

The Communicator



Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

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SIMPLE WORDS

November is known for several things – autumn leaves, first frost and football. Yet, undoubtedly it is best known for Thanksgiving. While not a religious holiday per se, it is that holiday where we annually pause for food and fellowship with a heart filled with thanksgiving for God's great bounty. My favorite song for this time of year is a Shaker song by Elder Joseph Brackett entitled "Simple Gifts," which has the following lyrics:

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
Will be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn, will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come round right.*

(To listen to a beautiful rendition of this piece with Yo Yo Ma and Allison Krauss, check out the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYi9Vr8bHJY>.)

The culture in which we often find ourselves is anything but simple (i.e., without complications, luxuries or embellishments). In our zest for material riches, fame and fortune, the idea or practice of simplicity is often foreign to us. Yet, when I listen to the stories of returning missionaries or faith-filled stories of those living in what we would deem as impoverished conditions, I am enthralled by lives that know the joy and faith that comes not from what they own, but what they carry within themselves. These are lives that live in "the valley of love and delight," because they know and claim Jesus Christ as their Savior and redeemer which brings them to the "place just right."

Whatever your Thanksgiving traditions may be, I pray you will pause and give thanks for the gift of being free. Not just freedom we know as a U. S. citizen, but freedom that comes from claiming Christ as your Savior. Then you, like the psalmist can "praise the name of God with a song; [and] magnify him with thanksgiving" (Psalm 69:30).

I thank God for each of you and looking forward to seeing you in study and worship. With blessings,

Glenna

NEW MEMBER



Pictured:
Nicollette Hart & Michael Pearce

Nicollette Hart
united with Beaver Ridge UMC on Sunday, November 7th. We welcome her into our church family.

CONGRATULATIONS!

We celebrate with the Spencer Family, Barry, Joyce & Estella. On October 27th, Barry & Joyce were blessed with the adoption of Estella.

IN MEMORIAM

Betty Louise Atwood
October 21, 2010

Robert Stief, Sr.
October 25, 2010

WE EXTEND OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY

to Allen Atwood in the death of **Betty Louise Atwood** on October 21st, to Debbie Binder in the death of her father, **Robert Stief, Sr.** of Silver Springs, FL on October 25th, and to Bob & Phyllis Martinelli in the death of Bob's mother, **Teresa Martinelli**, on November 6th in Hartford, Connecticut.



YOUTH PAGE



Welcome, Adam!!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Adam Bean is working with our teenagers as the interim part-time youth director.

YOUTH COUNCIL

Did you know a new Youth Council has been elected? The Youth Council will work alongside the adult youth leaders in planning programs, missions, fundraising, and fun activities for 2011. The council officers do not make all the decisions on their own. They represent YOU and would love to hear ideas from YOU! So make sure you encourage and pray for your new officers and communicate with them where you would like to see YOUR youth group go in 2011.

Erin Collins - *President*

Jordan Graham - *Vice President*

Jesse Kelly - *Secretary*

Alex Hopper - *Chaplain*



CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Practice begins soon for our newly formed youth church league teams. Here's the contact info and practice times:

Girls (grades 6-12) - Coaches Jim Myers and Brian Moazen. Practice Sundays 1:00-2:30

Sr. High Boys - Coaches Jeff Bright & assistant. Practice Sundays 2:30-4:00

Jr. High Boys - Coaches Mark Graham and Mike Graham. Practice Sundays 4:00-5:30.

Complete practice and game schedules will be available soon.

YOUTH WITH A MISSION

Wednesday, November 17 — Meet in the FLC lobby at 6:30 to depart for area neighborhoods to deliver invitations to Beaver Ridge UMC's free Thanksgiving Day Meal. We will return at 7:30.

