



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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OCT. 1, 2011

Minister's Message

Generic Church

A staff member from a neighboring church – one of those that started in a school gym and then built a 'worship center' and then added on to that -- called me to ask if they could film the front of our church and parking lot during an 11:00 service. They are working on a production for their church and needed a 'generic-looking church.'

I knew what she meant. The audience needed to see that the two characters who were walking out of a door and discussing the day's activities were coming out of a church and not a theater or grocery store or school. The production assistant said, "We want to use your building because it has a steeple and it's brick and looks like a generic church."

We had a lovely conversation and laughed about church things the way only people who work at a church understand. But after hearing more about the content of the movie, I declined.

But her comment and description of our church stuck with me through the week. She was wanting a building that was obviously a church – no question about it. But the term *generic* troubled me. No identifying marks or distinctive characteristics.

We joke about being 'the church across from Hardees' or 'the church at the red light.' But what makes us distinctive? How would you describe our church other than a typical-looking church with a brick exterior, steeple, one old building and one new building?

In the coming weeks and months, our congregation will be having this conversation as we answer questions that ALL United Methodist churches are asking. Our denomination is participating in a CALL TO ACTION. This is not coming up with a 'to do list,' but taking a good look at our church and ministries and asking ourselves what makes us unique? What are we doing well? What is God calling us to do? Who is God calling us to be in this particular place and time? As you participate in the conversation, your church council will set ministry goals that the church can embrace and work on. I hope as you hear about opportunities to participate in answering questions, you will first respond with prayer, then respond with open hearts and minds, and then respond with your voice!

We are not a generic church. We are Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church on Oak Ridge Highway in Karns in Knox County. And that's just one way to describe ourselves! Hope to see you at this particular church this Sunday!

Catherine

New Members

We welcome **Scott & Kim Floyd** into our church family. The Floyds united with Beaver Ridge UMC at the Wednesday Night Dinner on September 21, 2011 by transfer from Trinity Baptist Church in Madison, AL.

With Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to:

- ◆ Karen Billingsly in the death of her uncle, *Paul Peterson*, on September 21st
- ◆ Caren Fails and family in the death of her mother-in-law, *Marty Fails*.



We celebrate the births of:

Births **Linden McKinley Fost** on September 16, 2011 to Brooks & Stephanie Fost;

Grandparents: Keith & Cindy Jones

Abigail Elizabeth Moazen on September 21, 2011 to Brian & Marisa Moazen

Sermon Series

October 2

Stories from Exodus

October 9, 16, 23, and 30

Doors to Discipleship

Children's News

THANK YOU, KRISTIN!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Kristin Stanley has been hired on a part-time temporary basis as Children's Ministry Assistant. Kristin will be coordinating our children's Sunday school, writing lesson plans, gathering supplies, contacting volunteers...all those things that ensure our children have a fun, safe, and productive time during Sunday School and Wednesday nights. If you would like to volunteer for any children's activity, you may contact Kristin at stanley721@hotmail.com.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ROTATION

During the month of October we will finish our story of Abraham and Sarah as we learn about the birth of Isaac. (What does his name mean? – Ask your child!) Children will learn about the meaning of their own name and talk about their family tree. We will also spend time reviewing some of the great things we learned about Holston Home for Children. Sunday School begins at 10:00 and we always meet in the last room on the left in the Rotation Hallway of the Education Building.

Date	Kindergarten – 1 st Grade	2 nd – 3 rd Grade	4 th – 5 th Grade
Oct. 2	Art	Storytelling/Mission	Movies
Oct. 9	Storytelling/Mission	Movies	Art
Oct. 16	SPECIAL GUEST: NANCY CAMP — WE ALL MEET TOGETHER!! NANCY IS FROM CHILDRENS HOSPITAL AND WILL TELL US HOW WE TAKE CARE OF BABIES!! Thank you, Nancy!		
Oct. 23	Movies	Art	Storytelling/Mission
Oct. 30	GETTING READY FOR FALL FESTIVAL!!! GETTING READY FOR FALL FESTIVAL!!!!		
October Teachers: Art —Kristin Stanley; Storytelling/Mission —Catherine Nance; Movies —Kasey Kahm			

Thank You

As your pastor, I quite often have the opportunity to hear people say, "Thank you." I know that the "you" is not "me", but that the "you" is YOU! So, I want to pass along some *thank yous* that YOU have received.

