

# The Communicator



Beaver Ridge United Methodist

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## Who Do You Say I Am?

Several years ago, I was a member of an adult Sunday school class along with Bill,\* who held a rather lofty position in a well-known company in Knoxville (\*not his real name). In our class discussion, Bill related a work situation that had troubled him. Bill's company sent out a monthly employee newsletter and Bill oversaw the material that went into the newsletter. An employee of Bill's brought him an article that was of a devotional nature to be included in the next newsletter. The employee prefaced his request to Bill by making the following statement, "I didn't know if it was alright to include this piece in the newsletter, because I did not know if you were a Christian or not." Bill shared that what troubled him about the request was whether or not companies should place pieces of a devotional nature in the company newsletter. What troubled me about the situation was that it would appear that Bill's life outside the church walls, where Bill faithfully attended and served on numerous committees, did not demonstrate the essence of his being as a follower and believer in Christ.

When Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 6:15), Peter could have said he was a teacher, prophet, or rabbi. But the answer Peter gave was not about his job or role, but about the essence of his being – "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Nothing Jesus ever said or did would give any indication contrary as to who he was. As followers and lovers of Christ, the essence of His being within us transforms us in our language, our

actions and our thoughts, such that the question answered is not who we are, but whose we are.

During the past week, where the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States has been coupled with the controversy of building a mosque near Ground Zero, we have heard language of hate and prejudice and have seen actions and attitudes of arrogance and intolerance. We have heard cries of religious freedom, but only as long as they concur with our own religious beliefs. In so doing, we have become more interested in taking a stand than in remembering with whom are we standing.

To stand with Christ is not a stand of passivity, nor is it a stand of hatred and violence. Taking a stand with Jesus is about transformation of the heart and conversion of our spirit so that others may see in us the true peace that comes from relationship with Him. Tolerance of others is not acceptance of their beliefs. It is removing condemnation and prejudice, such that dialogue can occur, relationships can form, and thereby transformation is made possible.

As baptized members of Christ's Holy church, I pray that we each seek to live lives that model the essence of our being as children of the living God so by our language, thoughts and actions, no one would ever question who we are or whose we are.

Looking forward to seeing you in study and worship. With blessings, *Glenna*



We are very fortunate to have recording artists Sara Pirkle and Jeff Barbara perform a benefit concert for our Family Life Center. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, Sept. 22**. Beginning at 5:45, we will be serving chili (with toppings), dessert and drinks. The concert will begin around 6:15. We ask for a minimum contribution of \$5 per person and all proceeds will go towards our Family Life Center. Invite your friends and neighbors for this very special evening. **Great Food & Great Entertainment!**

### Newlyweds...

Our congratulations and best wishes to **Clay & Amanda Coward** who were married Saturday, August 28, 2010. Amanda is the daughter of Bert & Maggie Smalley.

### Eat, Pray, Love

Ladies, join our Eat, Pray, Love Fellowship Group. This month's meeting will be at Mimi's Cafe in Turkey Creek on Friday, Sept. 17th at 6:30 p.m. We'll enjoy dinner, talk, share, pray, laugh, and even cry if needed! We may even have a guest speaker. RSVP: tracyliz7@comcast.net or 865-254-0750.

### Food Pantry Altar Call

Every third Sunday of the month is our Offering at the Altar. During the Offering at the Altar we give thanks for our abundant life and remember those who struggle to have basic necessities of life. Any gifts of food or hygiene products are appreciated. Our special emphasis for this month are the following items:

- Canned Fruit – any type
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Green Vegetables – any type

Thanks for helping to make a difference to those in need!

### Mystery Dinner Theater

The MISSIONaires will present a hilarious Mystery Dinner offering *The Costume Party Caper* on October 16th at 6:30 p.m. in our Family Life Center.

Albert Clayton hosts a Masquerade Ball to show off his latest acquisition, the Pope Diamond. The diamond is the largest in the world. Included on the guest list are the very British Lord and Lady Atherton, the staid Prunella Puddington, the snobbish Bradford Gardiners, and Calvin McGinnes, a rake if ever there was one. The diamond turns up missing causing Chief Percy Witherspoon to begin an investigation. Along with the theft, the Chief soon has a murder to investigate as well.

