

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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DECEMBER 1, 2010

HOPE ~ JOY ~ PEACE ~ LOVE

Hallmark was not the first to give voice to these words.

Long before Christmas celebrations, God's prophets spoke of hope, joy, peace, and love. During the Advent season, which begins this Sunday, we are reminded of the prophets who spoke of "one who is to come" who will usher in God's kingdom of hope, joy, peace, and love. Advent is a peculiar season. While the rest of the world is singing about Little Baby Jesus (along with Frosty and Rudolph), the church is singing about a new age. We sing and talk about what it means to look forward to a time when these four hallmarks of Christianity are truly lived out. We talk about preparation not just in terms of shopping lists but "Prepare the way of the Lord" and "Prepare him room."

To help you prepare for worship each week during Advent, I encourage you to read the passages of scripture Christians around the world will be sharing. These are from the *Revised Common Lectionary*, which is the calendar of readings for many Christian denominations. Each week there is an Old Testament lesson, a psalm in response to the Old Testament; then a reading from an Epistle and finally, the gospel.

November 28

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

December 5

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

December 12

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46-55*

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

December 19

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

*This song is in place of the Psalm for the third week of Advent.

Even if you are one who is not that familiar with Old Testament scripture, the words you read in Isaiah will probably sound very familiar to you! Keep this in your Bible and each week spend some time preparing to make room for the one who continues to come to us each day.

May you have a blessed Advent.

Catherine

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



Karen Billingsley



Don & Doris McCurdy

MITTEN TREE REMINDER

December 3rd will be the last day to bring your gifts for the Morgan-Scott Mitten Tree.

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Bert, Maggie & Matthew Smalley and Amanda Cowan in the death of Maggie's father, **Ed Sternberg** of Knoxville, on November 15th.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Thursday, December 9 — 6:30 p.m.
Upstairs FLC

Everyone is invited to attend this annual meeting with our district superintendent. This is a time to look back on the past year as we turn in reports and also look forward to the coming year as we approve officers and other items of business. The ministers will give their annual report. All members are eligible to vote at this meeting.

YOUTH PAGE

A Note from Adam...
 Hey all! I cannot tell you how excited I am to be working with you. I look forward to sharing a lot of laughs, a lot of good times, and some deep thoughts with you all. My plan is to make Sunday nights a time that we all can let loose for a while and then work together to grow closer to God. With all this said, I feel very blessed for the opportunity to work with you and look forward to growing with you. -Adam Bean



Youth with a Mission
 Beaver Ridge Youth purchased items to fill 11 stockings for the Salvation Army. These stockings will be distributed this Christmas to children in the Knoxville area.

Did you know Beaver Ridge Youth also...
 • Donated toys for the Morgan-

- Scott Mitten Tree
- Distributed invitations in area neighborhoods to our church's free Thanksgiving day meal
- Helped sort and deliver Thanksgiving food boxes to local families
- In conjunction with GAP and Girl Scouts, made 20+ blankets to be given away to homeless families in downtown Knoxville this winter

Resurrection 2011 Reminders
 Resurrection is just around the corner! Remember...**participation at Sunday night youth with your covenant groups on Dec. 5 and January 9 is required.** This is a time to bond, work together, have some laughs, and get to know all our friends going to Resurrection in January. There are several opportunities coming up to fulfill your mission/service project requirement:

- Toys can be donated to Morgan Scott and left under the Mitten Tree in the Narthex during the first week of Dec.
- Ushers are needed at the 9:00 am service on Dec. 12 and January 9.
- Attendance at the Festival of Gifts & Talents on Dec. 12.
- Christmas Caroling on Dec. 19.

Resurrection is January 21-23, 2011. Got questions? Contact Lori—556-6459 or lorialisson@comcast.net.

December Calendar

Wednesday, Dec. 1

- * HANG TIME @ 3:30
- * YOUTH BAND PRACTICE @ 4:45
- * DINNER @ 5:45
- * TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS WITH CATHERINE @ 6:40

Sunday, Dec. 5

- * SNACK SUPPER @ 6:00
- * RESURRECTION COVENANT GROUPS FROM 6:30-8:00
- * All youth attending Resurrection in January will meet with your small group for devotions, games and activities. THIS IS A REQUIRED ACTIVITY FOR RESURRECTION 2011.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

- * HANG TIME @ 3:30
- * YOUTH BAND PRACTICE @ 4:45
- * DINNER @ 5:45
- * CONCERT @ 6:40

Sunday, Dec. 12

- * CHURCH FESTIVAL OF GIFTS AND TALENTS @ 5:30
- * Got a talent to share with our church family? Sign up with Glenna. Don't have a talent to share? Come out for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship and support our children's Christmas play and youth band!! Attendance at the festival can count towards one of your Resurrection service projects.

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15.