On Tuesday night when our gym was full of middle and high school boys shooting basketball, several of the parents I met said, "Thank you so much for letting our son come play here."

Every time I walk through the gym when aerobics or line dancing or Zumba is meeting, someone waves and says "Thanks for letting us use your building."

While watching one of the girl scout troops prepare for their garden party, the leaders said, "Thanks for letting us meet here."

Last Tuesday night was registration night for scouts. There were over 100 boys here! As I mingled through the line and said hello, several parents said, "Thank you for letting us use your church."

You also helped arrange transportation through CAC for a man needing a ride from a homeless shelter to Cherokee Counseling Center; you helped a woman get to her doctor appointment; you also provided a quiet place for a woman who needed to pray. She now has the code to our Chapel and knows she can come anytime. She says, "Thank you."

So now I want to say 'thank you' for all the ways YOU provide resources for us to carry out ministry and hospitality to this community.

-Catherine

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 9



Our church will participate in a tradition honored by many churches around the world in recognition of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi which is October 4. *God blessed all living creatures and called them good.* Bring your pet -- on a leash or in a cage or in your arms, please -- to the front lawn on Sunday, October 9 at 4:00 pm for a **Blessing of the Animals**. We will sing praise to God for all of his creation and bless each animal by name!

Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat!

Join us on Sunday, October 30th from 4:00-6:00 pm for our annual Fall Festival and Trunk or Treating!

- Hay Ride
- Games
- Marshmallow Roasting
- Bounce House
- And much, much more!



PLEASE NOTE...

We need your help in the following ways...

- Donate individually wrapped candy. Please leave donations outside the church office.
- Volunteers!!! Contact Kristin Stanley at 247-7424 or stanley721@hotmail.com.

YOUTH PAGE...

Jay Lifford, Director of Youth Ministries

jay@beaverridgeumc.com

865-690-1060, Ext. 108

Look what's coming up!

Sunday, October 2nd

Hunger Hike – We'll meet at the church at 1:30 and then head to Lakeshore Park for the 21st Annual Hunger Hike. Be collecting donations. For every \$15 donated a youth gets a T-Shirt. On October 2nd we will walk around Lakeshore Park to celebrate what we have raised. Should be back by 4:30 or 5:00. Bring money with you for an early dinner. We'll stop somewhere on the way back and eat.

Wednesday, October 5th

In place of Food & Fellowship, we will be helping sort food for the Second Harvest Food Drop.

Thursday, October 6th

Challenger Baseball - Meet at baseball fields at the Lions Club (where the community pool is) at 6:00. We will cook up some hotdogs, go on the field with the physically challenged kids and help them run, hit and field and announce their names over the PA. This is a great ministry opportunity. Hope you will be there.

Friday, October 7th

5th Quarter Lock-In – Following the Oak Ridge/Karns Football Game we will head to Oak Ridge to the Paradox Indoor Skate Park and Concert Hall for an all-night LOCK-IN. There will be messy games, skateboarding, Wii Games, Movies, Devotional and a special concert from Barner Records' Recording Artists *BrightGray*. More details coming.

Sunday, October 9th

We will kickoff our fundraiser for Mission Trip 2012. We'll be selling wrapping paper from Innisbrook and bags and such from Thirty-One. Each youth will get an Innisbrook book and a Thirty-One book. All the money you raise will be tracked on an individual basis. That means the more you personally sell, the cheaper it will be for YOU as an individual to go on the Mission Trip next Summer. You could sell enough to make it free!! The sale will run through November 13th.

Wednesday, October 19th

Instead of having Food & Fellowship, we are going to PROVIDE Food & Fellowship to the church. WE will be preparing and serving the Wednesday Night Dinner!! Get to the church as soon as you can after school to help with preparing the meal, as well as set up. After the meal we'll clean up and play some games. Parents can pick up at the church at 8:30.

Friday, October 21st

Prepare for a walk on THE TRAIL OF DOOM!! We'll be traveling to Oakes Farm in Corryton on Friday night to take a walk through their haunted Corn Maze. More details coming.

Sunday, October 30th

Trunk & Treat!! The church is hosting its annual Trunk & Treat event. Let's support the event by dressing up in costume and contributing candy and decorations to make an official Youth Trunk for kids to come and get goodies. We'll go candy and decoration shopping during Youth time on Sunday, October 23rd, and then the following Sunday meet up and decorate our "Trunk". More details coming on times.

