

The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / OCTOBER 2010



Greetings!

Bethel Presbyterian Church

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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.



Bethel's Opportunities

This church has a wonderful history and an open-to-possibility manner that helps define its ministry. It has also been led by visionary and loving pastors. And one of the things that I think is most important is that when Marc was ill, Pat and the lay leaders of this congregation rose to the challenges. Strong lay leadership is one of the great strengths of Bethel.

The church is full of very intelligent, creative, and gifted people, who are interested in the creative balance of faith and reason. It is not a lock-step congregation: it is one that engages, debates, values, and respects an individual's viewpoint — if it can be supported and substantiated.

Bethel is a church that takes chances and risks for the future. To take on the challenges, risks, and debt of the rebuilding process took a lot of faith and hope for the future. To do this with a sense that somehow God will find a way for Bethel to prosper was truly a "leap of faith". I know it will happen.

Bethel has embraced the BAM program (Bethel Arts Ministries) and many people of our own congregation as well as others in the community have grown and benefited from our endeavors. It has also led many leaders in the congregation to say, "Yes we can"! The arts will continue to be a frontier issue for Bethel and something that needs to be encouraged and identified as a defining and distinguishing aspect of Bethel's ministry.

There are educational challenges that exist in our community, but I know there are a number of really bright and creative retired folks in this congregation. Do you think we could conspire to form a mentoring/coaching for-

mat that we could use not only for our children but also for those outside our congregation? We've talked about mentoring. We need to make it happen. Has it ever occurred to you that maybe you have some wisdom to transfer to a next generation? I have to tell you that folks like Nelda Toon, George McGill, Jan Rybka, and others have a song to sing. These folks are priceless, and their stories are the unique. We need, as a congregation, to capture their stories. Greg Murr, Deb helped capture Jack Muecke's walk-thru Bethel cemetery and remember the folks who are buried there. **We need to have the perspective of honoring the past, celebrating the present, and believing in the future.**

As your interim pastor, my charge is to help you move into the future. I want you to survive and grow, and will do anything I can to make that happen. But you must also want that growth and have the faith to believe it can happen,

What I want each of you do to is find someone and tell them about Bethel and why you are a member. It doesn't have to be special: it has to be real. That is what I have been trying to tell you since last Nov 1st. My whole point in preaching is to give you something to walk out the door with. My role, as pastor, is to equip you saints for the ministry of this church. The growth of this church is on your shoulders, not the new pastor's. He/she may have some new ideas about how to get to the Promised Land. You have to pick up the wagons and carry them there.

I'll get you to the river. You and your new pastor will cross. I believe in you and it will happen. I am for you!

Blessings! Craig



Bethel Presbyterian Church
203 S. Kentucky Street
Kingston, Tennessee

Fall Festival
Saturday, October 2, 2010
10:00 AM—7:00 PM

Fun for the whole family!

Kids Games	Entertainment
Marketplace	Dinner 5:00—7:00 PM
Café Bethel	Silent Auction
Bethel history and tours	
Worship Service @ 7:00 PM	
<small>Casual Vespers Service</small>	

Plan to come early and stay the day!

**Proceeds to benefit
Hands of Mercy Enterprise
and CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocate**



The cafe will be open from 10:30-2:30 with a menu of: sausage biscuits, handmade ice cream, chicken salad, croissants, popcorn, hot dogs, cotton candy, fried fruit pies, drinks

Dinner will be served from 5pm-7pm and will cost \$5 – menu includes Chicken and noodles, homemade desserts, green beans, drinks

Parking available in the city parking lot

Entertainment will be on the back patio featuring:

10am - Tai Chi
11am - Bluegrass Girls
12noon - Three-in-one Christian Band
2pm - Clogging group
3pm - John & Charlie King's Band
4pm - Julie & Claire contemporary vocals

The Bethel Marketplace will be selling handmade items and homemade baked goods. The Marketplace will be located in the upper parking lot and will open at 10am. If you have contributed items for the Marketplace, please get them to the church by Friday, 12 noon. Marketplace closes at 5pm.

Youth Games will include 9 different activities and will be located in the upper parking lot for fun. Tickets will be sold for each game. Games include: face painting, art activities, ball tosses, Wii games

A short Vespers worship service will be held on the back patio at 7pm.

