

The Communicator



Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

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OCTOBER 15, 2010

Thankful for You!

I am so proud to be serving here at Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church. At the beginning of this year, we looked at our giving and our anticipated expenses and wondered, "How can we do this?" We even said, "We can't do this!" But we did. Much like a family knowing they are facing hard times, our church family sat around the 'kitchen table' and prayed and listened and talked honestly about the budget and our church's mission. The entire church rolled up its sleeves, tightened its belt, prioritized giving, and spent wisely. We talked about our giving as a spiritual issue and approached our commitments with faith. We trusted that God does indeed have a plan for Beaver Ridge UMC.

As we look ahead to next year, we want to continue to pray and listen. We knew that it was going to be a difficult year but we adapted and made adjustments. We have continued to do ministry with children and youth on a very limited budget; but,

ministry cannot grow when we are not investing in the spiritual development and future of our children and youth. We have worked hard as a family to be faithful this year. I hope you will take time to read the report from our finance chair, Doug Underwood. He echoes a lot of what your Stewardship Chair, David Harris, shared in church a few Sundays ago.

Having seen your responses and your commitment, I am looking forward to the fourth quarterly report! I am looking forward to next year as we continue to give and grow in love and faith.

We are not a church who says, "We can't do this!" We are a church who believes the scripture which reads, "I (we) can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (us)."

Catherine

Christian Sympathy is extended to Lynn & Sylvia Ward in the death of Lynn's sister, **Odeline Thurman** of Pulaski, TN on September 28th.

New Members

**Steve, Annette & Melissa Thomas
Emiko Amberger**

Baptisms

**Steve Thomas
Melissa Thomas**

Infant Baptism

Braxton Rhea Bean
(son of Cortny Bean and
grandson of Dona Bean)

**Steve,
Annette
& Melissa
Thomas**



Emiko Amberger

Mystery Dinner Theater

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR TICKETS?? You won't want to miss the MISSIONaires' hilarious Mystery Dinner, *The Costume Party Caper*, this Saturday evening, October 16th at 6:30. Call Charlene Asbury at 691-8792 to reserve your seat! For only \$20 you can have a great meal, watch a fantastic show, and test your deductive powers. If you've been to a show like this before, you know what great fun they are. And if you haven't attended one of our mystery dinner theaters yet, be sure to see this one!!

Food Pantry Altar Call Is Sunday

Our food pantry is now open on the first Monday night of the month from 7:00-8:00 in addition to our regular Monday hours from 1:00-2:00. We need your donations. Our monthly altar call for food will be **Sunday, October 17**. We will be collecting the following:

**canned soup (any variety)
saltine crackers
canned pasta with meat sauce**



A committee is being formed to plan the new "Loving Garden" across from the assisted living facility (at corner of Shady Oak and Byington-Beaver Ridge). If you would like to participate, please contact Jane Damiano at 938-4768.

It's Time for Our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat!

Our Annual Fall Festival is **Sunday, October 31st from 4:30-6:30**. Bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors to this annual fun-filled community event with games, a cake walk, marshmallow roast, a huge inflatable, and much more! The United Methodist Men will be selling hotdogs, chili, and other treats.



Here's how you can help:

- ◆ Donate bags of individually-wrapped candy for the Trunk or Treat
- ◆ Donate baked goods for the cake walk
- ◆ Volunteer for one hour to help with games and activities
- ◆ Decorate your car/truck/van for trunk or treating

Candy donations may be left on the table outside the church library. For more information on the Trunk or Treat, contact Lori Hopper. To donate baked goods or to volunteer, please contact festival coordinators, Rhonda Thornton and Rose-Mari Davis.

Celebrate Our Preschool!

At the Wednesday Night Gathering on October 27th we will celebrate our preschool program by honoring ALL of its directors and teachers, **past and present!** Our present preschool staff will serve our meal at 5:45 p.m. and a program including recognition of present and past directors, teachers and students will begin at 6:40.

