

THE COMMUNICATOR

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DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW DIFFICULT IT IS TO RUN A NEWSLETTER WITHOUT BETTY SEEING IT?????

You are invited to attend a celebration honoring

Betty Lloyd

May 15, 2011 ~ Family Life Center

9:50 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

May 15, 2011 is Betty's **THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY** of being our church secretary. We want to celebrate those years of service and look forward to more!

Betty will be honored at both worship services on May 15. The reception will be held during the Sunday School hour in the Family Life Center.

Please get those cards and letters of appreciation and funny stories to Tammy Massey (tmassey011@frontier.com) or you may leave them in the Staff-Parish mailbox outside the office. Contributions for Betty's gift are still being collected. Please make checks payable to BRUMC and mark "BETTY" on memo line. Drop in offering plate or mail to church. (Betty will not see them.)

Questions? Call Phyllis Martinelli 556-0758

From the Senior Minister...

I am so appreciative of Rev. Glenna Manning and the work she has done here the last three years. When I arrived here in June of 2009, I could tell immediately how much this church loves Glenna and how thankful you are for her. Part of Glenna's work is helping you see what your spiritual gifts are and how each member is called to ministry. She has helped you say, "I can do this," whether it was teaching a children's Sunday School lesson or visiting our neighbors at the assisted living center. She has helped you explore the Scriptures and encouraged you to study further. It is very tempting to beg her to stay and ask her to keep doing the things she is doing. But being a deacon means that she must follow her heart as to where God is calling her. Beaver Ridge has been blessed and is better equipped to be disciples because of her leadership. To honor her ministry, we will continue as a congregation to ask the questions: How can I be in ministry? Whom might I serve? Who is my neighbor?

Glenna's last Sunday is May 22. On that day, we will give thanks to God for her ministry and show her our love and appreciation as she moves on to help another congregation. Join us at either worship service that morning where we will 'send forth' Glenna to a new ministry.

Grace and peace to you,

Catherine

What's a MONDAY THURSDAY?

If you are new to the church or grew up in a tradition that did not celebrate Holy Week, some of these observances may sound strange. Here is what you can expect this week:

PALM SUNDAY MORNING — April 17, 9:00 and 11:00 am

At both worship services, children will process in waving palm branches while "Hosanna!" is being sung. We even have a beloved donkey that one of the children will ride down the aisle. (Don't worry; it is made of wood.)

PALM SUNDAY EVENING — April 17, 7:00 pm (Education Building)

You are invited to participate in an abbreviated Seder Meal (also called the Passover Supper) that Jewish families observe. It is a wonderful reminder of our heritage and link to our Jewish roots. The Seder meal is a celebration of the salvation God brought to pass more than 3000 years ago when he delivered our ancestors from bondage in Egypt. The Passover Supper is the meal Jesus was sharing with his disciples in what we call the Last Supper. We will not have a full meal but just small portions and samples of what a family might eat and learn about the symbolism of the food. The liturgy is a series of questions asked by children and the elders answer. (Again, don't worry! You'll have the answers). We will sit in groups of eight. This will be a wonderful night to visit with old and new friends! The service is appropriate for all ages from school-age children to adults. A nursery is provided in the Education building for younger children.

MAUNDY (Rhymes with Ghandi) THURSDAY — April 21, 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

This will be about a 30-minute service where we hear the scripture that tells about Jesus washing the disciples' feet and how we are given a new commandment (*mandatum* is Latin for commandment) to love one another. (Third time: DON'T WORRY! We are not washing feet.) You will have the opportunity to wash hands if you so desire. We will also share in a brief service of Holy Communion. Children are welcome and would find this service very meaningful.

GOOD FRIDAY – April 22, 12:00 noon

We will begin in the Sanctuary and those who would like to share in the reading of the passion story (trial and crucifixion of Jesus) may do so. If you'd prefer just to listen, that is fine. We will then 'strip the altar' which means remove all of the paraments (cloths) and candles. We will drape the cross in black and then go outside and remove the purple cloth from the cross in the yard and drape it in black. This is done in silence. The service lasts about thirty minutes. Children are welcome to attend.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – April 24, 7:00 am

Dress casually or warmly – depending on weather. Meet outside at the cross. Bring flowers (fresh or artificial) to put on the cross. We will move inside to restore the altar for worship by replacing the paraments and other items. The service will last about forty-five minutes.

Who Will We Get?

In the United Methodist Church at appointment-making time, when we hear one minister is leaving, we are saddened to see them go but the next thought is 'who will the bishop send here next?'

We are sad to see Glenna go but are happy for the new opportunity she has to help another church start some new ministries. Since Glenna is a deacon, the bishop will not automatically appoint someone here to replace her. Deacons work alongside the appointment system since they do not itinerate (meaning 'go where the bishop sends' like elders do). Deacons respond to opportunities for ministry and seek places they can serve using their servant gifts.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be meeting Tuesday night, April 19th at 7:00 to discuss staffing needs of the church. If you have suggestions or concerns you would like to share, please feel free to contact any of our members (listed below).