Silent Auction

The Silent Auction opens at 10 A.M. in the gathering area for bidding. If you have items for the Silent Auction, please bring them to the church no later than Friday, 12 noon. Bidding for items in the Silent Auction will close at 4pm on Saturday. The winning bids will be posted at 5pm and the winning bidders will need to pick up their items between 5pm and 6pm. All items must be picked up by 6pm Saturday

List of Silent Auction Items

- HANDMADE QUEEN-SIZED QUILT – fall colors, brown, beige, burgundy
LL BEAN QUILTED HAMMOCK, PILLOW & STAND – multi-colored with hunter green matching pillow and hunter green metal stand
SOFA-SIZED FRAMED PICTURE - 29"x37 ½" thatched-roof house with flower garden in medium blues
FRAMED PICTURE – 17 ½"x24" picture of the ancient Indian Cliff Dwellers in N.E Arizona
SOCCER GAME TABLE 29"x54" X 33 ½"
WESTERN PHOTOGRAPHY – select a picture from display; will custom-size to your specifications
FRAMED WATERCOLOR PAINTING – 34"x40" – a water-stream in the Fall
STAINED GLASS PANEL - 14"x15" - floral design
STAINED GLASS PANEL – 14"x16" – floral design
STAINED GLASS PANEL – 18"x22" - abstract geometric design
TWO BASKETS OF AVON PRODUCTS
HANDMADE OAK & LAMINATE WOOD COFFEE TABLE - 16"x39"
TWO HANDMADE BRAZILIAN CHERRY SHAKER WOOD WALL CLOCKS – 10"x33"
WHITESTONE COUNTRY INN CERTIFICATES (4) one night stay (S-TH) for 2 including dinner and breakfast
KAY LIST PAINTING – 24"x24" unframed modern painting by local artist, Kay List, of barn and silo in barn red, blue and yellow-oranges
VOUCHER FOR AUTO SERVICE from Import Enterprises
49 PIECE SOCKET AND BIT SET (1/4 INCH DRIVE) from Browder's ACE Hardware
GIFT BASKET OF FOOD ITEMS from Earth Fare
BASKET OF GOODIES – from Gibson Girls Southern Goodies
CAR WASH and GAS COUPON – car wash from Snow's Car Wash and Details – wash, clean fender walls, dry, dress tires, vacuum, clean dash, all panels and windows inside and out; gas coupon from Big E's.
TWO HANDMADE WALNUT TAPESTRY-COVERED FOOT STOOLS
CAKE – from Gondolier
PEDICURE – from Premier Salon
GERMAN PORCELAIN CAROUSEL – ASHTON-DRAKE GALLERY TEDDY BEAR "ROSIE" donated by Frank and Mickey Urfer
TEN CLASSIC NOVELS Kingston Library
BASKET WITH 3 SILK SOFA PILLOWS – basket only from Co-Op
BASKET WITH LAUNDRY ITEMS & UT HANGERS
BASKET WITH NAVY BLUE BLANKET & KINGSTON PEN – basket from Co-Op; blanket from All-Star Promotions: pen from Kingston pen
TV BASKET – DVDs, POPCORN & SNACKS – basket only from Co-Op
THREE COLORED PHOTOGRAPHY PRINTS – each 17" X 22" – floral theme
CURVES – ONE MONTH FREE MEMBERSHIP
BEAN BAG – from Fowler's
CAR WASH/WAX Mike's Body Shop
OIL CHANGE (passenger car/excluding diesel) Mike's Body Shop
4-WHEEL ALIGNMENT Mike's Body Shop
STAINED GLASS CROSS - 6"x10" blue & amber Fountain City Stained Glass
GIFT CERTIFICATE from Rockwood City Grill
GIFT CERTIFICATE from Red Bones
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Will & Amada's Wedding Shower

There will be a church wide Wedding Shower for our Youth Director, Will Purushotham and his fiancée Amanda Myers, Wednesday, Oct. 13 from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Bethel Fellowship Hall.

They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, and Greeks Bearing Gifts in Athens, TN.

Come to the shower and celebrate with the happy couple as we help prepare them to start down the road of wedded bliss. All are welcome.

This event is sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.

Christian Education

What is a Gospel? How did we end up with four of them? How are they different? How are they alike? What would you tell if you wrote the good news of Jesus Christ?