Former staff are asked to call 531-2052 or 690-1060 or e-mail lhopper@beaverridgeumc.com (please include years of service to program).



Dinner and a Song

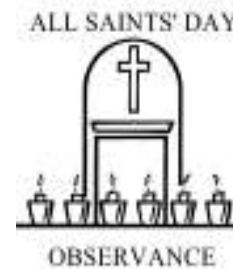
I am inviting you to my house on Friday, October 22, for dinner and to experience a behind-the-scenes choir rehearsal (7133 Presidential Lane: behind Dollar General, just off Beaver Ridge Road, in the Potomac Place subdivision). After very light fare at 6:30 PM, the choir will have its first rehearsal of Advent/Christmas music. No, you won't have to sing; you might want to just listen (ah, but you might change your mind)! Besides choir music, a couple of new selections for our congregation will be introduced. You get to learn them! After rehearsal, it's dinner shortly after 7:30 PM.

If you are curious, come! If you are hungry, come! If you want to make new friends, come! If you think you might like to sing in the choir during the Advent/Christmas season, come! If you are already in the choir, you gotta come! A good time and a delicious meal await you. If you plan to come, please call me by October 18 (384-6499).

Jean Osborne, Choir Director

Calling All Children for Trick or Treat

Children, we have a wonderful opportunity for you! The residents of Autumn Care (the assisted living facility by the church) are preparing special treat bags for you and would love for you to dress in your costumes and come trick or treating. We will meet at the church on **Wednesday, October 27 at 4:30**. We will go trick or treat and be back at the church in time for the Wednesday night dinner.



We will observe All Saints Day during both worship services on Sunday, October 31. During this time we will recognize all the members of BRUMC who have passed during the last year. There will also be the opportunity for those present to lift up the names of friends and loved ones who have died during the last year.

Wonderful Wednesdays in October

Session 2 – September 29 – October 27* (Dinner 5:45 – 6:30; Programs 6:40 – 7:30)

Date	Dinner	Program(s)
10-20	Menu: Baked Chicken & Dressing, Vegetable and Dessert Prepared by: Lynn Johnson	Adults: Bible Study—Romans (Rev. Nance) Book Study, (Charlene Asbury) Chancel Choir Practice (Jean Osborne) Youth: Blankets for the Homeless (Lori Hopper) GAP: Activities for those in grades 4 & 5 (Erica Zuckerman) K-3: Caretakers of God's Creation (Rev. Manning) Nursery: Available for infants through pre-k
10-27	Menu: Soup, Grilled Cheese & Dessert Prepared by: BRUMC Preschool	Group Gathering — Celebration of the BRUMC Preschool Program

So that food can be ordered and prepared, please be sure to turn in your reservation. The cost for all meals is \$5/adult and \$3/child (no family pays more than \$16).

Third Quarter Financial Statement				
GENERAL BUDGET	Jan. - March	April - June	July-Sept.	Jan.-Sept.
General Contributions	\$116,776.12	\$106,688.60	\$98,863.24	\$322,327.96
Preschool Contributions	\$3,751.46	\$2,865.93	\$2,805.42	\$9,422.81
Other Income	\$6,878.00	\$5,717.00	\$5,893.94	\$18,488.94
Total General Fund Income	\$127,405.58	\$115,271.53	\$107,562.60	\$350,239.71
General Budget Expenses	\$99,825.93	\$107,652.80	\$111,282.12	\$318,760.85
FAMILY LIFE CENTER				
FLC Contributions	\$29,587.80	\$32,591.50	\$32,923.72	\$95,103.02
FLC Memorials/Honorariums	\$7,000.00	\$3,530.00	\$5,409.00	\$15,939.00
Church Facilities Rental	\$247.50	\$1,065.00	\$1,060.00	\$2,372.50
Preschool Contributions	\$764.93	\$1,365.93	\$1,305.41	\$3,436.27
50 Days of Giving	\$0.00	\$22,443.15	\$0.00	\$22,443.15
Total FLC Contributions	\$37,600.23	\$60,995.58	\$40,698.13	\$139,293.94
FLC Expenses	\$41,374.00	\$41,374.01	\$41,374.02	\$124,122.03
SPECIAL UM OFFERINGS				
Change for Children	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.97	\$225.97
UMCOR - Haiti Relief	\$2,074.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,074.00
Holston Homes	\$268.00	\$136.00	\$141.00	\$545.00
Human Relations	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Native American Ministries	\$0.00	\$107.00	\$0.00	\$107.00
Nothing but Nets	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$230.00	\$270.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$135.00
Peace With Justice	\$0.00	\$58.24	\$0.00	\$58.24
Sudan Water Project	\$0.00	\$265.00	\$0.00	\$265.00
UMCOR - TN Flood Relief	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$0.00	\$105.00
Total Special UM Offerings	\$2,507.00	\$711.24	\$596.97	\$3,815.21
2011 Pledged to Family Life Center Loan				
58 Families have Pledged - \$84,880.00				
2011 FLC Loan Requirements - \$165,496.00				