Many of you have asked about a gift for Glenna. We do want to show our love and appreciation for her, but also want to honor her wishes. She was, and still is, so grateful for the outpouring of love she received from our congregation last June at her ordination and has asked that we not receive offering for a gift. However, if you would like to make a gift in her honor, feel free to do so and designate it for Holston Home or the Family Life Center or the renovation, or wherever you desire!

Make checks out to the church and put on the memo line: Glenna/_____ and then fill in where you would like the offering to go. Glenna will receive a notice of your gift (not the amount). Donors will also be listed in the newsletter just like we do memorials.

Please keep Glenna in your prayers. It is hard to say goodbye while at the same time preparing for a new journey. We are so grateful to have had her as one of our leaders!

In Christ,

Stan Frazier, Chair
Staff-Parish Relations Committee
Contact E-Mail: SEF691@aol.com

Other Members: Betty Lois Williams, Charlie Hill, Jimmy Harris,
Buddy Householder, Debbie Blazier, Phyllis Martinelli, Tammy Massey, Mary Hunt
Ex-officio members: Ron Johnson (Lay Leader), Connie Dagley & Steve Lane (Lay Members to Annual Conference)

Quarterly Financial Summary — March 31, 2011

This is the first quarterly report since the 2011 budget was approved on January 15, 2011 by Church Council. The budget was approved as a balanced budget with a total projected contribution/income of \$597,660 plus an end-of-the-year cash balance of \$50,142 which exceeds the total projected expense of \$637,777. This is the first time in several years the church has started the year with a balanced budget.

The budget is an estimate and has some uncertainty. However, taking income and cost into account, the approved budget is approximately \$25,000 more than last year's budget. With your continued giving and the church staff and officers maintaining a vigilant mode of controlling cost, the church finances should continue to be sound.

Financially, the first three months of the year look good. Total contributions were \$148,169.78; total expenses were \$157,867.66. A brief update regarding giving vs. pledges can be seen in the following table:

PLEDGES VS. GIVING THROUGH MARCH 31, 2011			
	Pledges	Pledged Giving	Non-Pledged Giving
GENERAL BUDGET	\$83,901.00	\$80,455.00	\$17,722.00
FAMILY LIFE CENTER	\$27,890.00	\$24,635.00	\$3,254.00

If you need to make an adjustment to your pledge, please let our bookkeeper, Margaret Melton, know. If you are new to the church and have not made a pledge, you do not have to wait until the fall to do that! Again, contact our bookkeeper at mmelton@beaverridgeumc.com or call her at 690-1060 (ext. 102). Her hours are Monday - Wednesday, 8:30 - 4:30, and Thursday, 9:00 - noon.

Things to Remember . . .

- **Family Game Night on Friday, April 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm.** BINGO, YAHTZEE, UNO, Pictionary, and many other favorite board games, "light" potluck snack items and Wheel of Fortune. Bring a card table if you have one, a simple snack to munch on, and put your best "game face" on for a night of Family Fun! Bring anyone who wants to be a part of OUR FAMILY! If you need more information, email Ethan Porter at elbowsporter@comast.net.
- **UMW Bake Sale on Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 am. –Noon.** Stop by the church the Saturday before Easter and purchase some yummy desserts! Our United Methodist Women will be selling baked goods in the front church parking lot next to the Easter Egg Hunt.
- **Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23 beginning at 9:00 am.** Come join us for our annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt! From 9:00–10:00 a.m. 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! **NOTE:** We are collecting individually-wrapped candy to place in plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Drop off candy in the basket outside Glenna's office by April 22.
- **Would you like to join other church friends for Easter dinner?** If you are all by yourself this Easter for whatever reason, join Rebecca Young and other Beaver Ridgers for a homestyle dinner. Bring a side dish or dessert. Let Rebecca know you're coming! Great way to meet some new friends and fellowship with old ones. (Rebecca Young, 3922 Valleybrook Drive - 769-4662)
- **Cleaning the Closet!** Our trustees will be meeting on Saturday, April 30 to clean closets in the Family Life Center. If you have anything stored in the large storage room in the gym that needs to remain there, please make sure it is well marked. Otherwise, items will be discarded.
- **Graduation Celebration Dinner on Wednesday, May 4, at 5:30 in the Family Life Center.** We want to recognize and celebrate all our 2011 high school and college graduates including those who have graduated since May of 2010. Please send in graduate photos as well as photos taken throughout the years for our screen presentation. Short videos can also be included. Send graduate information (name, school, honors/awards, etc.) to blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com no later than April 25th. Submit all photos and short videos to Chris Little at bunabaker@gmail.com no later than May 1st. Dinner will be buffet style. Fried chicken and dessert will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or potato dish to share.
- **Graduates Recognition Sunday on May 1.** Our graduates are encouraged to attend one of the worship services on this Sunday.
- **Holston Conference Hands-On Mission Project** We are putting together Health Kits for Liberia - Helen Roberts. These need to be turned in by June 5. For a list of kit items, please look on the missions bulletin board outside the church office or in the last church newsletter.

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