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BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / 2009

S. Marc Sherrod

April 15, 1958 — September 8, 2009 (Obituary follows on Page 2)

Bethel Presbyterian Church and the City of Kingston To Honor the Life and Witness of Rev. S. Marc Sherrod, Th.D

Bethel Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Schedule:

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, iustice and love.

A beautiful labyrinth is being designed and constructed between Bethel Presbyterian Church and the shore of Watts Bar Lake, to honor our Pastor Rev. Marc Sherrod. The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church and the Kingston City Council voted unanimously to support the recommendation that this labyrinth be built and maintained to honor the life and witness of Marc Sherrod. Our beloved Pastor and friend joined the Church Triumphant on September 8, 2009 - and a Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on September 11, 2009 in the Bethel Presbyterian Church Sanctuary.

The labyrinth will be created out of the foundation brinks of Bethel Presbyterian Church and crushed Tennessee limestone and located behind the Fellowship Hall of Bethel Church. The bricks were salvaged from the second re-location of the historic Bethel Presbyterian Church sanctuary which took place in 2009 under his dedicated and capable leadership. Bricks from Kingston United Methodist Church will also be used representing the eccumenical union of these two congregations, which brought great joy to Marc during Bethel's construction phase in

2008 and 2009. The labyrinth being constructed at Bethel Church will be modeled after the beautiful labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral at Chartres, France built over 2000 years ago. Marc had a special affinity for spiritual direction and growth of the individual. He guided many of us on our spiritual quests... and for that we will forever be grateful! Marc was drawn to this form of spiritual activity during a Bethel Mission Trip to New Mexico. His first "walk" was on the rustic labyrinth at Ghost Ranch in Abique, New Mexico. We walked this labyrinth with Marc on a cloudy day, with a fine mist refreshing the dry and parched New Mexican landscape. The soil was not the only thing being refreshed that day - we all experienced that walking a labyrinth can assist people to pray, meditate and reflect on God! We all learned firsthand that meditation is an art in which one guiets the mind, lives in the present, and is attentive to listening to one's soul...and the voice of God! Marc was a wonderful example of what the labyrinth will assist many people to do - to fully live in the moments God has given and to look forward to life eternal!

Well done good and faithful servant!

In Christ's Love,

Pat

Obituary notice for Marc Sherrod:

Sherrod, Rev. S. Marc, ThD, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on September 8. 2009, after an extended illness. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, coach, friend, and minister of the Word and Sacrament. A son of the manse, he was born to the Reverend Burton and Betty Sherrod on April 5, 1958 in Lexington, Kentucky. Marc grew up with his five siblings in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. In 1982, Marc married his soul mate Melanie Buchanan on August 28, 1982, and together they cherished their four children—Caleb, Hannah, Jordan, and Eden. He graduated magna cum laude from Hampton-Sydney in Virginia, receiving the Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa recognitions, among other honors. After working as a VISTA volunteer in Kansas City, he received an MDiv degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, and was ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church USA in the spring of 1984. He later earned a Master's degree in Appalachian Studies from Appalachian State University, and a Doctorate of Theology from Harvard University. He served Presbyterian congregations in North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Tennessee. Marc and his family moved to Kingston in 2001 to serve the loving community of Bethel Presbyterian Church; he was also an adjunct professor of religion at Maryville

College in 2005-2006. His family, friends, and parishioners will remember Marc for his generous heart, scholarly mind, enlightening sermons, faithful witness, untiring patience, love, and gentleness, receptive thoughtfulness, humor and laughter, and passion for justice and peace. Marc was an insatiable reader, avid coin collector, carpenter, and coach of the Roane County High School girl's tennis team. He is survived by his parents Betty and Burton of Sanford NC, wife Melanie, children Caleb, Hannah, Jordan, and Eden, siblings and their spouses Marty and Becky Sherrod, Anne and David Beal, David and Alice Sherrod, Nancy and Harold James, and Jonathan and Camille Sherrod. Melanie's parents Bucky and Patsy Buchanan, his sister-in-law Beth Buchanan, and her husband Bob Heath also survive him, along with eleven nieces and nephews. Marc's family greatly appreciates those who supported him throughout his journey, especially the Reverends Pat Harvey and Bill Shenk along with the generous congregation of Bethel Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery of East Tennessee for tirelessly caring for their pastor. Congregants from Kingston United Methodist Church and the Kingston Church of Christ also provided loving care and support, and Marc was grateful for the outstanding care of Dr. Michael Thompson and the many medical professionals who guided him during his illness.