Come explore these questions in a four-week study group entitled "Write Your Own Gospel." The class will meet during the Sunday school hour (9:30 - 10:30) from October 17th through November 7th. We'll discuss our favorite gospel verses. We'll think about points of view and literary styles. Then you'll attempt to write the story of Jesus, focusing on the good news you feel is most important to tell.

Rotary Club Roane County Band Night

Monday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Roane County High School, Kingston
All five Roane County Bands will be marching and performing
Admission is FREE, but community members are asked to bring a canned food donation.

Happenings This Month

New Website (almost) ready to launch

Our website guru, Dan McDowell, and editor Karen Schall have been hard at work for the past several months on a new and improved website for Bethel. Besides a new format, the new site features up-to-date information, breaking news, slideshows, audio sermons, and links to other sites of interest. We're putting on the finishing touches and hope to be ready to launch in early October. Please check us out at www.bethelpcusa.org. And remember, the information on this site is only as good as your contributions make it! If you have suggestions, or notice information that needs to be updated, please let Karen know (schallk@highland.net). Thanks, and enjoy!

Suggestion Box

A follow-up on the suggestion that was received about having contemporary christian music for the youth - The Faith Team will ask a youth to come to the Faith Team meetings.

New suggestion received: there needs to be a Bethel Wish List.

Response: Andy Avel will be compiling the list and it will be placed on the Bethel web site and other locations.

A new *Weight Watchers* program is beginning **Mon. Oct. 4 at 9 AM** Meetings are held at the KUMC Youth Room (next to the Clothes Closet) We need 14

people to form a class, so if you are interested please attend the first meeting for more information. Both men & women are welcome.

New Digital Photography Group Forming

Thursday, Oct. 7 6:30 - 8:30 PM. We will begin with a 6 week course and then schedule monthly meetings thereafter. Bring your camera to all meetings. The course is free.
Contact: Alf Rybka 882-8836 or e-mail alfred.rybka@gmail.com

Oct. 3 - World Communion Sunday

As Presbyterians, we recognize that Christ taught us to be peacemakers, and that being peacemakers is part of being Christ's followers. So on World Communion Sunday, we receive the bread and cup of heaven, and we bring our gifts of self, service, and money to be put to work for Christ's peace in the world. This year is the thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering. The Offering was set up in a way to encourage all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to work for peace. Each congregation is invited to find ways to promote peace within the congregation and within the community. Our church will retain 25 percent of the Offering we receive, and we will decide how best to put this money to work. Another 25 percent goes to our presbytery or synod, and the remaining 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world. Join us on October 3 as our church celebrates World Communion Sunday and as we commit to being instruments of the peace we find in Christ. Come ready to give generously to the Peacemaking Offering.

October is a busy month! Cooler weather, football and fun!

Bible Study-Wednesday nights at the Brown's House 7 PM

October 1-3- Middle School Retreat at John Knox. We are leaving the KUMC parking lot at 4:30 PM. We will back to the church on Sunday morning around 11 AM.

October 2- High Schoolers!!! If you are in town. Help sell our God's Creation calendars at the Bethel Fall Festival or the City Fall Festival. Contact Jan Rybka or Patti Ledford for more details.

October 3- 6 PM we will have a representative from Maryville College to answer questions about financial aid, college life and more. You don't have to be in high school to come to this meeting. Middle schoolers and **ALL** parents are welcome. We will be having a pot luck meal. **Please note the list of items to bring according to your last name.**

- A-E- Meat
- F-J- Meat
- K-O- Sides
- P-T-Sides
- U-Z- Desserts
- Everyone-Bring your own drinks

Here's the Scoop Youth News

October 10- BINGO at Wellington Place. Meet at 6 PM and head over to Wellington Place

October 16-There is a lot going on.....Check it out!

Bethel Students- Help Jared McGill and your congregation build the prayer labyrinth.

KUMC students- Help raise money for Christmas baskets! KUMC will be having a rummage sale and chicken barbeque. Watch email and Facebook for times.

October 17- Corn Maze, beef stew and bonfire. We will be leaving church at 1 PM to go to Athens for the Corn Maze and then back to the Browns for the bonfire and beef stew.

October 18-22- Spring Break!!!

October 22-Manna and Will's Wedding at Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville at 7 PM.

