

The Communicator



Beaver Ridge United Methodist

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MINISTER'S PAGE

Tone of Voice

"Joseph took Mary and the child, Jesus, and fled to Egypt." (Matthew 2:14)

No, it's not Christmas. It is a very different season in our country.

I want to share with you as your pastor my concern about the tone of our voice as we talk about "illegal aliens." I am not talking about political parties or policies. I am talking about the hatred I hear when people speak of "those Mexicans" and the fear I hear when people talk about "those people taking all our jobs."

Because we are Christians, we MUST begin every conversation with the knowledge that we are created in the image of God, that God sees all people as his children, and that throughout scripture we are called to welcome the stranger in our midst and to treat others as if Jesus Christ were standing in front of us.

Yes, we need to have a discussion about immigration reform in this country, but it cannot begin with fear and hate. When a nation is anxious and fearful about its economy, that is when we begin to hear hateful language and desperately search for someone or a group to blame. "If only they..... then things would be better."

I am not asking you to participate in a political debate with Democrats and Republicans; I am asking you as Christians to listen to your tone of voice. Is it angry and adamant and cutting off other voices? Is it questioning and inviting and

gentle? Is it skeptical? Hopeful? Does your tone of voice – on any subject – echo the tone of God's voice?

As a church family, as a community, and as a nation, there will be times when we struggle with difficult conversations. Whether those conversations revolve around public policy or personal preference, they must begin with a deep respect for every person. As Christians, we have no choice. When our story of faith begins with people moving out of slavery into a promised land and moves to a story about Joseph and Mary fleeing persecution and living as 'aliens' in Egypt, there is a certain tone of voice we must bring to the table.

There is information on page 3 of this newsletter about a workshop at Church Street UMC on Saturday, August 21 titled "The Soul Has No Color." I would encourage you to attend and listen to the voices of those who are not just working on the issue of immigration but who are working with people – God's people – to set the tone of the conversation.

As one who often speaks with sarcasm and more than occasionally with an exasperated tone of voice, let us all confess our words and voices and ask God to be at the source of our thoughts and words. As the Psalmist said, the Lord put a new song in my mouth (Psalm 40:3)

Grace and Peace,
Catherine

Look what's happening this Sunday, August 15th...

- ⇒ **Blessing of the Backpacks (both services)** — Students in grades K thru college are invited to bring backpacks and receive recognition and blessing for the new school term. All who work with students (teachers, aides, bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria and office workers, etc.) are also encouraged to be present.
- ⇒ **Sunday School Teacher Recognition (both services)** — We will give thanks for our Sunday School teachers.
- ⇒ **Bibles Presented to Third Graders (both services)** — All rising third graders will be presented with a Bible during worship.
- ⇒ **Promotion Sunday** — Children will move to the next grade level class during Sunday School.
- ⇒ **Adult Sunday School Open House** — Adults are invited to visit Sunday School classes (see page 2).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 am-4:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am-12:00 noon

We're on the web!
www.beaverridgeumc.com

Church Phone: 690-1060
Church Fax: 691-3157

Prayer for the New School Year Tuesday, August 17th First Day of School for Knox County Students

Sanctuary open for prayer for students, teachers and staff.

Come as you are anytime between the hours of 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.

Beaver Ridge family and friends enjoy an evening of swimming and fellowship at our annual Back-to-School Swim Party on August 8th...



Help Our Schools

Remember how the Methodist churches used to “pound” their preachers? Wouldn't it be fun to “pound” the principal of our elementary school? As previously noted, Ms. Darlene Miller, the principal of Karns Elementary School, will be our speaker on August 25. We would like to surprise Ms. Miller with gifts of classroom supplies for the coming school year. Please bring the following items on August 25. (Note: If you are unable to be here on the 25th, drop off your donations in front of the church office.)

For Student Use:

- Crayons (Crayola brand – no more than 24 per box)
- Glue – both bottles and glue sticks
- Wide-ruled Notebook Paper

For Classroom Use:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes

Children's Ministry News

Sunday, August 15 is Promotion Sunday in children's Sunday school. All those going to Kindergarten will move from the pre-school area to the education building and rising sixth graders will move to the youth wing. Bibles will be presented to rising 3rd graders in both worship services.



Wonderful Wednesdays in August

They're baaaaack!!!! Our Wonderful Wednesdays begin on August 18. Please mark your calendars to join us for these dates in August. Dinner begins at 5:45 – 6:30 with programs beginning at 6:40 – 7:30. Nursery is provided for infants through pre-k.

August 18 – Covered Dish Dinner and a “Celebrating the Summer” program. Following dinner, we will learn about many of the mission and outreach activities of BRUMC members that have taken place during this summer. We will learn from our children, youth and adults as they share their mission experiences.

August 25 – Dinner will be served by your staff with a program by Darlene Miller, Principal of Karns Elementary School. Darlene will speak on the student-mentorship program beginning new at KES and on the Second Harvest Meals for Kids. Our meal for the evening will be baked spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Join us for fellowship around the table and learn how we can be a significant impact with our schools.