Sunday, Dec. 19

- * CHRISTMAS CAROLING @ 4:00
- * "The Best Way to Spread Christmas Cheer is Singing Loud for All To Hear!" Meet in the FLC to divide into groups with other members of our church family. We will travel to area nursing homes and to the homes of homebound neighbors to spread some Christmas cheer! We will return to the FLC at 5:30 for a Christmas party!

Church League Basketball
 SUNDAY PRACTICE TIMES:
 1:00-2:30, Girls—Coached by Jim Myers & Brian Moazen
 2:30-4:00, Sr. High Boys—Coached by Jeff Bright & Steve Williams
 4:00-5:30, Jr. High Boys—Coached by Mark Graham & Mike Graham
 Watch your email and texts for more information as the season gets started.

Innisbrook Gift Wrap Orders are Here!!
 If you sold gift wrap, see Julie Graham to get your orders and start delivering. Payment must be collected when items are delivered. Checks should be made to "Beaver Ridge Youth". **Thank you to all who sold and purchased gift wrap!**

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

- **KARNS CHRISTMAS PARADE—Dec. 4, 10 a.m.**

If you are interested in helping with either a float or serving hot chocolate, please let Glenna know.

- **SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC—Dec. 12, 9 & 11 a.m.**

Praise Team (9:00) and Chancel Choir (11:00) will provide beautiful Christmas music as we share the story of Jesus' birth.

- **FESTIVAL OF GIFTS AND TALENTS—Dec. 12**

We will begin at 5:30 with a family-style dinner and follow at 6:30 with a program where members will offer gifts of music, dance, poetry, recitation, or whatever talent you would like to share. The program will also include our children's Christmas pageant. There will be an area in the FLC lobby for you to display talents such as paintings/drawings, wood carving, quilting/knitting, scrap-booking, etc. You can sign up to participate outside Glenna's office, on one of the forms in the choir room, or you can call or e-mail Glenna **by Dec. 9** (690-1060 or gmanning@beaverridgeumc.com). Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided for the dinner. There is NO cost, but we need persons to volunteer to bring a potato dish, green vegetable dish, OR a dessert which will

serve eight. If you can help with this, please indicate it on the reservation form provided inside your Sunday worship bulletin. Dinner reservations are due Dec. 9.

- **BLUE CHRISTMAS—Dec. 15, 4 p.m.**

Christmas is not a joyful time for everyone. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, a job or a relationship, it is difficult to sing "Joy to the World". Join us in the Chapel for a quiet service where we find hope and healing in the midst of hurt.

- **CHRISTMAS CAROLING—Dec. 19, 4 p.m.**

This is for everyone! We will gather in the Family Life Center Lobby to divide into groups to go sing to our homebound members in the neighborhood and in nursing homes. We will all gather back at the FLC by 5:30 to share Christmas cheer. White chili provided; you provide finger foods and desserts. Games and trivia and fellowship!

- **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES—Dec. 24, 5 & 8 p.m.**

Our church offers a 'noisy' service geared toward children at 5:00 and then a 'quiet' traditional service at 8:00. Communion is served at both services. This is a wonderful time to invite your neighbors to join you in worship.

PLEDGE SUMMARY

As of November 21st, 96 families have pledged \$302,632 towards the 2011 Operating Budget. If you need to contact me about your pledge, please e-mail mmelton@beaverridgeumc.com or call me at the church, Monday-Wednesday, 690-1060.

Thank you to these of our congregation who have already turned in their Blessings card. If you have not yet made your pledge, cards are available in the Sanctuary.

Margaret Melton, Bookkeeper

MEN'S ADVENT STUDY

It's not too late to join us on Monday mornings at either 6:30 before you go to work (coffee and Danish provided) or at 10:00 for a mid-morning break. Rev. Nance will lead this four-week Bible study looking at the male characters in the Christmas story.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF: *Betty Louise Atwood*

GIVEN BY: Robin & Glenna Manning, James & Barbara Baker

IN MEMORY OF: *Teresa Martinelli* (Bob Martinelli's mother)

GIVEN BY: Martin & Charlotte DeLozier, Robin & Glenna Manning

IN MEMORY OF: *Anne Rose MacIndoe* (Mike MacIndoe's mother)

GIVEN BY: Robin & Glenna Manning

IN MEMORY OF: *Robert Stief, Sr.* (Debbie Binder's father)

GIVEN BY: Robin & Glenna Manning

IN MEMORY OF: *Amanda Smith* (Betty Lois Williams' aunt)

GIVEN BY: Jack & Gerda Kiser

IN MEMORY OF: *Ed Sternberg* (Maggie Smalley's father)

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

SPECIAL CONCERT ON DECEMBER 8!

Our Wed. night program on December 8 will be a concert by the Back Row Boys, a men's quartet from Norris. They will be singing some good ole' gospel tunes plus some of your Christmas favorites! The menu for dinner will be chicken enchiladas, nachos and dessert. Nursery is not provided. Look for a reservation form inside your worship bulletin.