October 24- We will be collecting canned goods for Hands of

Mercy. Meet at the KUMC youth room at 4 PM. We will return to the youth room for the Halloween Party!!!

October 27- 7 PM-Girls Night Out and Guys Night Out. Guys will meet in the KUMC youth room and Girls will meet at the Bethel Youth room.

October 30-31- Senior High Retreat at Camp John Knox.

COMING SOON!!!

Something new is coming to Wednesday nights starting November 3rd.....

November 7- 1 PM-Leaf raking to help raise awareness and donations for Bethel/KUMC missions.

5 PM- Hayride at Breck's house.

November 12- Starfield at Cokesbury 7 PM

November 14- Buddy's Race for the Cure

Are you looking for a simple way to minister to our youth? Please contact Elaine Steele to setup a date to provide a meal to our students. Elaine can be reached at 590-1451 or by email at elaines-teele05@comcast.net.

Serve Team

The Serve Team will present the following Minutes for Mission in October:

- October 17 - Paws and Claws Pet Food Pantry - Ann DeBord
- October 24 - Christmas Baskets - Jane B. Walsh

Our October mission focus will be the Paws and Claws Pet Food Pantry

PAWS AND CLAWS PET FOOD PANTRY

Second Chance K-9 Rescue members have started a food pantry for pet food and are now collect-



ing donations. Many folks have had to surrender their pet due to the economy. The pet food pantry wants to help people keep their pets by giving pet food to qualifying recipients. A pet food collection basket has been placed in the Bethel Gathering Area near the Hands of Mercy collection basket. The Paws and Claws basket is for cat, kitten, dog, and puppy food.

Thanks so much for your donations to both the human and pet food collection baskets.

Green Team

While the soaker hoses do not look all that attractive in our landscape beds, I am told they have more than cut the water bill in half. Later this fall, they will be covered with mulch and will be used again next year during extensive dry spells.

Suggestion: A Christmas gift idea or winter reading by the fire: signed copies of Mark Banker's book, *Appalachians All*, are available for purchase at the Kingston Public Library.

Flower Ministry

Bethel congregation appreciates the flowers supplied by various members of the congregation each Sunday. Anytime you want to honor or remember someone with flowers, just make a note in the book in the gathering area. Special thanks go to Wanda Carter, the McElhinney's and Joan and Sam Davis for the many flowers they have supplied the past two months. If you have flowers to share just call Jane Walsh or Joan Davis.

Another special thanks goes to Joan Davis, Nelda Toon and Cathy McDowell for the beautiful arrangements every Sunday.

Please feel free to take flowers home to enjoy or to share with shut-ins. We would like to have the containers and any other arrangement pieces returned to the church.

Faith Team

The Faith Team needs your input. Our communion pitcher is topless! We have all the pieces, but are experiencing great difficulty in getting the pitcher repaired. It's been all the way to Ohio and numerous jewelers have weighed in on what's to be done over the last few months. Here's the bottom-line: it will cost a great deal of money to have the communion pitcher repaired (soldered back together and then re-silvered with no guarantee that the top will stay on!); it will cost a great deal of money to replace the communion pitcher with one that "matches" the plates (\$1,500+); it's just going to cost a lot of money!

The Faith Team would like to know the history of the communion ware so we can make the best decision regarding the repair and/or replacement of the communion pitcher (known as a flagon in churchy terms).

We have also received word

that a member would be willing to donate some antique silver (flagon, chalices, etc.) that were used by a family member who was a Presbyterian minister in the 1800s! The flagon and chalices would coordinate nicely with our current trays.

Please let Julie Bunch, Faith Team chair, know about the history of the communion ware! We strive to be the best stewards of our resources.

Session Highlights

for September
Cathy McDowell, Clerk

1. On Sept. 10th Anita Nerhus and Cal Henley (the adult children of Carlyle and June Henley) came for a visit. Anita and Cal had not been here since they were children, and they were so impressed with the beauty of our church, inside and out. Anita and Cal's brother, Carl, is named on our Memorial Garden stone. Anita and Cal elected to leave their parents' ashes and requested a memorial service in their memory. Anita lives in Minnesota and Cal lives in Nevada so they will not be able to return for the Service, but there are relatives in the area who will attend.
2. Several of the Teams that are being formed from committees gave updates on their progress.
3. The clerk volunteered to also be the Bethel archivist.
4. Bethel will have a booth at the October 2 Kingston Country Fair.
5. Kingston Public Works Department and Morgan County Correctional Complex inmates built the wall for the labyrinth area on Sept. 15th and 16th.
6. The Bethel Office has created a visitation log to record the visits to homebound and assisted living people.
7. Additional copies of Ms. Katy Banker's book "A Church Called Bethel" (second edition) have

been found in a closet and will be sold for a donation to the Building Fund.