The family greeted friends in the gathering space of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Kingston, TN from 6 pm-8 pm Thursday September 10. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held Friday, September 11, at 10 am at Bethel Presbyterian Church with Reverends Pat Harvey and Anne McKee presiding. Marc's ashes were returned to the earth Friday September 11 at 5 pm at Green Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that any memorial gifts be made to Bethel Presbyterian Church and be designated to either the Bethel Building Fund or Grace School in Kenya.

In honor of Marilyn Gaffin from Wayne Duggin



In memory of Henry Tulley:
Systems Software Group, LPS
Software, United Space Alliance
Gary and Dianne Griffith
Jim and Mary B. Hines
Jim and Kathleen Tulley

In memory of Marc Sherrod: Gary and Dianne Griffith Jim and Mary B. Hines Jill Mc Master Mike and Jeanette McElhinney James and Cathy McDowell Annette Martinez Larry and Brenda Strickling Rob and Lynn Spires Mac Robbins Diana Pynnonen Mark and Linda Preston Tom and Jane Pickel George and Ginny Warlick Dick Evans, Celia Simon Susan Cutts Jim and Gisela Condon Travis and Linda Brown Frank and Marilyn Harris Steven M. and Stephanie Bates Morningside Presbyterian Church Steve and Cindy Benz Ann T. Abel John and Elizabeth Preston Agnes B. Knight Dick and Nancy Maynard Gene Pierce Family Todd and Kim Pruett Joe and Amy Coen Marolyn S. Cash Mark and Kathy Banker Sylvia C. Adcock Ruth Ann Ludwig Mark and Donna Smith Bill and Marianne Shadden Jennie Gray Langham Carolyn Tulley R.L. and Joyce Williams Laura Walker John and Carolyn Matthews Elizabeth Buchanan, Robert Heath Willie Mae Meers Mariana Oonk Roane County High School Band Edgar and Julia Torbert III

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Interim Rastor Search Regins

Session met on Sunday, September 20 with the Interim General Presbyter. The Reverend Carl Schlich, HR. He updated us on the process for hiring an interim pastor and beginning the search for a new pastor. Session voted that the Property and Personnel (P&P) committee begin the search for an interim pastor. The person chosen by P&P will be subject to the approval of session. He or she will serve for a limited period of time and is not eligible to be chosen as pastor. We have some resumes and met Wednesday, September 23 to begin the process.

After an interim is chosen, and with his or her help, we will begin the process of finding a pastor. Of course when we choose the Pastor Nominating Committee they will be elected in a meeting of the congregation.

I am sure that I speak for all of P&P when I say that we want to be in your thoughts and prayers as we go through our part of the process. I will try to keep you informed with articles like this, but if you have any questions ask me or any member of the committee any time.

Gary Griffith, Chair Committee members: Jack McNew, Nancy King, Jim Schall, George McGill, Frank Harris, Jim Hines

10/4



Mission Outreach Notes

We are planning for a plant and bake sale at the October Wednesday night supper, with the proceeds to go to our Christmas Basket program. Contact Jane Walsh if you can donate either plants or baked goods (or both).



If you are ready, willing, and able, you can purchase some items for our Christmas Basket program as you see them at sale prices. See Jane Walsh if interested for an idea of the items that are needed.

The dates have been set for our Bethel /KUMC mission trip to Ganado, Arizona: June 18-27, 2010.

