

The Communicator



Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

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Minister's Message

SHADOWS AND BEARDS AND CHOCOLATES

I love art but do not have the gift of creating art. I dreaded 'art time' at school and kept things very simple. I remember having to draw a calendar for each month in second or third grade and we were told to decorate the special days. You know the routine: snowflakes for January, flag for July. I struggled with the simplest of objects, but found February to be a particularly easy month for someone who is crayon-challenged.

I drew a groundhog (which looked like a cat with big teeth) on Feb 2; a long face with a beard and top hat for Feb 12, and a round face with puffy hair on Feb 22. That was back in the day when we celebrated Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday and not Presidents' Day. I drew a brown square on Feb 14 to symbolize a chocolate-covered caramel from the Whitman's sampler. My hearts always looked like apples and therefore did not get drawn.

We mark time in the secular world with these special days. We keep church time as well by observing the liturgical seasons. As we look ahead to Sunday, March 6, the Church begins its own season of shadows, beards, and chocolates.

Since January 6, we have been observing Epiphany which is the season we remember that Jesus is the light of the world. We read scripture from Isaiah about the light overcoming darkness. On March 6, we will celebrate Transfiguration Sunday. My elementary drawing would be three men with beards on one side of the page (Peter, James, and John) and two men with beards on the other (Moses and Elijah) and a bright light in the middle (Jesus). The transfiguration story makes it very clear who Jesus is as God's light fills him and flows out of him. Then on the following Wednesday, March 9, we observe Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent, that forty-day period of reflection and sacrifice when many choose to give up chocolate or other luxuries. On the first Sunday in Lent we read of Jesus' temptations and talk about wilderness and journey to the cross—a time of darkness and shadows.

The calendar on your kitchen wall or on your desk helps you keep up with special days and appointments. The church calendar calls us to remember the life of Christ and the cycles of our own spiritual journey. Lent is a particularly meaningful time for Christians as we prepare for Easter. Please note the special studies and worship services highlighted in this newsletter and on the website.

When I was a child, I drew pictures like a child. As I grow up in Christ, I have the responsibility (and hopefully the desire) to deepen and nurture my faith. I pray that as we enter the season of Lent, each of us may draw nearer and deeper to God.

In love and peace,
Catherine



Ash Wednesday (March 9) is the beginning of Lent. We will observe this special day with the imposition of ashes (meaning you have a 'smudge' on your forehead) and a special Ash Wednesday dinner. The imposition of ashes represents 'wearing sackcloth and ashes' to admit our sin and publicly profess our desire to renew our relationship with God. The scripture for Ash Wednesday is Psalm 51: *Create in me a clean heart, O God.* Our dinner that evening will be a light supper as we think

about the things we might 'give up' this season and also remember those around the world who do not have the abundance we have. Since our focus is on filling our *hearts and not our stomachs*, the menu is rice, pinto beans, bread, and apple slices; no dessert and only water to drink. There is no cost for the supper. An offering will be taken at the service and given to ministries for the hungry. **Supper is at 5:45; the worship service begins at 6:40 in the sanctuary.**

If you would like to receive the imposition of ashes before you go to work or school, Rev. Nance will be in the Sanctuary from 6:30-8:30 a.m. The Sanctuary will be open for prayer in the morning and afternoon.

Wednesday Nights in March

The following is our dinner and program schedule for March. Remember, dinners are from 5:45 – 6:30 and programs are from 6:40 – 7:30. Cost for the dinners is \$5/adult, \$3/child and a maximum of \$16 per family. We ask that reservations be made by Monday of the week of the dinner.