Family Promise Pasta Cook-Off

The **Family Promise PASTA COOKOFF** is Saturday, Aug. 28th from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Northshore. This is one of their biggest fundraisers to support the homeless families we are trying to help get back on their feet. Beaver Ridge is serving Kristina Lyell's Cajun Chicken Pasta and we need everyone to buy a \$5 ticket, come to the event and vote...**\$5 for a dinner!!!** Transportation from church will be provided if needed (call 680-7032). Rebecca Young and Charlotte DeLozier have a few tickets left to sell. Even if you can't attend, you can still make a donation. Make checks payable to BRUMC and write “Family Promise” on the memo.

Volunteer Position Available for Preschool Sunday School

- Needed ASAP
- Must be 18-100 years old
- Sunday School Teacher's Assistant for Four-Year-Olds two Sundays a month
- Dependable, Loving, Fun, Silly, Patient, a big Smile and have had or will attend the Safe Sanctuary Program

Come and enjoy our preschoolers...you won't want to leave! For more information call Tammy Massey, 216-0951.

Mystery Dinner Theater Supports Mission Work

The Murder Mystery Dinner Theater has become an annual event at Beaver Ridge and is our biggest fundraiser for supporting mission work. This year's show is “The Costume Party Caper” and will be held in the Family Life Center on Saturday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale September 2nd, so be watching!

There will be a cast meeting for the Mystery Dinner Theater this Sunday, August 15th, 6:30 p.m., in the church library. THERE IS A NEED FOR MORE ACTORS AND ACTRESSES (at least two men are needed). If you would like to try your hand at acting, contact Judy Graham at 659-3698 or 659-0293.

Adult Sunday School News

Looking for a place to make connections? Try Sunday School!! Beaver Ridge has several classes from which adults can choose.

Attend the Adult Sunday School Open House this Sunday, August 15 and visit from class to class. In addition to our regular classes, we will be starting a new adult class on August 22, facilitated by Steve Lane. Stop in and learn more about this class and help in planning its formation. For more info on Adult Sunday school classes, pick up the newly published brochure (available in the lobby of the office and sanctuary) or view them on the church website.



Young Adult College & Career Group (YAC)

Get ready for a YAC Fall Spectacular as we kick off the new school year with a fun-filled weekend!

- * Friday, Aug. 27, 8:00 pm — *Bonfire at Massey's*
- * Saturday, Aug. 28, 3:00 pm — *Pool Party at Judy Graham's*
- * Sunday, Aug. 29, 6:30 pm — *Dinner (Place TBA)*

For more information on these events, contact Erick & Karah Loveland (859-0759) or Scott & Suzanne Davidson (356-2472). You can also join our Facebook Group: YAC @ Beaver Ridge UMC.

September Spectacular!!

Last year we held our first September Spectacular event and it was a huge success as each group worked together to not only raise funds for their group, but to be a visible presence in the life of the Karns community. This year's event promises to be just as exciting with the following activities planned thus far:

- Rummage Sale – rummage only; NO clothes
- Breakfast (sponsored by the chancel choir – Contact: Jean Osborne)
- Bake Sale (sponsored by the United Methodist Women – Contact: Charlene Asbury)
- Rent-a-Slot: Rent your own slot for \$10 and have your own rummage or craft sale (sponsored by the youth – Contact: Lori Hopper)
- Car Wash (sponsored by the youth – Contact: Lori Hopper)
- Missions will collect and sell ONLY paperback and hard-back books, video games, DVD's, records, music CD's, and books on tape (Contact: Phyllis Martinelli)

Whether you are donating items or wanting to buy, please mark your calendars for **Sat., September 11 from 8:00–11:00 a.m.** for this wonderful event. (More information regarding collection dates and times for your contributions will be forthcoming.)

Next Women's Bible Study

Our Women's Bible Study has completed its summer study of the Psalms. We will take a short break and resume the study after Labor Day.

Beginning September 7 & 8, join us either Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2:30 for our new study, Lessons From the Saints, as we learn about the faith tradition as it has formed throughout the centuries and how it applies to our lives today. For more information contact Glenna.

A Soul Has No Color

Social Action Workshop on Immigration

On August 21, 2010 many will gather at the Church Street United Methodist Church, 900 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, to discuss "*Immigration, A Soul Has No Color*," a workshop sponsored by the Holston Conference United Methodist Women.

Beginning at 9:00 AM and concluding around 4:00 PM, this one-day workshop is led by informed leaders to include the Rev. James Dougherty, Chairman of the Holston Conference Hispanic/Latino Ministries Team, David Jennings, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Tennessee, and the Rev. Tony Collins, Pastor of the Loudon United Methodist Church in Loudon, Tennessee.

Those interested in attending this powerful one-day Social Action Workshop may register by sending a \$10.00 registration fee (fee includes lunch and a snack) to Kay Phillips at PO Box 4301, Sevierville, Tennessee 37864. Make checks payable to Holston Conference UMW. For more information, visit www.holstonconferenceumw.com or see info in reception area.