OCTOBER MISSION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Contact person: Teresa Hettrick

1st Sunday canned good collection for Hands of Mercy

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10/7	MO Committee Meeting Contact person: Joe Coen 6:30 pm at church
10/9	Angel Food orders due to United Way Contact person: Jane Walsh
10/11	Minute For Mission – Christmas Basket Ministry Jane Walsh
10/17	Angel Food distribution Contact person: Jane Walsh Luminary UMC / Roane County United Way
10/21	Fellowship Supper: Cents-Ability offering Contact person: Joe Coen PLANT AND BAKE SALE: Proceeds to Christmas Baskets Contact person: Jane Walsh

MISSION FOCUS FOR OCTOBER – Bethel's Christmas Baskets

Randscape Committee News

Sincere thanks to the following for their donation:

Bill Shenk - wheel barrow and bench: Nelda Toon - garden hose on reel and bird bath; Chris Badger - two bird baths; Jill McMaster - garden hose; Dan McDowell - picnic table; Danny Holloway - pickup/delivery of some items, pressure washing some items, and the beautiful fall decorations around our outdoor sign; Danny Holloway - paying for our large outdoor sign; Gary Griffith - making the posts for the outdoor sign; Gary and Danny - installation of the sign; Danny Holloway for moving the steep bank at the corner of our educational building.

On September 8th, the Kingston City Council granted Bethel permission to construct a labyrinth on the city land behind the church. We are being patient as we wait for the city to install a sidewalk and steps to the walking trail. Once this project is done, the City will level the area where the labyrinth will be constructed.

Rarish Rife

Remember the Fellowship Supper on Oct. 21st. Parish Life asks your help in keeping Bethel's energy costs low by again bringing your own plates, utensils, and glasses.

Worship

You are invited to share your thoughts through this year's Bethel/KUMC homemade Advent Devotional Booklet by composing a selection and prayer for one of the days. Suggested scripture references by date will be available soon. Contacts will be Amy Coen and Regina Little. Electronic submission by November 11 is preferred.

From the Rarish Kurse

On October 4th, the Kingston United Methodist Church front lawn will be the setting of the 2nd annual Blessing of the Pets at 3 P.M. Reverend Don Morris assists me in this 30 minute ritual. This year the pets will receive a medallion stamped with "St. Francis of Assisi, Protector of Animals." If you would like to see pictures of last year's blessing, please look at Bethel's website.

A few years ago at an Evangelism meeting, Carolyn Tulley put the Blessing of the Animals idea in my head. I started doing research at various Catholic and Episcopal websites to get ideas for the program. I worried about having dogs and cats at the same program. I wondered what I would do if someone brought an anaconda. What about large animals like horses? My mind wandered to matters concerning cleaning up after the animals. The resolutions came to me:

- 1. Separate the dogs and cats and bless them separately. For nervous animals, please bring a picture.
- 2. The horse's owner would have to clean up after them just like the dog and cat's owners have to clean up after their pets.
- 3. Regarding the anaconda.....I think that is Reverend Morris's time to bless:)

"An average church is filled with people doing JOBS.
"A great church is filled with peo-

ple involved in MINISTRY."

—Melody Blevins

Discover your Bethel ministry opportunities at the Stewardship Fair on Sunday, November 8th during Sunday School. The fair will be held in the gathering area. Each committee will have a booth. You will hear what Christian Education, Evangelism, Mission Outreach, Parish Life, Property & Personnel, Stewardship & Finance, and Worship are doing. You will have the chance to tell the committees what type of ministry you'd like to do with them. We would like to increase the congregation's involvement in committee work, the lifeblood of our congregation, so come and see if there is a place to use your gifts and talents.

After the fair and the worship service a soup and sandwich lunch will be provided by Meals on Wheels. Donations to the Meals on Wheels program will be accepted.

If you're just doing a ho-hum job for the church then the Stewardship Fair is for you. Come prepared to discover a ministry that will excite you and involve you in the mission of Bethel.