Snack Suppers

Thanks to our parents who have volunteered to prepare our Sunday night snack suppers! We still have some dates that need to be covered.

October 9 - Massey/Dooley

October 16 - OPEN

October 23 - OPEN

Open Gym
Every Thursday Night
7:00-9:00



Where We're Having Food & Fellowship this Month...

October 12 - Rebecca Young

October 26 - Tammy Massey

If you come to Wednesday Night dinner at the church, we'll give you a ride over; otherwise, we will see you there at 6:45. Parents will pick up at the house at 8:30.



Tuesday Morning Breakfast & Bible Study!!

Drop off at 7:20 in the Education Building. We'll take you to school. Please bring \$1.00 to help cover cost of juice and milk.



Come to Tuesday Night Open Basketball!
For middle and senior high youth ONLY.
Pick up games and drills and fun!
Now through end of October, 8:00-9:30 pm.
Contact Mark Graham for more info, 859-0166.



SECOND HARVEST FOOD GIVEAWAY

Food Drop & Distribution

Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we distribute free food to needy families in the Karns community.

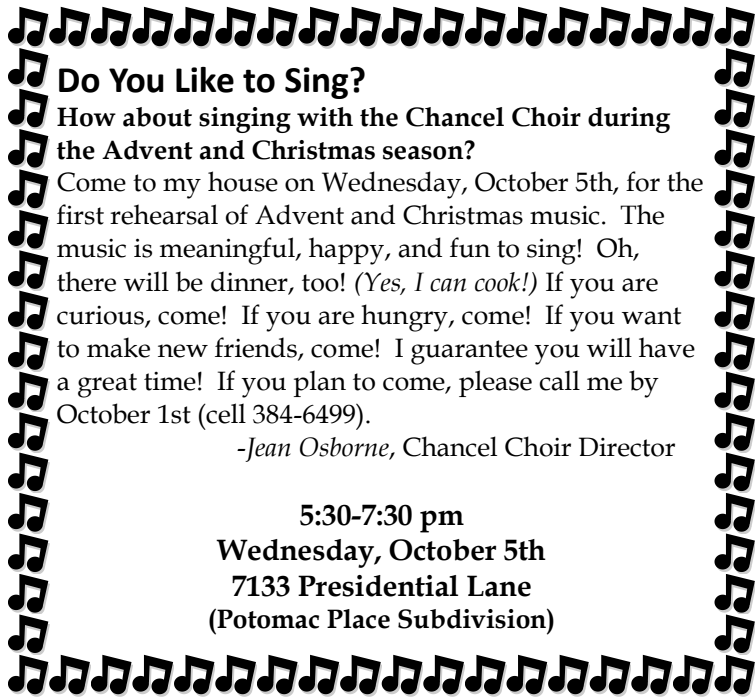
The Second Harvest Food Drop is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 5, 2011**. We will need lots of strong arms and legs when the truck arrives between 9:00-10:00 that morning!

The following **Saturday, October 8, 2011**, we will begin the food distribution at 8:00 am. Again, volunteers are needed 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 the community or to sign up, contact Mike & Penny Williams (865) 804-2624 or pennyandmike@att.net.

Food Pantry "Offering at the Altar"

The next "Offering at the Altar" will be October 16th. Please help us stock our Food Pantry by donating **dry cereal** and/or canned vegetables. Your donations may be placed on the altar or left in the food cart just inside the office hallway door.



Do You Like to Sing?

How about singing with the Chancel Choir during the Advent and Christmas season?

Come to my house on Wednesday, October 5th, for the first rehearsal of Advent and Christmas music. The music is meaningful, happy, and fun to sing! Oh, there will be dinner, too! (*Yes, I can cook!*) If you are curious, come! If you are hungry, come! If you want to make new friends, come! I guarantee you will have a great time! If you plan to come, please call me by October 1st (cell 384-6499).

-Jean Osborne, Chancel Choir Director

5:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, October 5th
7133 Presidential Lane
(Potomac Place Subdivision)

Attendance Report

AVERAGE FOR AUGUST 2011

Sunday School.....150 Worship.....260

AVERAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday School.....127 Worship.....240

Celebrating October Birthdays...