Date	Dinner	Programs
March 2	Baked Ziti with Italian sausage, fire-roasted tomatoes, and two cheeses Steamed broccoli with olive oil and red pepper flakes Simple green salad with a vinaigrette Home-made foccacia Dessert Prepared by: Betty Joyce	Adult Options: Learn about the Food Pantry Book Club, <u>The Shack</u> Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Recreation in the gym Youth: Creative Arts
March 9	Ash Wednesday Meal – Rice Pinto Beans with Ham Fruit Bread	Ash Wednesday Service (6:45)
March 16	KNOX COUNTY SPRING BREAK – NO DINNER OR PROGRAMS	
March 23	Grilled Hamburgers & Hotdogs Baked Beans Chips Dessert Prepared by: Vera Harvey & Patty Underwood	Adult Options: Lent Study Begins Book Club Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Learning about Lent Youth: Creative Arts
March 30	Sandwich Bar Chips Fruit Dessert	Unload the 2 nd Harvest Truck and prepare for food giveaway. Other Options for Adults – Lent Study Book Club Chancel Choir Practice NO NURSERY THIS EVENING

Preschool, Parent's Day Out & Summer T-N-T

Registration for Summer 2011 and the 2011-12 School Year sessions of Preschool and Parent's Day Out begins Wednesday, March 2 at 9:00 am. Beaver Ridge Preschool Ministries offer the following programs for children:

- ◆ **Summer PDO** - An eight-week program beginning May 31 providing childcare for one or two days per week - Tues, Wed, Thurs from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Children must be age one and walking thru pre-kindergarten age.
- ◆ **Summer T-N-T** - An eight-week program beginning May 31 for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Field trips, movies, crafts, games, special programs, and lots of fun is what T-N-T is all about. Children may attend one or two days per week, Tuesday thru Thursday.
- ◆ **Preschool: 2011-12 School Year Session** - Preschool classes are

available for children age 3 and potty trained through age 5. Preschool is a structured learning environment designed to provide socialization, kindergarten readiness skills, Christian values, and a fun place to learn and grow! Classes are available on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule and follow the Knox County school calendar.

- ◆ **PDO: 2011-12 School Year Session** - Parent's Day Out classes are available for children age one and walking thru age 4. Children may attend one or two days per week Monday - Thursday. At PDO, children learn through play and enjoy craft time, lots of silly songs, story time, and of course playtime! PDO follows the Knox County school calendar.

Early registration begins March 2 for church members and families currently enrolled in the programs. Registration is open to the community beginning March 3. Please call Lori or Lisa at 531-2052 for more information.

UMW Circles Meet on March 7

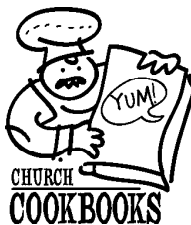
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10:00 a.m. in church library.

SARAH

7:00 pm in church library.

Sandra Cagle, hostess.



Do You Have Recipes to Share?

We're doing a church cookbook! Please turn in recipes to the church office or e-mail to Sylvia Creswell at screswell02@yahoo.com. Deadline is March 13. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will go back to the church for Praise Band instruments.

Scouting News



Church member Lucas Brown received his Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony and dinner held at Beaver Ridge UMC on February 8th. He is the son of Tim & Glenda Brown and grandson of Patsy Jourdan. (Lucas is pictured with one of our younger scouts, Anthony Damiano, son of Brian & Jane Damiano.)

We are thankful for the work Lucas accomplished in the Education Building as part of his Eagle Scout project. Take a look at the new walls and closet!



- April 17...**
PALM SUNDAY
Evening Seder Meal
- April 21...**
MAUNDY THURSDAY
Communion/Service
- April 22...**
GOOD FRIDAY
Noon Service
- April 23....**
EASTER EGG HUNT &
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- April 24...**
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 &
11:00 A.M. (Nursery provided
for both services.)

Women's Bible Study

Plan to join us for these upcoming studies with the Tuesday/Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group:

Dates	Study
February 22/23 March 1/2 – <i>No Classes</i> March 8/9 March 15/16	Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living by Reuben P. Job
March 22/23 March 29/30 April 5/6 April 12/13 April 19/20	"The Fearless Courage to Question" – a Lenten series

Bible Study is at 1:30 in the church library. (The same study is covered on either day each week.) For questions or more information, contact Glenna.