SHOPPING FOR SALVATION ARMY

Sunday, November 21 — Meet in the FLC lobby at 6:00 and we will head to the Dollar Tree and Walmart to shop for items for boys age 4-7 and girls age 13-15, then return to the church to fill the stockings. **Bring money for shopping and dinner at McDonald's.** If you want to get a head start on your shopping, here are some suggested stocking stuffers:

GIRLS - lip gloss, hair stuff, nail polish, socks, sunglasses, purse, perfume, books, wallet

BOYS - small action figures, Hot Wheels, Nerf balls, socks, yo-yo, toothbrush, mittens, PlayDoh

We are also collecting donations of items for the mitten tree and toys to go to Morgan Scott.

TIRED OF TURKEY?

Sunday, November 28 — Meet at the church at 6:00 for **DINNER AND DEVOTIONS** led by Adam. Bring your Bible and some cash for dinner out.



Beaver Ridge's Youth Praise Band performed at the District Festival of Gifts & Talents on Nov. 7. Band members are David Bryant, Scott Davenport, Cody Harris, Parker Hysmith, Erin Collins, Jesse Kelly and Jordan Graham.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thursday, November 25
12:00 noon–2:00 p.m.

**FREE Thanksgiving Day Dinner
for our community!**

If you would like to have lunch with us, please call the church office to make a reservation by November 18. If you would like to help serve, contact either Pam Crane at 310-6706 or Jan Shoupe at 483-1390 today!



OUR NEXT "OFFERING AT THE ALTAR"

On Sunday, November 21st, we will collect the following items for our Food Pantry:



- Canned Tuna
- Dry Milk
- Canned Fruit
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(Cranberry Sauce would be a nice Thanksgiving treat!)

FAMILY PROMISE

Our next rotation for Family Promise will be the week of December 12th. We are looking for people to get involved.

How can you help? We need two meals fixed and volunteers to read stories to young ones, color pictures, work puzzles, help with homework, spend the night, talk and/or listen to the parents.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please see Rebecca Young, 769-4662, or Charlotte DeLozier, 680-7032 or cdelozier@cbww.com.



Our Mitten Tree will be up this Sunday to accept your donations of mittens, scarves, hats, underwear, socks, toys, \$15 Walmart gift cards, etc. for the Morgan-Scott Project. **NEW ITEMS ONLY, PLEASE.** These gifts will

be delivered to Morgan-Scott the first week of December, so please have items on the tree by December 3rd.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Is anyone interested in going on a Training/Fact Finding Mission trip to Haiti? Is anyone interested in going on a Holston Conference Mission trip to Vietnam?

Charlotte DeLozier needs to talk to you!!! Call 680-7032 or email cdelozier@cbww.com.

2010 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I am purchasing _____ poinsettias at \$6.00 each to decorate the Sanctuary during Advent (Dec. 5-24). A check/cash in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed with my order.

Person Placing Order _____ Telephone _____

Place order form in offering plate or return to the church office by November 24th.

IN MEMORY OF:	GIVEN BY:	NO. ORDERED:
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BRUMC: A CHURCH WITH TWO BUDGETS

In the past there has been some confusion regarding the difference between the General Budget and the Family Life Center (FLC) Budget. As we ask you to make a pledge for the operating budget, the Finance Committee wants you to understand the difference between the two.

General Budget

The general budget, commonly called the "operating budget," covers the cost for expenses associated with the day-to-day operation of the church. On an annual basis the average operating budget is approximately \$450,000.00. The following is an abbreviated list of some of the items the operating budget covers:

- Ministries for worship, youth and children, education, missions, and music
- Holston Conference UMC Mission Commitment (Fair Share)
- Salaries
- Utilities
- Property and equipment maintenance and upgrade in all three buildings
- Service contracts for elevator, security, trash collection, office needs
- Small loans payment such as sanctuary roof and parsonage upgrade

Family Life Center Loan Budget

The FLC was built in 2003 and houses the gym, preschool, kitchen, and youth rooms. The FLC construction loan was for approximately \$2.2 million. The loan for the construction was arranged with Home Federal for a 15 year period. Currently our monthly loan payment is \$13,791.33. This equates to \$165,496.00 annually. Today the balance on the loan is \$1.28 million.