Camels in Need of a Makeover!!!

On Saturday, October 10 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM all interested parties are invited to help plan and prepare our outdoor nativity scene and our indoor décor for Advent season. We will rejuvenate the nativity characters and animals, locate and update wreaths and other indoor decorations and determine how to address the new areas of the building. Bring your own lunch and come prepared to have fun and use your creative talents in preparation for one of the holiest seasons of the year. (It will be here before you know it.) If you have questions contact Jan Rybka at jgrybka@hotmail.com or 882-8836.

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Youth News

October Activities

Sunday Night Youth-6PM at the Kingston UMC Ministry Center. Invite a friend!

Wednesday-7 PM meeting at Doug and Carol Browns house for FOOD!, discussion and Bible Study

October 2-5th Quarter at First Baptist Church

October 2-4- Middle School Retreat, Camp Eagle Rock

October 4-Planning Council 5 PM

6 PM- Youth

October 11- Youth 6 PM

October 11- October 17th- Fall Break!!! We will have a few weeknight activities. Keep your eyes on Facebook, the weekly Sunday bulletin, and email for more details.

October 14- Fields of Faith at Rockwood High School

October 18- We will travel to a Corn Maze at an out of town location. Bon fire, Beef Stew, cornbread and desserts at Doug and Carol Browns house after we get back to Kingston. (3:30 PM-8 PM)

October 24- Day in the Trees John Knox

Sunday October 25- Almost There- Lunch 12 PM 6 PM Youth

Sunday October 30-November 1- Youth Specialties (Will and Regina OUT) November 1- Youth 6 PM $\,$



Wednesdays @7:00



Oct. 2-4
Camp Eagle Rock

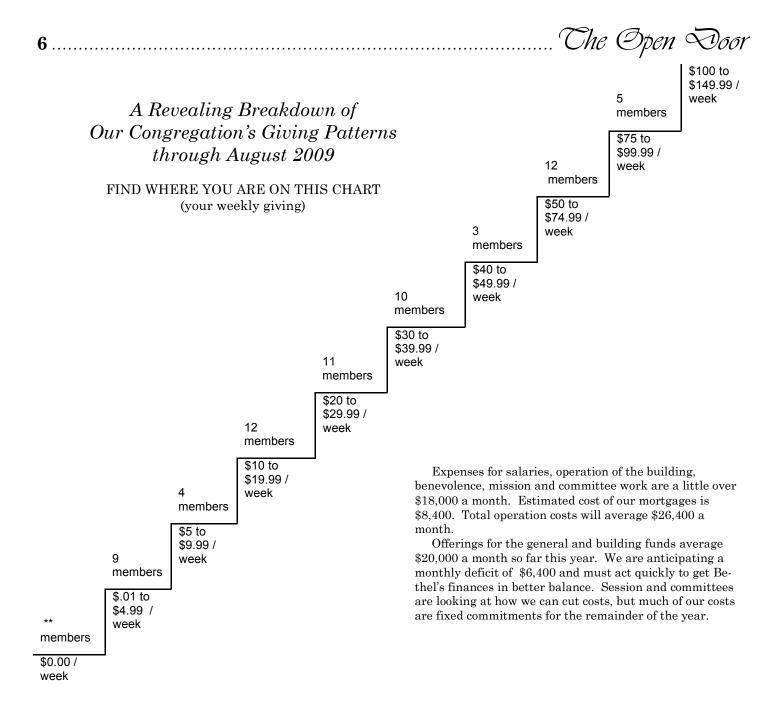
Let's Build Something Together!

First of all I want to credit Lowes home improvement center with this statement and I will not use their slogan to make money for myself or Bethel/KUMC student ministries

OK, now that we are finished with formalities......When I saw this slogan I thought it was very catchy. It was an immediate success with me and I could see how I could find everything I needed for any building project at Lowes. I have been spreading the word to people between Bethel and KUMC that building relationships in this ministry is the key for me. I want to do my part as I start this journey between Bethel and KUMC by getting to know the congregations, parents and most importantly the youth. We are building this ministry together. It was not built before I got here nor will it be finished in the future. We will always be building together. You can say "Will, we are not building anything, things are the same!" I would say "We are building confidence, trust, leadership; in other words things are always changing.

I know that we can be uncomfortable with change but think about what happens during fall. The leaves do what?.....They change and look at what is happening now. Things are changing slowly. The weather cools down a little bit, leaves change color, and then we have it! We have an awesome picture of God's creation to see everyday we walk outside. If you are a youth and have not been to youth in awhile I encourage you to come back. If you are an adult who wants to start helping this ministry please contact me!





** 99 active members are not identified with any contributions. We receive an average of \$128 / week in cash contributions. In addition we receive an average of \$307 from people who are not active members.

Active membership is 218 persons. Forty-eight members are couples in the same household and their contributions are counted as one member unit. Young persons who are members are considered as individual givers and are not included with their parent's household.

These statistics combine general and building fund contributions.

Consider this...

If every member increased their weekly contributions by \$5, we would have an additional \$3,700 a month. If half the members increased offerings by \$5 a week and the other half by \$10 a week, we would have an additional \$5,525 each month. Your help will be greatly appreciated

Assisted Riving and Nursing Homes

Jamestowne 851 Lawnville Road Kingston 37763 Nelle Griffith Room 206 Louise Pickel Room 209 **Room 305** Mac Robbins Sophie Simon Room 302 Anne Smith Room 312 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 Marnie Shields Room 357 Margaret True Room 110 Harriman Healthcare 240 Hannah Rd Harriman 37748 Ruby Hunter Room 305A Joan Pemberton Room 205B NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge 300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830 Wanda Carter Room 212A Greenfield at Oak Ridge 360 Laboratory Rd. Oak Ridge 37830 **Doris Barber** Room 231

Rennaissance Terrace 257 Patton Lane. Harriman 37748 James Griffith Room 206 Patricia Neal Rehab 1901 W. Clinch Ave. Knoxville 37916 Sue Muecke Room 484 Remember in Rrayer: Sue Muecke, Marnie Shields, Tom Pickel III, Justin Trivett, Diane Russell, Ron Rossi, Pat Hale, Marci Smith, Rev. David Craig, Elizabeth Mohr, Frank Sanders, Helene Ricker, Doris Ann Parkinson, Dot and Al Davis, Kay Michener, Madeline Houston, Lynda Ryswicke, Fletcher Melton (Danny Holloway's step-father), James

Brayer 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.

CAROL BROWN (2009)

376.7171 - *Doug Badger, Chris ^Barber, Doris Dungan, Ken and *Maggie King, Nancy & Vic King, +Charlie, *Mary Catherine Willet & *Jolie Ludwig, Ruth Ann *Marsh, Brad & Elizabeth

*Miller, Jim & Carrie

+Patton, Buddy +Patton, John Billings Patton, Mark & *Janet, *Annie May, *Will Plummer, Bill & Jean, *Trivette, Justin Sheppard, Peggy & *Sam Tulley, Carolyn Vanegas, Orlando & Viviana, Diego, ~Maria & Orlando Webb, Hugh & Lucy

JOE COEN (2009) 376.9033

Amy, ~Julie, ~Charlie, ~Henry +Barrett, Simon Harris, Frank & Marilyn *Jackson, April, *Paul & *Will McGill, George McGill, Scott & Julie, ~Thomas, Jared Michener, Kay Mounger, Charlie & Madge Oonk, Mariana & Lyric Rivera Oonk, Anneke Ostby, *Brien & +Dee Ann *Phillips, Rick & Shane Steele, *Kirk & *Elaine, *Jennifer +Thornton, Russell Walton, Lil

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

October

Birthdays

- 2 Don Pierce
- 3 Chris Badger Jamie Woodard

Griffith (Gary's dad).

- 4 Hannah Sherrod
- 5 Gisela Condon Eden Sherrod
- 9 Joshua Smith
- 13 Gary Lemasters Tom Pickel, Jr.
- 14 Gene Pierce
- 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





Roane County Corn Maze
Sept. 18 – Nov. 15
Fri. 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m – 8 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.
at the Roane State Softball Field
Adults \$5 Children 4-12 \$4

In Coming Months:

A note from Jill McMaster: Cool evenings remind me that once again we have the opportunity to knit hats for homeless children and adults. This year it is even easier to participate - free varn and an easy pattern! On October 4th and 11th, I will have skeins of yarn and patterns on a table in the Gathering Space. Please take all the supplies you would like. Any hat pattern knitted or crocheted works. My pattern matches my knitting skills - pretty basic. I will be collecting completed hats all fall. Any hats turned in after 6 December I will save for next year. Bethel stitchers have already given me 12 toasty warm

This 'n That

order.

Sunday School begins at 9:30. Adult Christian Education begins at 9:45. Childcare for infants and preschool age children is offered from 9:30 a.m. until noon here at Bethel.

hats created last winter. We

have time and talent for

more. Happy stitching.

Mark Banker's Sunday School class is starting a new book – <u>Calvin for Armchair Theologians</u> by Christopher Elwood. Please see Mark to place your book **These Days** for Oct. Nov. & Dec. are now available for pick-up in the Gathering Area.

2009 Peacemaking Offering will be collected on Oct. 4 – World Communion Sunday.

Book Discussion Group

We have changed our meeting time to 1:00 on the third FRI-DAY of each month.

For October we will read a biography of *John Adams* by David McCullough. Kingston Library has two copies.

For November the book will be *The Last Lecture*, by Randy Pausch.

For December we will meet for lunch — time and place to be announced.

In January we will discuss Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure by Matthew Algeo.

We also welcome new members, both inside and outside Bethel Church. We invite you to join us, and feel free to contact friends who might be interested and invite them to attend one of our meetings.



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment & Loan Program, Inc.



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment & Loan Program. Inc. (PILP) is a nonprofit corporation of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that was created to provide low-cost loans to churches, governing bodies and related entities of the denomination for capital projects. The funds for these loans come from Presbyterian investors who purchase interest-bearing term notes from the Program. Investors earn interest on their funds. Borrowers can reduce the cost of their loans. Everyone wins. PILP is intended to extend the church development activities of the PCUSA. The PILP accepts investments from individuals, churches, Presbyteries, Synods and corporations and lends those funds to congregations for church development. We at Bethel have chosen to seek our long term financing for our building project from PILP. PILP offers us an opportunity to lower our interest paid on our loan by making investments, as a congregation and as individuals, in the investment part of PILP. S&F, the Trustees and the Presbytery of East Tennessee are committed to supporting Bethel's loan by investing in the PILP program. We hope to get other individuals and congregations to invest as well. PILP has an excellent web site that provided more details about the investment options and the loan program. As part of our Fall Fund Raising Campaign we will be talking more about the benefits to Bethel and other developing churches from investing in PILP.

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Youth Spanisl	n/Wed/Fri 9 AM / T Bible Study: Wedno n: Beginners Tues @ Handbells: 5:30 We	week: Tai Chi: Tues/Thurs (esdays at the Brown of the Br	1 Evangelism Comm. 7:00	2 Middle School Retre	3 at—Camp Eagle Rock	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1st Sunday Canned Goods Collection Peacemaking Off. Blessing of Pets			MO Committee 6:30		A ngel Food Orders Due @ United Way	Camel Workshop 10-2
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Minute for Mission—Christmas Baskets	Stewardship 5:30 CE 5:30	Fun Lunch—Noon			Book Discussion Group 1:00	Angel Food Distri bution/Luminary UMC
18	19	20 Parish Life 6:00	P&P Comm 5:30 Fellowship Supper 6:30 Plant & Bake Sale	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31