Quarterly Financial Summary — September 30, 2010

As can be seen from the chart above, financially there have been major improvements. Since the beginning of the year, giving has exceeded expectations by \$74,221.15. Expenses or cost is less than originally planned by \$18,622.89. Church members are to be commended for their faithful giving.

We are also appreciative of the good work members serving on committees and program ministries have performed in being so cost conscious. Also, service contracts (waste management, security and fire alarm system, elevator maintenance, telephone and computer) have or soon will be renegotiated or rebid to reduce annual costs by approximately \$5,426 per year. Those savings will partially be seen this year and fully in future years.

The improvements in our finances have allowed us to meet our monthly FLC payment (which significantly exceeded the budget), Holston Conference fair share, salaries, insurance,

utilities, maintenance, improvements in Education Bldg., improvements to heating and air in the sanctuary. In addition, the \$12,070 roof loan will be paid off by the end of this year, 1½ years ahead of time. Also, the old video system in the sanctuary will be replaced shortly.

A short note regarding the 2009 financial audit: preliminary report found 2009 financial records in good shape with no discrepancies. There will be a few recommendations regarding modification/implementation of future financial procedures.

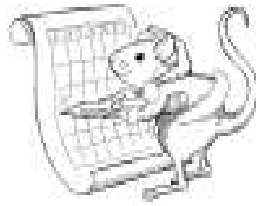
The financial improvement experienced this year is not to say we can back off or relax, but continue to improve our financial soundness for the future of Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church and its ministries.

Doug Underwood, Finance Chair

Pumpkin Patch

Can you give two hours or more to work in the "Pumpkin Patch" this year?" The pumpkins will arrive on Saturday, October 16th around 5:00 p.m. We need people to unload and set up the "store". The annual Mystery Dinner Theater begins that night at 6:30 which leaves a very short time to unload the pumpkins—the more hands the faster! The pumpkins will be on sale from October 17th through the 31st.

We've set up a schedule for two-hour shifts. Please sign up at the missions bulletin board outside the church office or call Sherry Scott (859-9671) or Charlene Asbury (691-8792). All profits from this sale will benefit our Food Pantry.



Our holiday calendar will begin to fill up soon! Be sure to get these important dates on your calendar:

LET THE HOLIDAYS BEGIN!

- THURSDAY NOVEMBER 25....Thanksgiving Day Dinner (12:00 noon-2:00 pm)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5.....UMW Christmas Gathering (12:00 noon)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.....Special Christmas Music at Worship (9:00 & 11:00 am)
Festival of Gifts & Talents/Dinner (5:30 pm)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19.....Church-Wide Christmas Caroling/ Refreshments (4 pm)
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24.....Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (5:00 & 8:00 pm)

If your class or group has dates for the holiday calendar, e-mail them to blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com or call the church office at 690-1060.

Telephone Directories Available



A church directory has been printed and includes home phone numbers, addresses, e-mails and birthdays. Copies are available on the table across from the church office (one copy per family, please). This is a good time to take a look at your information and let us know of any corrections or other changes that need to be made.

