big sign saying "Free".

The Open Door

From the Parish Nurse

My pal Joni Morgan recently sent me an email that got me thinking about Lent. I grew up in the Church of Christ in Rockwood. Needless to say, we did not observe Lent. When I started going to Bethel in 1989, I started learning many new traditions. I learned that Lent is the forty days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Interestingly, these forty days do not include Sundays because Sundays are "Feast Days" that we do not fast. The traditional purpose of Lent is the preparation of all believersthrough prayer, penitence, almsgiving and self-denial- for the annual commemoration during Holy Week of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus that culminates in Easter. Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Why forty days? There are numerous Biblical accounts to reflect upon: the forty days Moses spent on Mount Sinai with God (Exodus 24:18), the forty days and nights Elijah spent walking to Mount Horeb (1Kings 19:8), God made it rain for forty days and forty nights in the days of Noah (Genesis 7:4), the Hebrew people wandered forty years traveling to the Promised Land (Numbers 14:33), Jonah in his prophecy of judgment gave the city of Nineveh forty days in which to repent (Jonah 3: 4). In the New Testament, Jesus retreated into the wilderness, where he fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the devil (Matthew 4: 1-2, Mark 1: 12-13, Luke 4: 1-2). As we will recall, Jesus overcame all three of the devil's temptations by reciting scripture back to him. After these forty days in the wilderness, the

angels fed Jesus and he started his ministry. In my research for this article, I found out that it is a traditional belief that Jesus lay for forty hours in the tomb and that this led to the forty hours of total fast that preceded the Easter celebration in the early church.

Many decide to "give something up" for Lent. This selfdenial can be food (chocolate, alcohol, red meat) or an activity (going to the movies, playing video games) or we can consider taking on a Lenten discipline such as devotions, volunteering for charity work, etc. Danny and I are giving up chocolate. I tend to look on the bright side.....this is only for forty days and Sundays are not included in this sacrifice.

I wish you a healthy, introspective Lenten seaaon —Deb

One Great Hour of Sharing

Jesus said, "Do you love me? ... Feed my sheep." (John 21:16-27)

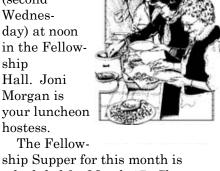
"Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future." http://www.pcusa.org/oghs

Please plan to participate in this special offering to be received on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, March 28 and April 4.

Parish Life

Be sure to attend the Fun Lunch on March 10 (second Wednesday) at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Joni Morgan is your luncheon



ship Supper for this month is scheduled for March 17. Share your favorite dish with your Bethel family. Parish Life is asking our hardworking Landscape Committee to be present as we thank them for making our outside space more beautiful. Be sure to bring your own plates and utensils if possible. Your help with this earth friendly practice saves water and

water heating costs.

People change addresses and phone numbers more quickly than they used to. With this in mind, Parish Life is asking you to update your address, phone number, and email address for a more current non-pictorial directory. In the Gathering

Area on Sundays in March you will find a table where you can change your information if necessary. If you happen to miss the PL team in the Gathering Area. you can contact Jeannette McElhinney at:

jmcelhinney@bellsouth.net or jeanette rn@yahoo.com.

Thank you for making it easier for all of us to stay in touch.

The PL kitchen elves have organized and labeled the kitchen for the convenience of all users. Please help maintain order by placing items back in their proper place. If something is very inconvenient please see a PL person.

Evangelism and Communication

Join Us on Facebook!

In many ways, churches are the traditional home of 'social networking'. What is social networking and why should the community of faith known as Bethel Presbyterian Church be involved? Social networking is the grouping of individuals into specific groups or organizations, like a small community or neighborhood. Social networking is most popular online.

So what, why should Bethel be involved? Churchgoers generally share at least two things in common—their faith and their geography. We can connect in all sorts of ways...worship services, fellowship activities, service opportunities, bible studies, etc. But what about keeping that connection alive for those who have moved away or re-kindling that connection for those who aren't participating anymore~especially our young adults? The classic problem facing young adult ministry in the PCUSA today is feeling isolated from the rest of the denomination.

Online social networking complements the relationships that we share in person. It is not meant to take the place of face-to -face contact; our foray into social networking is meant to improve and enhance our traditional relationships and continue to foster and nurture our relationship with members and friends who are no longer able to worship and fellowship with us in person.

On February 16th, Bethel launched a facebook page. It has basic information about the church and our location. If you join facebook (FREE), then you can become a fan of the page and be able to read what others post and post comments yourself. The Evangelism & Communication Committee is the administrator for the facebook page.

In less than 24 hours, we had over 40 fans! Less than half of those fans are regular attendees—most of our fans are friends and relatives who no longer reside in Kingston and desire a continued relationship with us since they do not have a church home where they are now (example—our college kids and young adults).

