

Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

Childcare for infants and preschool age children is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the nursery.
The Quiet Room is available during worship.

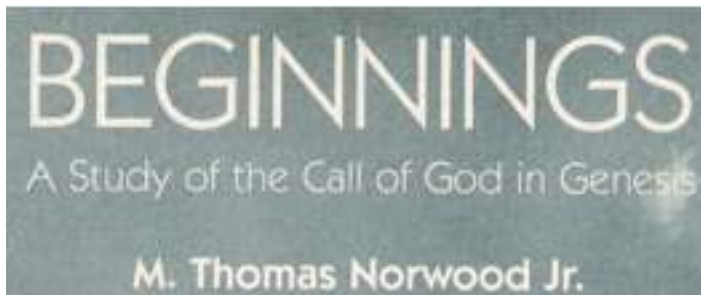
Our Prayer List



Please pray for: Alf Rybka (*hospitalized at Roane Medical*), Family of Lee Russell (*son of Diane Russell*); family of Jerry Wayne Hopwood (*friend of Linda Brown*); family of Marilyn Childs Donatelli (*friend of choir*); Josh Igou (*abdominal surgery recovery*); good friend in a coma (*from Jim Condon*); Herman Parton (*husband of Dianne Griffith's cousin Patsy*); grandfather of Heather Davidson (*hospitalized, Mrs. Davidson is Scout Hyder's teacher*); Wasonga Misumi (*lymphoma, father of Cyndi Fowler's granddaughter's best friend Esme Misumi*); Suzanne Lukat (*surgery recovery*); Roger Hope (*recovering from knee surgery, husband of Tevis Hope*); Alan Kloefkorn (*pancreatic cancer, UT Hospital, Covenant Roane chaplain with Mike McElhinney*); Wes (*progressing Alzheimer's, neighbor of Linda Brown*); Laura Weigle; Jonathan Yeaworth; Elizabeth Jackson (*dialysis, unlikely transplant candidate, sister-in-law of Cyndi Fowler*); Mirta Lopez (*aggressive cancer, friend of Mary B. Hines*); those engaged in care of family members with dementia; John (*Susan Holton's father*); Sharon Martin (*Elaine Steele's sister-in-law*). Thanksgiving for 59 years of marriage for Brenda and Chuck Bunch.

Our long-term, ongoing-list: Gerald & Sandra Augustus (*brother-in-law do sister of Brenda Bunch*); Don and Una Coffman (*Sycamore Trace*); Rickey Gallaher; Jim Hines; Steve Jacks; Vernon Law (*cancer treatment ongoing*); Jeanette McElhinney; Jill McMaster; Anneke Oonk; Earl Price (*Becky Price's husband*); Jennifer Vandever; Carrie Vickers; Randy Vickers; Laura Walker.

Beginnings – A Study of the Call of God in Genesis – Sundays @ 9:30



A new Sunday school class begins on **Sunday, October 11**, in Bethel's Library, at 9:30 a.m. This five-week study will explore the recurring theme of divine calling, creation, covenant, and the response of humanity throughout the book of Genesis. Materials will be provided to participants at no cost. All are welcome.

“Beginnings: A Study of the Call of God in Genesis” is a well-known Christian curriculum and Bible study program written by M. Thomas Norwood and published by the Kerygma Program in 1988. Click **[HERE](#)** to read a Table of Contents, Forward by Walter Brueggemann, Preface, and Introductory Summary to provide course context. Several printed copies are available in the church office.

Norwood observes a decline in biblical literacy within congregations. The author mentions a troubling trend for communities of faith to lose touch with Scripture and then identity. Understanding the Word forms a basis for making ethical decisions and for facing pressing problems in church and society. It is important for church members to have a clear sense of their mission and priorities and what they are called by God to do. (Preface page v).

Hands of Mercy Food Pantry Collection – October



For the month of October Bethel’s giving focus for the **Hands of Mercy Food Pantry** is on **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 Gathering Area.

Our in-worship collection will be Sunday October 18. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry efforts to help needy families in our community.

“Around the Table” Fellowship Potluck - October 11



You are invited to a potluck lunch after worship on Sunday, October 11. Please bring a dish to share.

On each table, you will find a set of Around the Table cards for sharing stories about community using scripture from Matthew 25 along with a Mission Mobilized question. This resource from the PCUSA invites congregations to cultivate meaningful intergenerational conversations and connections about Christian faith in everyday life.

All are welcome to participate in this fellowship.

Fellowship Beyond the Fellowship Hall

Lord of the Conscience Panel Discussions with PCUSA Co-Moderators – October 16, 30



The recently released PCUSA [resource](#), Why “Presbyterian” Will Never Be a Political Party, draws from the social witness policy God Alone Is Lord of the Conscience. This provides a helpful framework for a churchwide conversation about our Reformed understanding of faith, political engagement, religious liberty, and the relationship between church and state.

You are invited to two conversations hosted by the PCUSA Co-Moderators and national staff/committee members: (1) State and Citizen: Their Mutual Responsibility, Fri. October 16, (2) The Church's Role in Civil Society, Fri. October 30.