Come and see if you can solve the mystery before the detective. Compete with other tables to see who can win the evening's prize! Tickets are \$20 per person. Tables of 8 may be reserved. Call Charlene Asbury at 691-8792 for reservations. **TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!**

### Alpha & Omega Youth

**Saturday, Sept. 18:** BIKING ON THE VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL. Depart BRUMC at 8:30 am. Return 9:30 pm.

**Sunday, Sept. 19:** ALPHA OMEGA YOUTH 6:00 Snack Supper 6:30-8:00 Games & Programs

**Monday, Sept. 20:** Breakfast & Bible Study 7:15 am in the Education Bldg. Get the week rolling with a good breakfast, prayer, and devotions. Transportation provided to KMS, KHS, and HVA.

**Wed. Sept. 22:** 3:30 Hang Out in the Game Room. 4:45 Youth Praise Band. 5:45 Dinner. 6:40 Sara Pirkle & Jeff Barbara Concert

**Sunday, Sept. 26:** ALPHA OMEGA YOUTH 6:00 Snack Supper 6:30-8:00 Games & Program

**Monday, Sept. 27:** Breakfast & Bible Study 7:15 am

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Sunday, October 3:** HUNGER HIKE at Lakeshore Park. Depart BRUMC at 1:30 pm for the 2.25 mile walk to raise awareness for hunger issues in our community. Start getting sponsorships and donations now! All money raised goes directly to our Beaver Ridge food pantry.

**Friday, October 8:** MEAL FOR KHS FOOTBALL TEAM. Meet at the church immediately after school to help serve dinner to the KHS Beavers before their big game with Oak Ridge!

**Sunday, October 24:** HIKING AND COOKOUT AT FROZEN HEAD STATE PARK. Depart at 12:00 pm for a day of fun and hiking to DeBord Falls. Burgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a side dish to share.

### Young Adult Group

Join YAC this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Erick & Karah Loveland. For more information about this group, contact Erick & Karah (859-0759) or Scott & Suzanne Davidson (356-2472). You can also join our Facebook Group: YAC @ Beaver Ridge UMC.

### Food Pantry Extends Hours



In order to help the working poor in our community, the Food Pantry will begin opening one night a month. Beginning October 3 and every first Monday thereafter, the food pantry will be open from 7:00 – 8:00. If you know of those in our community that need help with their food needs, please let them know of these new hours. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to help during this time, please contact Evelyn Frazier (693-0908) or Rebecca Young (769-4662).

### Clothes for Morgan-Scott

As you update your closet for the coming season, remember the Morgan-Scott Project. During the month of September the mission committee will collect fall and winter clothes that are too big, too little, out-of-style and just not you, etc. Please leave clean, gently-used clothing in the hall outside the church office by September 30th.

### Wonderful Wednesdays in September

(Dinner 5:45 – 6:30; Programs 6:40 – 7:30)

Remember to make your reservations for these Wonderful Wednesdays in September!

Date	Dinner	Program(s)
9-22	<b>Chili Supper &amp; FLC Benefit</b> <b>Menu:</b> Chili plus fixings, dessert & drinks All proceeds benefit the FLC (Cost: A minimum of \$5 per person and \$3 per child)	Group Gathering. Recording artist Sara Pirkle and Jeff Barbara will present a concert to benefit the FLC.
9-29	<b>Menu:</b> Ribs and pulled pork BBQ, baked beans, slaw, potato salad (hotdogs available for children) Prepared by "Jesus in the Park" Ministries For this special BBQ meal: Cost is \$6 per adult & \$3 per child	<b>Adults:</b> Study with Rev. Nance Book Study, (Charlene Asbury) Chancel Choir Practice (Jean Osborne) <b>Youth:</b> Youth-led Praise and worship service <b>GAP:</b> Activities for those in grades 4 & 5 <b>K-3:</b> Caretakers of God's Creation <b>Nursery:</b> Available for infants through pre-K