NO EAT, LOVE PRAY GROUP THIS MONTH

Eat, Love, Pray will not be meeting in December...spend the extra time with your family. We will meet again on January 14th, so mark your calendars, ladies!

SENIOR BEAVERS

The Sr. Beavers will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 14. **Varying Degrees** musical group will perform. (Jody Gillenwaters' daughter-in-law is in this group.) We will enjoy this as our Christmas Program. Bring a friend and your favorite covered dish!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Annual Christmas Gathering: All ladies are invited to the UMW Annual Christmas Gathering on Sunday, Dec. 5, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service (FLC lobby). Sarah Circle will serve as hostess. Bring a finger food and a NEW, UNWRAPPED toy for Morgan-Scott.

Circle Meetings: SARAH—Monday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. - Christmas Party in the FLC Lobby. Bring a finger food and gift for nursing home. In lieu of a gag gift, members are asked to bring money in an envelope. **DORCAS—**Monday, Dec. 13 at 11:00 a.m.- Christmas Brunch at Bonnie Carroll's house. Bring your dish and gift for Secret Pal.



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BEAVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A LOOK INTO DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1:

1:30-2:30 pm—Women’s Advent Study (Library)
3:30 pm—Youth Hang Time
4:45 pm—Youth Band Practice
5:45 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner
6:30 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:40-7:30 pm—“Twelve Days of Christmas”
7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
6:45-9 pm—Youth Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, DEC. 2:

5:45 pm—Aerobics
6:30 pm—Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

FRIDAY, DEC. 3:

6:30-8 pm—Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, DEC. 4:

10 am-12—Angel Food Orders Received (Ed. Bldg.)
10 am—Karns Community Christmas Parade

SUNDAY, DEC. 5: 2nd Sunday of Advent

12:00 noon—UMW Christmas Gathering (FLC Lobby)
1:30-5:30 pm—Youth Basketball Practice (Gym)
5:30-6:30 pm—Handbell Practice

6 pm—YAC (Davidson’s)

6-8 pm—Youth/Resurrection Covenant Groups

MONDAY, DEC. 6:

6:30 & 10 am—Men’s Advent Study (Rm. 209)

6 pm—Daisy Scouts

6-8 pm—Line Dancing

6:30 pm—Sarah Circle Christmas Party (FLC Lobby)

TUESDAY, DEC. 7:

10 am—Craft Group (Library)

1:30-2:30 pm—Women’s Advent Study (Library)

3:30 pm—Basic Computer Training (Ed. Bldg.)

5:45 pm—Aerobics

7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8:

1:30-2:30 pm—Women’s Advent Study (Library)

3:30 pm—Youth Hang Time

4:30 pm—Children’s Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal

4:45 pm—Youth Band Practice

5:45 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:40-7:30 pm—Back Row Boys In Concert

7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal

6:45-9 pm—Youth Basketball Practice

THURSDAY, DEC. 9:

5:45 pm—Aerobics

6 pm—Daisy Scouts

6:30 pm—Church Conference (Upstairs FLC)

6:30 pm—Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, DEC. 11:

12:30-6:30 pm—Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 pm—Goodwill Class Christmas Party (FLC Lobby)

SUNDAY, DEC. 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 & 11:00 am Worship—Special Advent Music

-No Youth Basketball Practice-

5:30 pm—Dinner/Festival of Gifts & Talents

MONDAY, DEC. 13:

11 am—Dorcas Circle Brunch (Bonnie Carroll’s)

6:30 & 10 am—Men’s Advent Study (Rm. 209)

6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, DEC. 14:

10 am—Senior Beavers Mtg./Luncheon (Fell. Hall)

1:30-2:30 pm—Women’s Advent Study (Library)

3:30 pm—Basic Computer Training (Ed. Bldg.)

5:45 pm—Aerobics

6:30 pm—Finance Committee Mtg. (Rm. 209)

7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15:

1:30-2:30 pm—Women’s Advent Study (Library)

4 pm—Blue Christmas (Chapel)

7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal

-No Youth Activities-

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Graham	12/1
Stephanie Wright	12/1
Katie Stevens	12/3
Kristin Stanley	12/4
Doug Underwood	12/4
Evelyn Frazier	12/5
Addie Moss	12/5
Zeni Schleter	12/5
Vera Harvey	12/6
Steven Nance	12/6
Shay Massey	12/7
Tucker Massey	12/7
Laurel Moss	12/10
Megan Pickel	12/10
Jesse Johnson	12/13
Susan Melton	12/13
Chesney Whaley	12/14
Margaret Barnett	12/15
Lauren Bonee	12/16
Mallory Bonee	12/16
Kitty Frazier	12/20
Callie Johnson	12/20
Adam Bean	12/21
Charlotte DeLozier	12/22
Leslie Little	12/24
Skip Dailey	12/26
Richard Wallace	12/26
Mandy Hash	12/29
Kirby Wilcher	12/30

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE IS DEC. 7.**
E-mail articles to
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