THANKSGIVING DAY at BRUMC



BRUMC will be preparing and serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner again this year, open to anyone and everyone. Many volunteers are needed to assist with this endeavor. Listed below are areas where you can help. Please check which one(s) you are willing to do, fill out the contact information, and return the form to the church office by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24th. If you have questions, please call Pam Crane at 310-6707 or pam1755@comcasst.net. You may also contact Jan Shoupe at 483-1390 or jan-shoupe@yahoo.com. Thanks so much for your help and support!

1	Nov. 1st - Nov.15 th Distribute flyers to businesses, community and schools	
2	Tuesday, Nov. 23 rd @ 6 pm - Set up tables and chairs in FLC	
3	Wednesday, Nov. 24 th between 4 pm - 7 pm - Set and decorate tables	
4	Wednesday, Nov. 24 th between 4 pm - 7 pm - Help prepare food items	
5	Purchase, cook and slice a ham	
6	Purchase, cook and carve a turkey	
7	Make dressing	
8	Make dessert: ___ pumpkin pie, ___ pecan pie, ___ cookies, ___ cake	
THANKSGIVING DAY		
9	8-11 am - Help in kitchen as: ___ food prep; ___ cut desserts	
10	11-noon - Fix and deliver "to go meals"	
11	Noon-1 pm - Help as: ___ food line server; ___ drink server; ___ clean/reset tables	
12	1-2 pm - Help as: ___ food line server; ___ drink server; ___ clean/reset tables	
12	Noon-3 pm - Help as: ___ dish washer; ___ clean-up kitchen; ___ clean-up gym	
13	Transport people to/from church	

Name: _____

Best phone # to reach me: _____	Email: _____
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Alpha & Omega Youth

Twenty youth and adults from Beaver Ridge participated in the Hunger Hike, raising \$558.50 for our Food Pantry.



Beaver Ridge Youth fed over 100 football players, trainers, and coaches from Karns High School before their game against Oak Ridge.

Here's What's Coming Up!

Sunday, October 17 Hiking at Frozen Head State Park

Meet at the church immediately following the 11:00 service. Pack a picnic lunch, put on your hiking boots, and invite your friends. We will picnic then hike to DeBord Falls. Sign up NOW - send a text to Lori 556-6459

Wednesday, October 20 Worship through Mission. 6:30 - 7:30

We are teaming up with GAP and Water Angels Ministry to provide homemade fleece blankets for homeless families in downtown Knoxville. Come learn more about this ministry and help cut and tie blankets. No sewing skills required!

Sunday, October 24 - Alpha & Omega Youth

6:00-8:00 Snack Supper followed by Praise & Worship with our very own Youth Praise Band! PLUS Youth Council elections. Want to be more involved in decisions for your youth group? Here's your chance! We will elect youth council president vice president, secretary and chaplain for the 2110-11 school year. Be there on the 24th to have your voice heard and so you can say you were the first to hear the youth band! You don't wanna miss it!

Sunday, October 31 - Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival

4:30-6:30. Get your craziest costume and wacky ideas out to decorate your car, truck, or van for our annual Trunk or Treat. Be in the front parking lot at 4:00.

Sunday, November 7 - District Festival of Gifts and Talents

Meet at the church at 5:30 to travel to Kern UMC where we will join other youth groups from our district to watch youth bands, skits, and performers then vote for the group to represent our district on stage at Resurrection 2011. NO SNACK SUPPER. Eat before you come.

Sale Some Gift Wrap...Help Send Yourself on a Mission Trip

If you didn't get your gift wrap catalog last Sunday, be sure to pick one up and start selling gift wrap to help cut your cost for future mission trips and retreats. We keep 50% of the profit on everything we sell. Start taking orders now through November 3. Contact Tracey Herald for more info.