## Hunger Hike To Raise Money for Our Beaver Ridge Food Pantry

The 20th Annual Hunger Hike will be held at Lakeshore Park on Sunday, October 3 at 2:30 pm. EVERYONE is invited and can help raise awareness and funds for hunger issues in our community by collecting donations and sponsorships and participating in the 2.25 mile walk. One hundred percent of donations collected by walkers from Beaver Ridge will go directly to the Beaver Ridge Food Pantry. On the day of the hike, prizes are awarded for the most money raised, recognition of the largest group and largest youth group hiking. PLUS there are lots of great door prizes! All hikers raising at least \$15 will also receive a free Hunger Hike t-shirt. Please make plans to participate in this year's hike and help us win the award for largest group but most importantly to raise money for those in need of food assistance in our community. See Lori Hopper for sponsorship forms or more information.

### Meet Our Newest Church Members!



Wendy McGlasson & daughter, Morgan



Paul & Carol Koretko  
(Also in this picture...Carol's mother,  
Lorraine Wilson)

### UMW Unit Meeting

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Women will hold its third quarterly meeting September 26th following the 11:00 worship service. Kacye Castenir, from Maryville District, will speak about the immigration situation. Kacye is the wife of Daniel Castillo, pastor of the new LaCasa Del Alfarero Iglesia Unida Metodista Church.

Dorcas Circle is providing lunch.

Come and learn what the United Methodist Church says about immigration and what is happening in Holston Conference.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The church newsletter is mailed bi-monthly. You will receive one by the 15th of each month and again on the 30th. All articles/calendar dates to be included in the next issue are due by Sept. 23. **E-mail to: [blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com](mailto:blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com)**

## Computer Teacher Needed

It seems that computers have become less of a convenience to almost a necessity in order to survive in our culture. Yet there are those in our congregation and in our community without very basic computer skills. If you would be willing to donate an hour a week to teach members of our church and community the basics of computer usage (on/off, understanding the desktop, sending and receiving e-mail, etc.), you would be providing a much needed skill. Classes will be taught in the Education building, preferably during the afternoon. (Many elderly do not or can not drive at night.) If you can fill this need, please contact Glenna ASAP for more details.

## Bridal Shower

Sarah Circle will host a Bridal Shower for Andrea Lloyd on Sunday, September 19th, 2-4 p.m., in the Family Life Center. Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Everyone's invited.

## Memorials & Special Gifts

### IN MEMORY OF: *Bill Hawkins*

**GIVEN BY:** Harold & Linda Absher, Carol Brenner, Roy & June Whitaker, RPM Transportation Consultants, LLC, MJM Architects, LLC, Emerine Hopson, Gabe & Tarah Bolas, Robin & Glenna Manning, James & Catherine McDowell, Tommy & Jean McIntyre, L.N. Jr and Dorothy Humphreys, J.F. & J. B. McCorkle, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Foutch, Danny R. Dickerson, Louise G. Rhea, Judith Anne & Walton Dale Plummer Jr., C. Michael & Jane G. Dubose, John & Karen Hackworth, Bob & Betty Joyce, Keith & Valerie Hester, Doug & Patty Underwood, Barge Cauthen & Associates, Inc., Fellowship S.S. Class (for Chapel Draperies)

### IN MEMORY OF: *May Bacon*

**GIVEN BY:** Harold & Linda Absher, June & Roy Whitaker, Robin & Glenna Manning, Doug & Patty Underwood

### IN MEMORY OF: *Mary Thompson*

**GIVEN BY:** Harold & Linda Absher, Robin & Glenna Manning, James & Debbie Blazier, Jan Shoupe, Doug & Patty Underwood, Martin & Charlotte DeLozier

### IN MEMORY OF: *Gladys Gage*

**GIVEN BY:** Harold & Linda Absher, Lillard Harvey Family, Goodwill S.S. Class, Sarah Circle, Roy & June Whitaker, Bill & Janice Gage, Dwight & Andrea Disney, Robin & Glenna Manning, James & Debbie Blazier, Lorie Briegel, Robert & Betty Joyce, Jan Shoupe, James & Barbara Stevens, Doug & Patty Underwood, Maggie Bloomer, Martin & Charlotte DeLozier