You do need to pre-register to receive the webinar login credentials. Look through short pre-reading [materials](#) to facilitate understanding. Each session is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

[State and Citizen: Their Mutual Responsibility - Panel Discussion with Co-Moderators | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) 10/16 @1 ET

[The Church's Role in Civil Society - Panel Discussion with the Co-Moderators | Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\)](#) 10/30 @1 ET

**Rotary Band Festival – canned food drive – Rockwood High -
Oct 12 @7**



**The 25th Annual
ROANE COUNTY SCHOOLS
HIGH SCHOOL BAND FESTIVAL**

**STARTS AT 7:00 PM, OCTOBER 12, 2026
ROCKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

BANDS PERFORMING:

- Harriman High School –
- Roane County High School –
- Rockwood High School –
- Midway High School –
- Oliver Springs High School –

ADMISSION:

Bring canned food items
to donate at each entrance gate.

All donations will benefit local food assistance
programs in Roane County

**SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS.
STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.**

Small & Mighty – Board Game Olympics – Oct 18



Small & Mighty Youth are encouraged to compete in a light-hearted, multi-church Board Game Olympics on Sunday, October 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd, Knoxville. Youth grades six to twelve from smaller area churches will come together for games, timers, rotations, board pieces, score pads, Bible speed facts, dinner, and total hoopla. Carpool from Bethel at 3:30 p.m. or meet there.

Please let Rebecca Pierce know by Wednesday night, October 14, how many of you plan to go.

Anne Horner Birthday Party Invite – Oct 18



Mayor Wade Creswell has proclaimed Sunday, October 18, as Anne Horner Day in Roane County. The community is invited to a birthday celebration (#88) at the Cherokee Middle School Library, 200 Paint Rock Ferry Rd, Kingston, anytime between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Anne accompanied Bethel’s hymn singing many Sundays as a substitute during Mary Hook’s time away. “There will be hilarious old yearbooks laying around.”

LOVE KITCHEN – OCTOBER 24



You are invited to help with the Love Kitchen on **Saturday, October 24**, at **Rockwood Presbyterian Church** from **3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

Bethel will serve pork loin, potatoes, green beans, rolls, drinks, and chocolate cake. Bethel will supply Bingo prizes for the social time following the 4pm meal. Individuals sign up to prepare food, deliver food, financially support those cooking, or serve food. The bingo prize collection box is in the Gathering Area. Contact for this outreach is **Joan Pharis**.

Haunted High Ropes – Oct 31



Haunted High Ropes RETURNS! Come out to John Knox Center, 591 W. Rockwood Ferry Road, Ten Mile, for Haunted High Ropes on Saturday, October 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Nothing scary but the heights!

- Unlimited access to the High Ropes Course, friendly staff to help all day
- Hotdogs & S'mores for lunch
- All-inclusive for \$15 per person! \$10 Spectator Pass. Yes, there will be candy for everyone.

Join us as we get in the fall spirit! Wear a costume! A great fall day for both kids & adults!

UKirk Diamond Jubilee – Nov 6



UKirk UT Knoxville invites you to a Diamond Jubilee on Friday, November 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Square Room, 4 Market Square, Knoxville. Celebrating the many facets of Ukirk’s 75 years of ministry at the University of Tennessee, there will be heavy hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction, stories and memories, plus plenty of time to reconnect and rejoice in a future. Buy your [tickets](https://ukirkutk.org/75th-anniversary) at ukirkutk.org/75th-anniversary

Church Picnic - September 27



Third Annual Festival of Choirs – Oct 3



Peggy Sheppard and Dianne Griffith attended the Third Annual Festival of Choirs at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Kentucky, on October 2-3. Sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, singers gathered from Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi to rehearse seven sacred anthems for two hours on Friday night and three hours on Saturday morning before giving a concert at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. The choir was directed by renowned conductor, Dr. Everett McCorvey, who is an award-winning American tenor, conductor, and professor, best known as the founder and music director of the American Spiritual Ensemble and as Director of the University of Kentucky Opera Theatre. The choir was accompanied by the church's musician, Paul John Robinson, who composed two of the concert anthems, as well as a brass choir on some of the anthems.

Summer Camp at John Knox – June 2027



Summer Camp 2027

Save the Date:

- Day Camp June 7-11
- Mini Camp June 6-9
- Voyager June 13-18
- Marathon June 20- July 2

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, October 10: Kingston Lakeside Market, 9 to 12

Sunday, October 11: Beginnings Genesis Study, 9:30 (*see attached*)

Sunday, October 11: "Around the Table" Fellowship Potluck after worship

Sunday, October 18: Hands of Mercy food pantry collection

Sunday, October 18: Session meeting after worship

Sunday, October 18: Small & Mighty Board Game Olympics @Farragut Pres. 4pm

Saturday, October 24: Presbyterian Women - Retreat @John Knox

Saturday, October 24: Love Kitchen at Rockwood Presbyterian

Saturday, October 31: Haunted High Ropes @John Knox, 10 to 3

Sunday, November 8: Fellowship Potluck after worship

Sunday, November 15: Session meeting after worship

Sunday, November 15: Small & Mighty Thanksgiving @Farragut Pres. 4pm

Saturday, November 21: Last Kingston Lakeside Market for the season, 9 to 12

Sunday, December 6: Hanging of the Greens worship & Fellowship Lunch

Friday, Feb 26, to Sunday, Feb 28: Youth Summit @John Knox

Sunday, February 28: Recital Series, Schubert’s Mass in G, 3pm

Tuesday, May 11: Bethel will host Presbytery of East TN quarterly meeting!

Contacting Bethel

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 to 3:00

Please use the emails below to contact Rev Beth, Tevis, Judy, Linda, or Cathy.



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