Alpha & Omega Youth

Sunday, Aug. 15 - End of Summer H₂O Games, 6:00-8:00 pm. Wear swimsuit (girls...tankinis or one-piece only!), bring towel, clothes to change into, and a friend!

Sunday, Aug. 22 - Covered Dish Parent/Youth Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come help in planning Fall activities for Alpha & Omega and be ready to play a little kickball and volleyball!

Sunday, Aug. 29 - Regular Youth, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11 - Youth will be doing a car wash at the September Spectacular event.

Saturday, Sept. 18 - Biking on the VA Creeper. Watch for more info.

Eat, Pray, Love – Not Just a Movie

Yes, this is the name of a new movie, but it is also the name of a new Women's Fellowship Group! The Eat, Pray, Love Group will meet monthly on Friday evenings for the purpose of doing what the group name implies: eating together, praying for one another, and building loving Christian relationships with one another.

Join us on Friday, August 27 for our first meeting. We will meet at BRUMC and carpool to the Pinnacle Theater in Turkey Creek for a showing of the movie, Eat, Pray, Love. Afterwards we will meet for coffee and dessert and talk about the activities of this group. Mark your calendars to join us. (Time will be announced as soon as the movie is released.) For more information, contact Teresa Gillenwaters (947-1919) or Glenna Manning.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Beaver Ridge children, youth and adults attend Holston Conference Night at the Tennessee Smokies Baseball Game.

Who Did That???

Thank you to our United Methodist Men for all the tree trimming! AND...have you noticed the Eagle Scout project going on in the Education Building?? Take a look!

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF: *Al Wilson* GIVEN BY: Kathryn Arnold

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
All articles due Thursday, August 19th
 Send to: blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com



A Look At August

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12:
 6 pm—Preschool Ministries Cmte. Mtg.
 7-9 pm—Adult Open Gym

FRI.-SAT., AUGUST 13-14:
 Calling All Men (Cokesbury Center)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14:
 10 am-12 noon—Angel Food Orders Received

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15:
“Blessing of the Backpacks”
Sunday School Promotion Sunday, Teacher Recognition and Adult SS Open House
 6-8 pm—Alpha & Omega Youth End-of-Summer H₂O Games
 6:30 pm—Cast Mtg. for Mystery Theater

MONDAY, AUGUST 16:
 6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17:
 First Day for Knox County Students
 6:45-9 am—Sanctuary Open for Prayer
 10 am—Craft Group (Library)
 6 pm—Preschool Open House (FLC)
 7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts -No Aerobics-
 8:30-10 pm—Young Men’s Basketball

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18:
 5:45 pm—Wednesday Night Dinners begin—Mission Celebration & Covered Dish
 7:30 pm—Praise Band
 8:30-10 pm—Young Men’s Basketball

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19:
 5:45 pm—Aerobics
 7-9 pm—Adult Open Gym

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21:
 8 am—2 pm—Winter/Fall Consignment Sale
 9 am—*A Soul Has No Color* Workshop (Church Street UMC)
 9:30-11:30 am—Angel Food Pick-Up

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22: Mission Awareness

6-8 pm—Alpha & Omega Youth/Parent Meeting, Covered Dish Supper & Games
 6:30-8:30 pm—Mystery Theater Practice

MONDAY, AUGUST 23:
 6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24:
 5:45 pm—Aerobics
 7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts; Trustees/Finance Combined Meeting (Room 207)
 8:30-10 pm—Young Men’s Basketball

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25:
 5:45 pm—Wed. Night Dinner
 6:30-7:30 pm—Wed. Night Activities
 7:30 pm—Praise Band
 8:30-10 pm—Young Men’s Basketball

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26:
 7-9 pm—Adult Open Gym

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27:
 8 pm—YAC Bonfire (Massey’s)
 Time TBA—Eat, Pray, Love Women’s Group

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28:
 9 am-12 noon—Church Council Retreat
 5:30-8:30 pm—Family Promise Pasta Cook-Off (Sacred Heart)
 3 pm—YAC Pool Party (Judy Graham’s)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29: Holston Home Sun.
 6-8 pm—Alpha & Omega Youth
 6:30-8:30 pm—Mystery Theater Practice
 6:30 pm—YAC Celebration Dinner (Place TBA)

MONDAY, AUGUST 30:
 6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31:
 10 am—Craft Group (Library)
 5:30 pm—Student Mentor Training Mtg. (KES)
 5:45 pm—Aerobics
 7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts
 8:30-10 pm—Young Men’s Basketball

A Student NEEDS YOU!

Sign up to become a mentor at Karns Elementary and be ready to change a life and also enrich your own. All you need to do is be a positive role model for the student and spend 45-60 minutes per week talking, reading, and being a friend. All activity will take place at school. There will be an information/training session at the school on August 31 at 5:30 p.m., and you will find out all you need to know to start. Contact the school principal, Darlene Miller (millerd7@k12tn.net or 539-7772) or Dona Bean (beand@k12tn.net) for more information.



Beaver Ridge children visit with assisted living residents.



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This Sunday is OPEN HOUSE for Adult Sunday School. Looking for a new class to attend? Come and visit!