As we adjust to this revolution in thinking about our church community and how we communicate with one another, please pray for the Evangelism & Communication Committee and our new Bethel Presbyterian Church facebook page.

--Julie Bunch, on behalf of the Evangelism & Communication Committee

'Bye' By Bi

"We will eat the elephant one bite at a time," said Frank Harris, as the capital campaign committee voted to establish the goal of saying good-bye to our mortgage by Bethel's bicentennial on June 6, 2018. Through a combination of monthly mortgage payments, principal payments, endowments, bequests and investments in PILP notes, the committee believes the debt can be retired by our 200th birthday.

Plans are still being made for the rollout of the first phase, the 3 year capital campaign required by our mortgage lender. We hope that the kick off will begin on April 11th and end with a celebration on our 192nd birthday, June 6, 2010. Please share your ideas and suggestions with committee members who are Nancy King, Frank Harris, Jill McMaster, Ken Dungan, Jim Schall, Linda Brown and Carol Brown. Watch for more information in April's Open Door.

Loaves and Fishes

Are you:

- A teacher?
- An elder?
- A youth leader?
- Growing older?
- A caregiver?
- Have a passion for mission?
- Want to know more about our denomination?
- Looking for renewal?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions (plus a whole lot more we haven't mentioned!) then Loaves and Fishes 2010 might be just the thing for you:

The Loaves & Fishes Experience 2010

April 16, 17, 2010 Sequoyah Hills PC, Knoxville

Our presbytery's biennial event organized to equip and inspire its participants will take place in Knoxville, at the Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church this spring – April 16 & 17, 2010.

GA Moderator Bruce Reyes
-Chow will be the Keynote
speaker and the Rev. Rhashell
D. Hunter, GA's Director of
Racial Ethnic and Women's
Ministries, will be our Keynote
Preacher.

Rev. Chip Andrus will serve as worship/ music leader for the event.

Besides inspiring worship, times for fellowship, a bookstore, many displays and a hospitable setting, Loaves & Fishes will be offering dozens of workshops. There will also be several classes which will be just fun and interesting to take, like photography, going "green," using today's technology, etc.

Registration forms are in the church office, and must be post-marked by April 1. Ya'll come!

Youth News

Thank you for supporting the Youth Group at our "Night of Elegance" Dinner. We raised \$1,400 for the Bethel/KUMC Student Ministry. We raised a total amount of \$521.41 for the Souper Bowl offering. This entire amount was donated to Hands of Mercy right here in Kingston. Thank you!!!

Youth Calendar:

March 5-7- Summit March 7- Almost There Lunch 12 Noon

Youth planning council/ 30 Hour Famine Planning Meeting- 3:30 6 PM- Youth

March 14-6 PM Youth March 28- Trip to the "Lost Sea" with Luminary UMC Upcoming Events

April 23-24- 30 Hour Famine **May 2**- Youth Fundraising Dinner for Ganado Mission Trip

March Birthdays

- 2 Dianne GriffithBina KirbyGinny WarlickJean Young
- 3 Duie Swicegood
- 5 Vic King Dan McDowell Robert Winsbro
- 8 Charlie Coen
- 9 Kathy Banker
- 11 Margaret True
- 12 Libby Cuneo
- 13 Linda Choate Gary Griffith
- 14 Travis Brown Shawn Hart
- 16 Wanda Carter
- 17 Hayden Jacks Paul Pearman
- 19 Marge Hettrick
- 26 Justin Murr
- 27 Greg Murr
- 28 Peggy Sheppard
- 29 Nancy King
- 30 Viviana Vanegas



Suggestion received: Can we have hand sanitizer at the downstairs and upstairs entrance areas?

Response: Large bottles of hand sanitizer have been placed at these two entrance areas. Thanks to the person who alerted us about this need.

Memorial Gifts

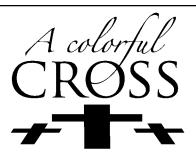
In memory of Joan Pemberton from:

Joe and Amy Coen
Clay and Nancy Landers
Samuel and Lisette Pemberton
In memory of Doris Barber from:
Clay and Nancy Landers
Daphane Naumer
Nancy Naumer
Muse W. Gravel
Joyce C. White
George and Ginny Warlick
In memory of Joyce Law from:
Vernon Law
In memory of Marc Sherrod from

In memory of Marc Sherrod from: Mark and Kathy Banker Rev. and Mrs. Burton Sherrod In memory of Betty Baird Brown from:

George and Ginny Warlick Rose Marie Pierce Chris Badger

Just for kids...



Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

What you need:

- 8½" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

What you do:

- 1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
- 2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
- 3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
- 4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
- 5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.

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.