Adult Computer Classes Available to Church/Community

We are excited to offer classes for adults and teens who would like to learn either basic computer skills or more advanced training in using Microsoft Office, surfing the Internet and e-mail.

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Basic Computer Training – Taught by David Stanley (769-8657)

Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. (beginning Nov. 4)

Computer Class – Taught by Gloria Blackstone (207-9335)

If you are interested in these classes, please contact the teacher to sign up.

Memorials Gifts

IN MEMORY OF: *Bill Hawkins*

GIVEN BY: Emerine Hopson, Lucille Kasefang

IN MEMORY OF: *May Bacon*

GIVEN BY: Jim & B. J. Cox

IN MEMORY OF: *Gladys Gage*

GIVEN BY: William & Helen Morrow

IN MEMORY OF: *Eleanor Eckert*

GIVEN BY: Sametro #36 Camping Club

Birthdays

Addition:

Koye Henderlight.....Oct. 21

Do we have your birthday?

If you would like to have your birthday listed in the newsletter, please e-mail it to blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com or call 690-1060.



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On October's Calendar...

SATURDAY, OCT. 16:
10 am-12 noon—Angel Food Orders Received
5 pm—Unload Pumpkins for Pumpkin Patch
6:30 pm—Mystery Dinner Theater (FLC)

SUNDAY, OCT. 17:
Food Pantry Altar Call
Pumpkin Sale begins
12 noon—Alpha & Omega Youth Hiking & Picnic at Frozen Head State Park
5:30-6:30 pm—Handbell Choir -No YAC-

MONDAY, OCT. 18:
6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, OCT. 19:
Info. deadline for Oct. 30th newsletter
10 am—Craft Group (Library)
1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Bible Study (Library)
3:30 pm—Basic Computer Training (Ed. Bldg.)
5:45 pm—Aerobics
7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts;
Lay Leadership Team Meeting (Room 209)
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20:
1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Bible Study (Library)
3:30 pm—Youth Hang Time
4:45 pm—Youth Band Practice
5:45 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner
6:40-7:30 pm—Wednesday Night Programs
7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

THURSDAY, OCT. 21:
5:45 pm—Aerobics
7-9 pm—Adult Open Gym

FRIDAY, OCT. 22:
6:30-8 pm—Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)
6:30 pm—Dinner & A Song (Jean Osborne's)
6:30 pm-8:30 am Sat.—Girl Scout Lock-In

SATURDAY, OCT. 23:
9:30-11:30 am—Angel Food Distribution

SUNDAY, OCT. 24:
5:30-6:30 pm—Handbell Practice
6-8 pm—Alpha & Omega Youth

MONDAY, OCT. 25:
6-8 pm—Line Dancing

TUESDAY, OCT. 26:
1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Bible 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, OCT. 27:
1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Bible Study (Library)
3:30 pm—Youth Hang Time
4:30 pm—Children Trick or Treat at Autumn Care Assisted Living
4:45 pm—Youth Band Practice
5:45 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner
6:40-7:30 pm—Wednesday Night Programs
7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

THURSDAY, OCT. 28:
5:45 pm—Aerobics
7-9 pm—Open Gym

FRIDAY, OCT. 29:
6 pm—Daisy Troop (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, OCT. 30:
Oak Ridge District UMW Annual Mtg. (Kern Memorial UMC, Oak Ridge)

SUNDAY, OCT. 31:
All Saints Day Observance
Holston Home 5th Sunday Offering
4:30-6:30 pm—Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
5:30-6:30 pm—Handbell Choir



Believe it or not, Christmas is right around the corner! The Beaver Ridge youth group can help you get ready for the holidays through their Innisbrook gift wrap sale. Please support our youth by purchasing high quality gift wrap and gift items from Innisbrook. We keep fifty percent of all sales and all money raised will help our youth participate in future mission activities.

Gift wrap is on sale until November 3rd and will be delivered to you well before Christmas.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
This newsletter is mailed bi-monthly. *All articles/calendar dates to be included in the next issue are due by October 19th.* E-mail info. to: blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com.