8. The Roane Area Parkinson's Support Group held its organizational meeting at Bethel on Sept. 15th. This group will probably meet once a month at Bethel.

9. A "Thank You" note was received from Amber Hecker Kirby and Daniel Kirby, saying that everything was beautiful and the church members were very helpful and kind for their August rehearsal and wedding.

New Opportunities:

The Bethel/KUMC ministry is in the planning stages of putting together a great mission opportunity to our community. Travelers who have fallen on hard times travel through our community every day. We are putting together traveler's bags for adults and children. They'll consist of:

Adult Traveler Bag

- (2) Cereal Bars
- (2) Fruit Snacks
- (2) Bottles of water
- (1) Sleeve of saltine crackers
- (1) Can of tuna

All items are in a gallon baggie

Child Bags

- (5) Coloring pages
- (3) Crayons
- (2) Fruit snacks
- (1) Bottled water

Learn "How to Listen Constructively, Creatively, Caringly" at CONTACT Helpline's "How to Listen" training on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays October 19-30 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge. This is the first step for people who want to be a volunteer phone worker for CONTACT. Call CONTACT office @482-5040 or email:

office@contacthelplinetn.org.

Cost is \$35. Additional information and a registration form are available on the kiosk in the Gathering Area.

October 2010

EACH WEEK: Seniorize: M/W/F 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall Taoist Tai Chi: Tuesdays, Thursdays @6:00; Sat. @ 9 & 10 in the Fellowship Hall Spanish Class: Wed. 6:30 PM Youth: 6 PM Sundays; Bible Study 7 PM Wed.						1	2 Fall Festival 10 AM-7 PM Middle School Retreat @ JKC
3 Youth 6 PM Dinner w/rep From Maryville	4	5	6	7 Photography Group 6:30	8	9	
10 Youth 6 PM Bingo @ Wellington Pl.	11 Roane County High Band Night 7 PM	12	13 Fun Lunch 12 PM Wedding Shower 7 PM	14 Photography Group 6:30	15	16	
17 Stated Session Mtg. 12:30 PM Youth: Corn Maze 1 PM	18	19 Parish Life Comm. 6 PM	20 Property Comm. 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30	21 Serve Team Meeting 6 PM Photography Group 6:30	22 Wedding: Amanda & Will @Cokesbury 7 PM	23	
24 Youth 4 PM	25	26	27 Youth: Night Out	28 Photography Group 6:30	29	30 Senior High Retreat @ JKC	
31	MUSIC SCHEDULE: Children's Choir: 8:45 in KUMC Annex On Sunday Mornings Handbell Choir Practice: Wed. @ 5:30 PM Adult Choir Practice: Wed. @ 7 PM						

October Birthdays

2 Don Pierce
3 Chris Badger
Jamie Woodard
4 Hannah Sherrod
5 Gisela Condon
Eden Sherrod
9 Joshua Smith
13 Gary Lemasters
Tom Pickel, Jr.
14 Gene Pierce
Betty Nason
17 Jared McGill
19 Andy Holloway
Scott McGill
Jill McMaster

20 Eddie Kirby
Caleb Sherrod
24 Yvonne Rossi
27 Dot Davis
29 Rebecca Dailey Pierce
James Woodard
31 Julie McGill
Roger Richmond

In need of prayer:

Ron Rossi, the family of Gary Murr (Greg's brother), Rev. Tom Baird, Linda Preston, Bill Shadden, Justin Trivette, Marci Smith, Helene Ricker, Margaret True, and Barbara Baird.

In nursing homes & assisted living:

Nelle Griffith, Louise Pickel, Mac Robbins, Anne Smith, Sophie Simon, Jan Parker, Marge Maki, Evelyn Waldrup, Roberta Cash, Gene Pierce, Margaret True, Wanda Carter