- *non-member
- ^shut-in
- +inactive
- ~baptized roll

STEVE JACKS (2010) 717.6756

Amber, Hayden
Brown, Linda & *Travis
Browning, Cody
Choate, David & Jessica,
*Eyan, *Hailey
+Choate, Doug
Choate, Jennifer
Choate, Linda
Keko, *Peter & * Bitsy
Lemasters, Gary
+Lowery, Lily
Russell, Dianne
Stooksbury, Billie
Young, Jean
+Young, Scott

BOBBIE MARTIN (2010) 376.6840

Bill

Backus, *Eric & +Christine Clouse, *Emily Coleman, *Vee ^Daniel, Neva (out of state) +Gasque, Julia +Halsey, Margaret Hensley, Dana

Hyder, Dan & Debbie, Bram & Kerry

+Lefler, Robin Evans

Reynolds, Bill

+Horton, Stacy

Robertson, +James

+Scott, Gloria

*Singley, Liz

Swicegood, Duie

^Waldrup, Evelyn

Wall, Jan

*Wheeler, Dorothy

+Wilson, Clayton

Winsbro, Bob

Wood, David

Wood, Ellen (out of state)

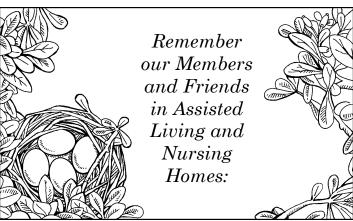
Jamestowne

851 Lawnville Road Kingston 37763 Nelle Griffith, Room 206 Louise Pickel, Room 209 Mac Robbins, Room 305 Sophie Simon, Room 302 Anne Smith, Room 304

Wellington Place 1098 Bradford Way

Kingston 37763 Jan Parker, Room 107 **Arbor Terrace** 9051 Cross Park Drive

Knoxville 37923
Marge Maki , Room 312L
Baptist Healthcare
700 Williams Ferry Rd 45
Lenoir City 37771
Evelyn Waldrup, Room 42A



The Bridge at Rockwood 5580 Roane State Hwy Rockwood 37854

Roberta Cash, Room 201B Gene Pierce, Room 209 Margaret True, Room 110

Harriman Healthcare

240 Hannah Rd Harriman 37748

Ruby Hunter, Room 305A

NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge

300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830

Wanda Carter, Room 212A

Please keep in your prayers: Kristin Wagner, Justin Trivett, Ron Rossi, Anneke Oonk, Kay Michener, Anne Smith, Dianne Russell, Pat Hale, Marci Smith, Helene Ricker, Doris Ann Parkinson, Dot Davis, Madeline Houston, Lucy Webb

Calendar for March 2010

1 Monday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Boy Scout Troop 101 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room

2 Tuesday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Advanced Spanish 6:30 p.m. in the Library Steven Ministry at KUMC 7:00 p.m.

3 Wednesday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. at the Brown's

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 in the Music Room Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

4 Thursday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

5 Friday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Evangelism Committee 7:00 p.m. Youth Summit in Gatlinburg

6 Saturday

Taoist Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area Permanent Judicial Commission Training 9:00 a.m. Youth Summit in Gatlinburg

7 Sunday

Communion Sunday

Hands of Mercy Food Collection

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Almost There Lunch 12 Noon

Youth planning council/ 30 Hour Famine Planning Meeting- 3:30 p.m.

Youth Summit in Gatlinburg

Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

8 Monday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Stewardship & Finance Meeting 5:30 p.m. Christian Education Meeting 5:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 101 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room

9 Tuesday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Advanced Spanish 6:30 p.m. in the Library

10 Wednesday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Fun Lunch 12:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. at the Brown's

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 in the Music Room Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary 11 Thursday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall 12 Friday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

13 Saturday

Taoist Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area

14 Sunday

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area Worship 11:00 a.m.

Minute for Mission: Haiti

Youth 6:00 p.m.

15 Monday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop 101 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room

16 Tuesday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Advanced Spanish 6:30 p.m. in the Library

17 Wednesday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Property Committee 5:30 p.m.

Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. at the Brown's

Fellowship Supper 6:30 p.m.

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 in the Music Room

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

18 Thursday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Mission Outreach Meeting 6:30 p.m.

19 Friday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

20 Saturday

Angel Food Distribution 7:00 a.m. / United Way

Taoist Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area

21 Sunday

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area

Worship 11:00 a.m.

22 Monday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop 101 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room

23 Tuesday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Advanced Spanish 6:30 p.m. in the Library

24 Wednesday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. at the Brown's

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 in the Music Room

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

25 Thursday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall 26 Friday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

27 Saturday

Taoist Tai Chi 9:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area

28 Sunday

Palm Sunday

One Great Hour Offering

Coffee & Fellowship 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Area

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Youth 'Lost Sea' Trip 12:00 p.m.

29 Monday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop 101 7:00 p.m. in Scout Room

30 Tuesday

Michael Dunn Center 9:00 a.m.

Taoist Tai Chi 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Advanced Spanish 6:30 p.m. in the Library

31 Wednesday

Seniorcize 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. at the Brown's

Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:30 in the Music Room

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary