

The Communicator



Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

7753 Oak Ridge Hwy., Knoxville, TN 37931

OFFICE HOURS: Mon.-Thurs. from 8:00 am-4:30 pm & Friday from 8:00 am-12:00 noon
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APRIL 1, 2011

Minister's Message

Things seem a little backwards

During the season of Lent, we have changed our order of worship. The Gospel reading comes very early in the service, then the sermon, then "everything else." This is actually a much older order of worship than the one we are used to. The rationale is that we hear the word of God and then everything is in response to that. Many Christian denominations follow that order still today. In the United Methodist Church we are not bound to a particular order of worship as long as the Word is proclaimed and there is opportunity for people to respond. During the summer, you may notice a more informal order!

Ever since Transfiguration Sunday (March 6), I have chosen to put the Gospel reading at the beginning of the service because of the nature of the reading. It is not a 'lesson' but a conversation. The Gospel readings during Lent focus on a conversation between Jesus and someone else. When we hear that conversation first, we can spend the rest of the service imagining where we are in that conversation. What would we say to or ask Jesus?

The first week of Lent was a conversation with Satan, then Nicodemus, and then the woman at the well. In the coming weeks, you will hear from the man born blind and from Lazarus who was raised from the dead. Having been in conversation with Jesus should affect how we pray and how we affirm our faith and how we sing and how we do everything! The season of Lent calls us to do things a little differently, to be more intentional about how and why we are doing things, and to pay attention to our spiritual growth. Hopefully, our worship services have caused us to pay attention a little more!

Our altar mirrors the conversation as well. On Transfiguration Sunday, the altar was covered with candles. Each Sunday after that, there has been a different color of cloth around the cross representing the character to whom Jesus is conversing. Calls to worship and prayers are chosen to support the psalm for the day; hymns are chosen to relay the theme for the day. Everything we do in worship is done 'on purpose' - that is, there is reason and intention behind all worship planning.

I pray that you come to worship 'on purpose' - ready to meet God's spirit and see where God is leading you in the conversation.

Catherine

Relief for the Victims of the Earthquake and Tsunami



in Japan

If you would like to give to help toward relief in Japan, please write your checks to BRUMC and mark them *Japan*. Our church will send one check to The United Methodist Committee on Relief.



Sunday, March 20, 2011

Elkana Hope Harris
Joseph Dean Harris

Children of David & Beth Harris

Wednesday Nights in April

Join us for dinner at 5:45 and programs at 6:40 as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dinner Menu</u>	<u>Programs</u>
April 6	"Feel the Love Covered Dish" – For this special covered dish dinner, bring the dish (or dishes) that make you feel most loved when you consume them. Our table time will be a sharing of those special memories.	Adult Options: Lenten Bible Study Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Learning About Lent Youth: "Reel to Real"
April 13	Roast Pork stuffed with mixed dried fruit Baked Mashed Potatoes topped with cheese Broccoli Salad Homemade Rolls Dessert Dinner prepared by Betty Joyce	Adult Options: Lenten Bible Study Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Learning About Lent Youth: "Reel to Real"
April 20	Holy Wednesday – NO Wednesday Night dinner or programs. Please attend the Passover Service on Sunday, April 17 (7:00) and the Maundy Thursday Communion Service on April 21.	
April 27	OUTDOOR FUN NIGHT – We will eat outside (weather permitting) – bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets Menu: Back Yard Burger with cheese or a Back Yard Chicken Sandwich, baked beans, chips, and gourmet cookie (Prepared by Backyard Burger)	After dinner we will participate in outdoor games – croquet, volleyball, badminton, horseshoes, etc. NO NURSERY THIS EVENING

Prizes Needed for Wesley House

Dorcas Circle UMW will host the Senior Group from Wesley House Community Center for lunch and Bingo on Friday, May 6th. Bingo prizes such as toilet tissue, paper towels, Kleenex, soap and lotion are needed. If you can help Dorcas Circle in collecting these prizes, please bring them to the church and place them in the designated box located across from the church office.

Support for Family Promise

Family Promise guests are coming to Ebenezer UMC again on April 3-10, 2011. As a "support church", Beaver Ridge UMC has been providing meals, fellowship time, and overnight hosts for two nights during this period. So once again, we are looking for volunteers for provide a meal that will serve 3-4 families, enjoy fellowship time with the Family Promise guests, and stay as overnight hosts.

The meal providers may be a Sunday School Class, small group ministry, or any team of volunteers willing to prepare a meal. This year Ebenezer is providing recommended menus for each night of the week to eliminate the guesswork and ensure a greater variety of meals for the guests. Often the meal providers will stay with the Guests until the overnight hosts arrive around 8:00 PM. This is a great time to interact with the families and offer encouragement. Kids of all ages are welcome at this time to play with the guest's children. Overnight hosts, including one male and one female, stay from 8:00 PM until 7:00 AM to continue a fellowship time and to be present during the evening in case any guest should require assistance. They also help the families get going the next morning to catch the school bus or Family Promise van.

If you would like more information or desire to support this very worthwhile ministry to homeless families, please contact Robin Manning at 679-0450.

Sign Up for Holston Home Trip

On **Sunday, April 3** everyone is invited for a private tour of Holston United Methodist Home for Children in Greeneville, TN. We will leave the church following the 11:00 worship service, grab a quick bite to eat and journey to Greeneville. Following our tour, Beaver Ridge's youth praise team and youth will provide a worship service for all visitors and residents of Holston. So that we make sure we have adequate transportation, please let Glenna know of your plans to attend. You can do so by e-mail (gmanning@beaverridgeumc.com) or by signing up on the clipboard outside her office before Friday, April 1st.

Second Harvest Food Drop/Distribution

The Second Harvest Food Drop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30. We will begin unloading the truck at 6:30 p.m. and will need lots of strong arms and legs! Then, on Saturday, April 2, we will be doing the food distribution beginning at 8:00 a.m. Again we will need volunteers to assist individuals and families with filling their grocery bags and carts with free food.



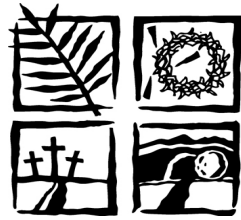
Please join us and be a part of making a difference in our community. For more information, contact Mike & Penny Williams at pennyandmike@att.net or 690-5398.

When Is Easter? (and other fun facts)

- ◇ Easter is ALWAYS the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox. It can be as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.
- ◇ The word Lent comes from the Latin word for "lengthen." The season of Lent occurs when the days get longer.
- ◇ Lent lasts for forty days. We figure forty by counting backwards from Easter and NOT COUNTING Sundays (Sundays are 'little Easters').
- ◇ Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday as a day of repentance. It is a custom that the palms used on Palm Sunday were burned and those ashes are then used for the Ash Wednesday observance the following year.

**Next Newsletter
Deadline...April 4th**

E-mail articles to
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm/Passion Sunday April 17

The service will begin joyfully as we shout and sing hosanna and welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. Throughout the service we read of the events leading up to the trial and crucifixion of our Lord. There will be lots of special music and time for reflection and prayer.

Passover Supper (Seder Meal) April 17 at 7:00 p.m.

The Passover is the oldest of the Old Testament feasts that celebrates and remembers God's liberation of Israel from Egypt. It was meant to be repeated throughout the generations as a memorial forever. For this service we will meet in the Education building where we will celebrate this tradition by sharing in a Seder for Christians. School-age children through adults will participate in this service. (A nursery will be provided for younger children.)

Maundy Thursday April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday is the name given to the day on which Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples and Jesus washed the disciples' feet as an act of humility and service, thereby setting an example that we should love and serve one another in humility. For our somber service we will share in communion together and, for those who desire to participate, a hand washing. (No nursery will be provided.)

Good Friday April 22 at 12:00 noon

This is the time the church traditionally observes the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. We will share in reading the story, spend time in silent reflection and strip the altar. Participants will remove paraments, candles, flowers, and cross from the altar. The cross outside will be draped in black.

Sunrise Service Sunday at 7:00 a.m.

In stark contrast to Good Friday, we will meet joyfully outside at the cross to remove the black drape and cover the cross in flowers. Randy Creswell will deliver our message that morning and participants will decorate the sanctuary and altar for the morning.

Easter Services 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Christ
the Lord
Is Risen
Today!



Celebrate the resurrection of Christ with special music and the Good News. Rev. Manning will bring the message at the contemporary service and

Rev. Nance will lead us at the 11:00 service.

Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt

Come join us for the annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23. From 9:00 - 10:00 our men will serve a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and sausage. After eating, children can participate in games and crafts. Following the breakfast there will be an egg hunt for children of all ages. Children should bring a basket to collect eggs. Join in the fun and celebration as we search for the prize eggs!



Calling All Crafters!

Our Youth Group is hosting a Craft Fair in the FLC on **Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Vendor spaces can be reserved for only \$20 each! The money raised from the rental fee

will go toward the youth's mission trip to Richmond, VA this summer. If you have handmade items to sell - - or you know someone who does - - please contact Julie Graham at julie-graham@comcast.net or 865-680-7447. Spots are going fast! Reserve your space today!



**Saturday, April 23
8:00 am-12 noon**

Stop by the church the Saturday before Easter (April 23rd) and purchase some yummy desserts! Our United Methodist Women will be selling baked goods from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the front church parking lot..

Tuesday Morning Craft Group

Our Craft Group which meets monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday is more than a knitting for charity group (hats for our mitten tree). You are encouraged to bring your own craft project to work on. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet, join us for instructions and fellowship.

*Remember...*the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the church library!

**Need a
Night Out??**

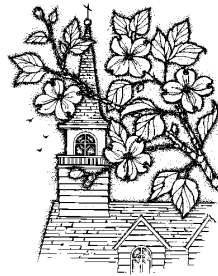


Eat, Love, Pray Fellowship

Ladies, put this date on your calendar....Friday, April 8th. Eat, Love, Pray will meet at the Smoky Mtn. Grill on Gay Street (Market Square) for dinner and fellowship. Carpool available from the church. More details to come...

Senior Adult Group

Our Senior Beavers will tour the Dogwood Trails and enjoy lunch at a restaurant on Tuesday, April 12th. (Meet outside the church office at 10:00 a.m.) Call Eula Love, 690-2085, to reserve your seat on the van.



Easter Candy Needed

We are collecting individually-wrapped candy to place in plastic eggs for the church's Easter Egg Hunt. All donations are appreciated. You may place candy in the basket outside Glenna's office.



SONIC NIGHT!

Thank you to everyone who supported our youth by visiting Sonic on March 10. Through your purchases, our youth group earned \$81.07 to go towards the cost of our summer mission trip to Impact Richmond.

What is Sonic Night? Once a month, the Sonic in Karns sets aside three hours and gives 10% of its profits to our youth group. Our Sonic night in March was cold, but as the weather warms up you might see our youth enjoying some Sonic treats at an outside table. Wouldn't it be great to enjoy your cherry limeade or banana split with them?! **Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 14th from 5:00-8:00 pm for the next Sonic Night for Beaver Ridge Youth!**

Memorials & Special Gifts

IN MEMORY OF: *Edith Loew* (Eva Ratliff's mother)

GIVEN BY: Harold & Linda Absher, Robin & Glenna Manning

IN MEMORY OF: *Gladys Gage* (Jack Harvey's mother)

GIVEN BY: Vivian Hazlewood

IN MEMORY OF: *Buck Walters*

GIVEN BY: Debbie Binder, Jim & B. J. Cox, Steve & Margie McDonald, N. Lawrence & Debbie Wallace, E. L. & Sarah L. Qualls, Dairy Farmers of America, Dairy Partners, Lorie Briegel, Bill & Jean Shannon, David Dozier, Robin & Glenna Manning, Joe & Jackie Dailey, John & Karen Hackworth, Bert & Maggie Smalley, Marita Vornehm, Tracy Bellamy, Kim Rich & Kathy Douglas (Live Biology Dept., Carolina Biological Supply Co.), Gene & Marty Rayburn, Harold & Linda Absher

IN MEMORY OF: *Jim Guinn*

GIVEN BY: His Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

FOR: Chapel Renovation

UMW Circles for Monday, April 4th

Dorcas — 10:00 a.m. in the church library

Sarah — 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Betty Lois Williams will serve as hostess and the program will be given by Barbara Stevens.

UMM Meeting

Our United Methodist Men's Group will meet at Hardee's for breakfast on Saturday, April 9th, at 7:30 a.m. You can also join the men on Saturday, April 2nd, for Spring Clean-Up Day. The fun begins at 8:00 a.m.!

For more information on either of these events, contact Tim Housewright at thousewright@rrcinc.com.

*Another note....*Harold Absher has some great deals on Calling All Men caps and shirts! Contact him at 394-0087 or lhabsher@comcast.net.

YOUTH PAGE

WHAT'S UP WITH YOUTH??

BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday mornings at 7:20 am. Join Catherine in the Ed. Building for some Lucky Charms, other breakfast treats, and to share the Good News! Transportation provided to KMS, KHS, & HVA.

Sunday, April 3:

ROAD TRIP TO HOLSTON HOME

We will depart immediately following the 11:00 service to spend the afternoon touring, visiting and worshipping with the folks at Holston Home for Children in Greeneville. The youth group and youth band will lead worship. Bring money for lunch.

Wednesday, April 6 & 13 at 6:40 pm

REEL TO REAL

Lessons from the Bible, some maybe unexpected, in some of today's popular films.

Saturday, April 9:

CRAFT FAIR FUNDRAISER

All money raised from rental fees for craft booths and concession sales will go towards decreasing your cost for our summer mission trip to Impact Richmond. YOUTH needed to set up on Friday night and to sell concessions from 8:00 am-2:00 pm on Saturday. Sign up now for your shift!

Sunday, April 10:

YOUTH, 6:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, April 14:

SONIC NIGHT

Make plans to hang-out at Sonic sometime between 5:00-8:00 when Sonic will donate 10% of their sales to us for our mission trip.

Friday, April 15:

LOCK-IN/LOCK-OUT, 9:00 pm-7:00 am

It's time to stay up all night! Midnight Bowling! Scavenger Hunt! Pizza! Games! Donuts! Bring \$15 to cover the cost of shenanigans. Invite your friends! Everyone attending must have a completed Health form on file. Forms are available from Lori.

...AND YOU DON'T WANNA MISS WHAT'S COMING UP:

May 4...Wednesday Night Dinner Honoring This Year's Graduates

May 15...Picnic and Games at Victor Ashe Park

May 29...Summer Kick-off Pool Party!

June 27 - July 1...Jr. High & Sr. High Assembly at Tennessee Wesleyan. Early Bird Discount Deadline is May 2. Go to www.holston.org/ministries/youth for more information and registration forms.

July 10-16...IMPACT RICHMOND Mission Trip in Richmond, VA



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A Glance at Our Church Calendar...

FRIDAY, APRIL 1:

6:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 2:

8 am – UMM Spring Clean-Up Day
8 am-12 noon – Second Harvest Food Giveaway (FLC)

SUNDAY, APRIL 3: 4th Sunday in Lent

12 noon – Visit to Holston Home for Children, Greeneville

5 pm – YAC (Davidson's)

No Regular Youth

MONDAY, APRIL 4:

Newsletter Deadline

6:30 am – Early Bird Adult Lenten Study

10 am – Men's Lenten Study

10 am – Dorcas Circle (Library)

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.)

6 pm – Daisy Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

6 & 7 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)

7 pm – Sarah Circle (Library)

7-8 pm – Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, APRIL 5:

7:20 am – Youth Breakfast (Fell. Hall)

9 am – Zumba (Gym)

10 am – Morning Craft Group (Library)

1:30 pm – Women's Lenten Study

3:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)

7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

7 pm – Admin. Team Mtg. (Rm. 209)

8-10 pm – Young Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6:

1:30 pm – Women's Lenten Study (Lib.)

4:45-5:45 pm – Youth Band Practice

5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner-Cov. Dish

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:40-7:30 pm – Wed. Night Activities

7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 7:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)

5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)

6:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8:

Time TBA – Eat, Pray, Love Ladies Outing (Smoky Mtn. Grill, Market Square)

6:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 8-9:

Woodcutting Weekend at Project Crossroads

SATURDAY, APRIL 9:

7:30 am – UM Men's Breakfast

(Hardee's)

9 am-2 pm – Craft Fair (FLC)

10-11:30 am – Last Day to Order Angel Food (Education Bldg.)

SUNDAY, APRIL 10: 5th Sunday in Lent

5 pm – YAC (Davidson's)

6-8 pm – Youth/Snack Supper

MONDAY, APRIL 11:

6:30 am – Early Bird Adult Lenten Study

10 am – Men's Lenten Study

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.)

6 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12:

7:20 am – Youth Breakfast (Fell. Hall)

9 am – Zumba (Gym)

10 am – Senior Beavers Outing

1:30 pm – Women's Bible Study (Library)

3:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)

6:30 pm – Finance Cmte. Mtg. (Rm. 209)

7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

8-10 pm – Young Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13:

1:30 pm – Women's Bible Study (Library)

4:45-5:45 pm – Youth Band Practice

5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:40-7:30 pm – Wed. Night Activities

7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL 14:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)

5-8 pm – BR Day at Sonic in Karns

5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)

6:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 15:

6:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

9 pm-7 am, Sat. – Youth Lock-In/Out (FLC)