UMM Day with the Bishop

All men are invited to attend UNITED METHODIST MEN'S DAY WITH THE BISHOP at Burks UMC, Hixson, TN on Saturday, March 5, 2011. For more information, contact Jim Bowen (H) 706-398-9033, (C) 706-996-1413, or e-mail – woodowlbsa@peoplepc.com. You may register at the door for \$25 (check or cash).

Memorials & Special Gifts

IN MEMORY OF: *William Gage Harvey*
(Grandson of Jack & Vera Harvey)
GIVEN BY: Harold & Linda Absher

IN HONOR OF: *Betty Lois Williams* (Food Pantry)
GIVEN BY: Harold & Linda Absher

Introduction to Our Food Pantry

On Wednesday, March 2nd, Marita Vornehm will introduce the Food Pantry to anyone who wonders where it is, what it means to 'work the pantry,' or would just like to see it or has questions about how it is run. Meet Marita in front of the church office at 6:40.

There will be no Bible Study on March 2nd.

Lenten Studies



Early Bird Study Group

Open to Men and Women!
Monday Morning (6:30)
Beginning March 14 - (5 weeks)
Led by Rev. Catherine Nance

Women's Study Group

Monday or Tuesday Afternoon (1:30-2:30)
Beginning March 22 - (5 weeks)
Led by Rev. Glenna Manning

Wednesday Night Study Group

Beginning March 23 – (5 weeks)
Led by Rev. Catherine Nance

Youth Study Group

Sunday Morning (10:00)
Beginning March 20
Led by Lori Hopper

Second Harvest Food Drop and Distribution



Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we distribute free food to needy families in our community. The Second Harvest Food drop is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30. We will begin unloading the truck at 6:30 p.m. and will

need lots of strong arms and legs! The following Saturday, April 2, we will be doing the food distribution beginning at 8:00 a.m. Again we will need volunteers to assist individuals and families with filling their grocery bags and carts with free food. Please join us and be a part of making a difference in our community. To obtain flyers to distribute in our community or to sign up, contact Mike & Penny Williams at pennyandmike@att.net or call 690-5398.

Missions Fair (Hot Diggity Dog!)

Hopefully you have noticed previous announcements the last few weeks in the Sunday bulletins and The Communicator about an event at the church on March 6. **Well, now the secret's out! We're having a Missions Fair on Sunday, March 6 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center, and EVERYONE IS INVITED!!**



This will be a great opportunity for all our members and visitors to learn about Missions opportunities at Beaver Ridge. At this Fair, we will have several displays with church members available to discuss opportunities for Community Outreach, Holston Conference Missions, and Hands-on Mission Trips. In addition to information on each of the three main areas of Missions, there will be individual displays with information on the Food Pantry, Angel Food Ministries, Family Promise, Project Crossroads, Alaska missionaries, the Appalachia Service Project, a future international trip, and the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater. We are inviting all members of the church to be involved with Missions in one way or another, whether through active participation in on-going Community Outreach, collecting for Holston Missions, going on a Hands-On Mission trip, supporting the Dinner Theater, or other fundraising activities. You may be surprised at what you can do!

By the way, don't worry about lunch on March 6; we have you covered! No need to make reservations. Can you guess what we're having? (Hot Diggity Dog!)

The next newsletter deadline is March 7!

E-mail articles to
blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com

Jubilation 2011

HOPE (Health, Opportunity, Promise and Expectations) is the theme for this year's gathering of senior adults in the Holston Conference. Jubilation will be held April 10 - 12 at the Meadow View Resort and Conference Center in Kingsport, TN. This is a wonderful event for all senior adults and features opportunities for worship, music, Bible study and many breakout sessions. Brochures are available from Glenna or Catherine or on the web at <http://www.holston.org/media/event/event/Jubilation2011.pdf>. This year's rates are lower than last year and first-time attendees can receive a \$50 discount. If you are interested in going and would like to carpool, contact Glenna to arrange a ride.

Senior Beavers Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th – 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Knox Williams, State Programs Administrator with the Knox County Trustees Office, will be here to tell about the Tax Relief and Tax Freeze programs offered to seniors and to answer any questions. This will be very informative and might be financially helpful. It doesn't matter if you are active in the Senior Beavers or not...you might find this good to hear. It applies to seniors 65 and older. Come, bring a friend and a covered dish.