Last May, during our Fifty Days of Blessings, members made their pledge for the 2011 FLC loan budget. So far, fifty-eight families made pledges totaling \$84,880. If you would like to make a pledge to the FLC in addition to the General Budget, please contact our bookkeeper, Margaret Melton, at 690-1060 or mmelton@beaverridgeumc.com.

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW

Thank you to all who contributed toward our new projector and screen material. It is amazing how much our worship experience has been enhanced with clear visuals. Did you know that many of the nature pictures you are seeing were taken by our own Chris Little? The colors are so clear and crisp!

It is truly a sign of how generous you are that our congregation was able to give a total of \$11,270.67. We are also thankful to the Beaver Ridge UMC Preschool which gave a generous donation.

GOD MONEY...

BEYOND THE OFFERING PLATE

Beginning **January 9**, Stewardship Chair David Harris will be facilitating a stewardship study entitled "God Money" **each Sunday from 10:00–10:45 am**. This study will last **6 weeks** and is geared towards all individuals regardless of your financial background. We will study closely what the scriptures want us to understand with regards to being a good steward.

More information about the study will be communicated in the future and the course is designed to be easy, fun, and informative. The more people we have involved, the more we all learn and grow. The class will be offered repeatedly throughout the year.

DATE NIGHT OR SHOPPING?

Need a babysitter so you can attend holiday parties or to get some Christmas shopping done? For a list of babysitters call Tammy Massey at 216-0951.

FACILITY USE MEETING (MANDATORY)

We celebrate the multiple uses of our facilities throughout the week. In order to insure that we are aware of each program being offered and how our facilities are to be used, there will be a meeting on Monday, November 29 at 7:00 in the Education building.



In order to continue to use the facilities, all persons who supervise any activity that meets regularly are required to come to this meeting or to send a representative for them. This includes all scouting groups, exercise classes, basketball teams, and support groups. Contact Glenna if you have further questions.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS & ACTIVITIES

Please mark your calendars for the three remaining Wednesday Night Dinners & Programs for 2010.

• NOVEMBER 17

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips & Dessert
Regular Wednesday night studies and programs -- Nursery provided

• DECEMBER 1

Menu: Lasagna, Salad and Dessert
Program: Twelve Days of Christmas (explaining Advent and Christmas traditions throughout church history – Rev. Nance) - Nursery provided

• DECEMBER 8

Menu: Chicken Enchiladas, Nachos and Dessert
Program: Music by the *Back Row Boys*, an award-winning a cappella quartet from Norris, Tennessee – NO nursery provided

IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GATHERING

All ladies are invited to the UMW's Annual Christmas Gathering on Sunday, December 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.

ADVENT STUDIES

Women's Study – "Blessings of the Manger"

Join us either Tuesday or Wednesday from 1:30–2:30 beginning November 16 & 17 (the same material covered either day) for a 5-week study for the season of Advent, led by Rev. Manning.

Men's Study – "Best Supporting Actors"

Join us on Monday mornings at either 6:30 a.m. before you go to work (coffee and Danish provided) or at 10:00 a.m. for a mid-morning break. Rev. Nance will lead this four-week Bible study looking at the male characters in the Christmas story:

- **Nov. 29 Herod and Innkeeper** (how we use power)
- **Dec 6 – Joseph and Zechariah** (being faithful when circumstances are beyond our control)
- **Dec 13 – Shepherds** (being open to God's surprises and call)
- **Dec 20 – Wise Men** (making choices about whom we follow)

WEDNESDAYS IN ADVENT

December 1 & 8 — (More details noted on Page 4 under *Upcoming Wednesday Night Dinners and Activities.*)

SPECIAL ADVENT MUSIC

Sunday, December 12 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 19 – 4:00 p.m.

This is for everyone! We will gather in the Family Life Center Lobby to divide into groups to go sing to our home-bound members in the neighborhood and in nursing homes. We will all gather back at the FLC by 5:30 to share Christmas cheer. Rev. Nance will provide her soon-to-be famous white chili; you provide finger foods and desserts. Games and trivia and fellowship!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Friday, December 24 – 5:00 and 8:00

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.