### IN MEMORY OF: *Sylvia Stewart*

**GIVEN BY:** Harold & Linda Absher, Gabe & Tarah Bolas, Lorie Briegel, Doug & Patty Underwood

### IN MEMORY OF: *Al Wilson*

**GIVEN BY:** Robin & Glenna Manning

### IN MEMORY OF: *Margaret Blazier*

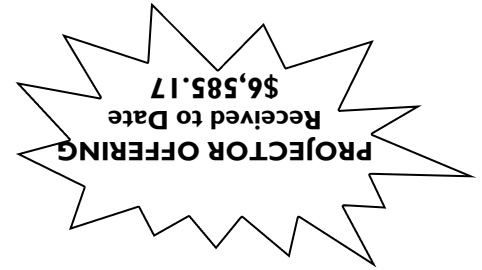
**GIVEN BY:** Bob & Betty Joyce

### IN MEMORY OF: *Stafford Clark*

**GIVEN BY:** Bob & Betty Joyce

### IN HONOR OF: *Darren & Cindy Hinds*

**GIVEN BY:** Robin & Glenna Manning



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**On September's Calendar...**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 15:**

- 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—Wonderful Wed. Night Dinner
- 6:40-7:30 pm—Wed. Night Activities
- 7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
- 8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 16:**

- 5:45 pm—Aerobics
- 7-9 pm—Adult Open Gym

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 17:**

- 6:30 pm—Eat, Pray, Love Women's Group (Mimi's, Turkey Creek)

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 18:**

- 8:30 am—Youth Biking on VA Creeper Trail
- 9:30-11:30 am—Angel Food Distribution

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 19: Food Altar Call**

- 2-4 pm—Bridal Shower for Andrea Lloyd
- 5 pm—YAC (Loveland's)
- 6-8 pm—Alpha & Omega Youth
- 6:30-8:30 pm—Mystery Theater Practice

**MONDAY, SEPT. 20:**

- 7:15 am—Youth Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
- 6-8 pm—Line Dancing

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 21:**

- 10 am—Craft Group (Library)
- 1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Bible Study (Library)
- 5:45 pm—Aerobics
- 7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts
- 8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22:**

- 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—Barbecue Dinner
- 6:40-7:30 pm—Benefit Concert for FLC
- 7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
- 8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 23:**

- 5:45 pm—Aerobics
- 7-9 pm—Adult Open Gym

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 24:**

- 6:30-8 pm—Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 26: Mission Awareness**

- 12-1:30 pm—UMW Unit Mtg./Luncheon
- 5 pm—YAC (Loveland's)
- 6-8 pm—Alpha & Omega Youth
- 6:30-8:30 pm—Mystery Theater Practice

**MONDAY, SEPT. 27:**

- 7:15 am—Youth Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
- 6-8 pm—Line Dancing

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 28:**

- 1:30-2:30 pm—Women's Bible Study (Library)
- 5:45 pm—Aerobics
- 7 pm—Boy/Cub Scouts; Church Council Mtg.
- 8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29:**

- 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—Wonderful Wed. Night Dinner
- 6:40-7:30 pm—Wed. Night Activities
- 7:30 pm—Praise Band Rehearsal
- 8:30-10 pm—Young Men's Basketball

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 30:**

- 5:45 pm—Aerobics

**Help Us to Continue to "Go Green"**

Yes, this is Big Orange Country (with apologies to all other fans), but we also live and work



on a big green planet. In an effort to continue to be good stewards of God's creation, see if you can help with either of the following as we work to move away from using Styrofoam products (Did you know that Styrofoam is not easily recycled and it takes hundreds of years for it to decompose?):

Sunday morning mug washer – Would you or your Sunday school class be willing to wash mugs in the Education building after Sunday morning worship?

Can you provide your own containers for take-out dinners on Wednesday evenings to avoid using Styrofoam take-out containers?

Maybe you have a good idea to help us all go green. When we all work together it is amazing what we can accomplish.