The Chancel Choir would like to thank everyone who supported the Dinner and Concert. What a wonderful evening of gourmet food and music! The profit from the event was \$1,748 which will go towards hiring instrumentalists for special services and purchasing new music. Ten percent of the profit was given to the youth for their summer mission trip to Richmond, Virginia to repair homes.

The United Methodist Men thank you for eating all those pancakes! The profit cleared from the Valentine's Pancake Breakfast was \$250.00. The money will be given to Boy Scout Troop 50 which our church sponsors. They are in need of a new troop flag and other supplies. We have over one-hundred boy scouts who meet here each week!

In our next newsletter, the youth will report on their profits from the Spaghetti Supper and Basket Auction. All of those proceeds go towards Resurrection which is held in January each year in Gatlinburg. Thousands of youth from all over Holston Conference attend the spiritual enrichment weekend.



Daylight Saving Time Begins March 13th... Remember to move your clocks FORWARD one hour before going to bed Saturday night!

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A Glance at Our Church Calendar...

TUESDAY, MARCH 1:

9 am – Zumba (Gym)
 10 am – Craft Group (Library)
 3:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)
 5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
 7 pm – Administrative Team Mtg. (Room 209)
 7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts
 8-10 pm – Young Men’s Basketball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2:

4:45-5:45 pm – Youth Band Practice
 5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner
 6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 6:40-7:30 pm – Wed. Night Activities/Classes
 6:40 pm – Food Pantry Intro
 6:45-9 pm – Youth Basketball Practice
 7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, MARCH 2-3:

9 am-12 noon – Registration for Preschool, PDO & Summer T-N-T Programs (Gym)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)
 5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
 6:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4:

5:30-9 pm – Cub Scouts (Gym/Movie Room)
 5:30 pm – Youth attend Winter Jam at Thompson-Boling Arena
 6:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5:

UMM Day with Bishop (Burks UMC, Hixson)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6:

11 am-1 pm – *MISSION FAIR & LUNCH-EON* (FLC)
 5:30 pm – Handbell Practice
 6 pm – YAC (Davidson’s)
 6-8 pm – Youth/Snack Supper

MONDAY, MARCH 7:

10 am – Dorcas Circle (Library)
 1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.)
 6 & 7 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)
 6 pm – Daisy Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)
 7 pm – Sarah Circle (Library)
 7-8 pm – Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8:

9 am – Zumba (Gym)
 10 am – Senior Beavers Meeting (Fell. Hall)
 1:30 pm – Women’s Bible Study
 3:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)
 5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
 6:30 pm – Finance Committee Mtg. (Rm 209)
 7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts
 8-10 pm – Young Men’s Basketball (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9: *Ash Wednesday*

1:30 pm – Women’s Bible Study
 4:45-5:45 pm – Youth Band Practice
 5:45 pm – Ash Wednesday Meal (FLC)
 6:40 pm – Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
-No Chancel Choir or Regular Wednesday Night Classes-
 7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MARCH 10:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)
 5-8 pm – Beaver Ridge Day at Sonic!
 5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
 6:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11:

6:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12:

10-11:30 am – Angel Food Orders Received (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13:

Daylight Saving Time Begins
 Recipes due for Church Cookbook
 5:30 pm – Handbell Practice
 6 pm – YAC (Davidson’s)

- No Alpha & Omega Youth -

MONDAY, MARCH 14:

6:30 am – Lenten Study Group
 1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.)
 6 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)

MONDAY-FRIDAY, MARCH 14-18:

*Spring Break for Knox County Schools
 PDO & Preschool Closed*

TUESDAY, MARCH 15:

9 am – Zumba (Gym)
 10 am – Craft Group (Library)
 3:30 pm – Computer Class (Ed. Bldg.)
 5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
 7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts
 8-10 pm – Young Men’s Basketball (Gym)