FESTIVAL OF GIFTS AND TALENTS

Last year we had a wonderful response to our Festival of Gifts and Talents and are excited about doing it again this year. On **Sunday, December 12** we will be having a Christmas Festival of Gifts and Talents. We will begin with a family-style dinner and follow this with a program where members of BRUMC will offer gifts of music, dance, poetry, recitation, juggling, or whatever talent you would like to share. Perhaps you have favorite Christmas story you would like to share. The whole idea is that we, as a church family, spend time together to celebrate the Christmas season. You can perform solo, as a duet, or as a group. Use your creativity. The program for the evening will include our children's Christmas pageant.

Also, some people have mentioned that they do not "perform" but they have other gifts and talents to share. Perhaps you are an artist, wood carver, quilter, knitter, scrapbooker, or have a wonderful "green thumb". Whatever your talent, there will be a place in the FLC lobby for you to share those special things that are symbolic of your gifts and talents. Bring any item(s) you would like to share with our church family and we will marvel at the diversity of gifts with which we are all blessed.

To make sure we have the appropriate audio/technical equipment and can begin planning the order of the program, we need you to sign-up. You can sign up outside Glenna's office, on one of the forms in the choir room, or you can call or e-mail Glenna **by December 9** (690-1060 or gmanning@beaverridgeumc.com).

KARNS CHRISTMAS PARADE

Christmas is indeed just around the corner! The annual Karns Community Christmas Parade is **December 4** beginning at 10:00 a.m. In the past, we have offered hot chocolate and doughnuts on our corner and sometimes we have had a float in the parade. If you are interested in helping with either a float or in serving hot chocolate, please let Glenna know ASAP (gmanning@beaverridgeumc.com).



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ON THE NOVEMBER CALENDAR...

MONDAY, NOV. 15:

6 pm—Daisy Scouts
6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, NOV. 16:

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; Church Council Mtg.
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17:

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—Wednesday Night Programs
7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

THURSDAY, NOV. 18:

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 19:

6:30-8 pm—Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, NOV. 20:

9:30-11:30 am—Angel Food Distribution
(Ed. Bldg.)

SUNDAY, NOV. 21:

Food Pantry Altar Call
5:30-6:30 pm—Handbell Practice
6 pm—YAC (Davidson's)
6-8 pm—Youth (Shopping for Salvation Army
Stockings/Dinner at McDonald's)

MONDAY, NOV. 22:

Info. deadline for Dec. 1st newsletter
6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, NOV. 23:

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
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24:

Christmas Poinsettia Orders Due
1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Advent Study (Library)
No Wed. Night Activities/Choir
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

THURSDAY, NOV. 25:

Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed
12 noon-2 pm—Free Thanksgiving Dinner (FLC)

FRIDAY, NOV. 26:

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOV. 28:

First Sunday of Advent
United Methodist Student Day (Offering)
9:00 & 11:00 am Services—*Hanging of the Greens*
1-5:30 pm—Youth Basketball Practices (Gym)
5:30-6:30 pm—Handbell Choir

6 pm—YAC (Davidson's); Youth

MONDAY, NOV. 29:

6:30 & 10 am—Men's Advent Study
6-8 pm—Line Dancing
7 pm—MANDATORY Facility Use Meeting
(Ed. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, NOV. 30:

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
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF:

Betty Louise Atwood
GIVEN BY:

Clark & Martha Walker
Edward Atwood
Ruby J. Bailey

IN MEMORY OF:

Eleanor Eckert
GIVEN BY:

Brenda C. Thornton

**ADDITIONS TO
NOV. BIRTHDAYS:**

Terry Depp.....Nov. 1
Dennis Depp.....Nov. 13

**NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

*All articles/calendar dates to
be included in the Dec. 1st
issue are due by November
22. E-mail info. to:
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