Marianne Perkins	3	John Hackworth	17
Melissa Thomas	3	Tim Diggs	18
Joe Hunt	5	Jimmy Pickel	18
Teresa Bryant	7	Charlene Asbury	19
Dave Carroll	7	Courtney Meacham	20
Gladys Houser	7	Siane Canaan	21
Laura Miller	7	Molly Hester	21
Betty Bunner	10	Joyce Spencer	21
Devon Graham	10	Margaret Melton	22
John Briegel	12	Evelyn Calton	24
Maggie Smalley	15	Matt Smalley	25
Sandra Evans	16	Robert Jake	27
Ricky Dailey	17	David Williams	31



Craft Group

The arrival of Fall and cooler weather is a great time to learn a craft! You can make useful items for gifts or yourself while watching TV in the evening. The Beaver Ridge Craft Group will start meeting on Tuesday, October 4th at 10:00 am in the church library. Contact Charlene Asbury, 691-8792, or Jean Shannon, 690-2587, for more information or to register.

Donate to KARM

When you donate your gently used items to any Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries (KARM) Thrift Store, be sure to tell them that you are part of Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church. Our church receives credit for those donations. That credit comes in the form of gift cards which we can give to families in need.

Thanks to *Moms of Multiples* for their generous donation to the Family Life Center following their recent sale!

Memorial Gifts

IN MEMORY OF: *Willa Hartley* (Norine Pickel's sister)
GIVEN BY: Roy & June Whitaker

IN MEMORY OF: *Marty Fails* (Caren Fails' mother-in-law)
GIVEN BY: Pam Crane

IN MEMORY OF: *Violet Ison*
GIVEN BY: Faye Greene

IN MEMORY OF: *Guy Edens*
GIVEN BY: Vera Edens

IN MEMORY OF: *Belle Lee Carter*
GIVEN BY: Harold & Martha McCurdy

United Methodist Women's Circles

DORCAS

Monday, October 3, 10:00 am, in the church library

SARAH

Monday, October 3, 7:00 pm, at the home of Kese Dohoney

Eat, Pray, Love Ladies' Night

Join us for food and fellowship at Calhoun's at Turkey Creek on Friday, October 14th at 5:30. Please call Teresa Gillenwaters (806-9220) to confirm seating at the restaurant.

Oak Ridge District Conference

Attend the Oak Ridge District Conference on Sunday, October 2nd, 3:00-5:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge. This will be a time of business, worship and celebration.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles/ dates for the October 15th issue of *The Communicator* is October 5th. E-mail information to: blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com.



Senior Beavers

The Senior Beavers will be going to the Carver Apple Orchard on October 11th at 10:00 am. We will

have lunch at the restaurant there, and hopefully be able to enjoy some colorful fall leaves on our trip! Please call Eula Love at 690-2085 to reserve your place on the van.

Join Our Handbell Choir!

If you've ever considered playing handbells, now is the time to give it a try! No experience is necessary! Director Phyllis Martinelli will be happy to meet with new handbell ringers to teach you. Contact Phyllis at Phyllis.martinelli@gmail.com or 556-0758.



The first Handbell Choir Practice will be held on **Sunday, October 9th at 5:00 pm**. We will meet in Room 209 (Sanctuary building).

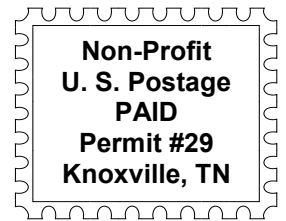
Wednesday Nights at Beaver Ridge

DATE	MENU	PREPARED BY	PROGRAMS		
			ADULTS	YOUTH	CHILDREN
Oct. 5	Deli Sandwiches, Chips, Choice of Ice Cream Treats (Creamsicles, Fudge Bars, Ice Cream Sandwiches, Brown Cows)	Lori Hopper	Help unload, unpack, and sort food in preparation for FOOD GIVEAWAY on Saturday.		
Oct. 12	Honey Dijon Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Carrots, Brownies	Lori Hopper Julie Graham	WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? Richard Edwards will show us how we can use the info provided by Mission Insite which is a web-based demographics provider that can give churches instant access to community information.	Food & Fellowship at Rebecca Young's house	Fall Fun Activity
Oct. 19	Pork Tenderloin, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Ooey Goey Pumpkin Bars	(Youth) Lori Hopper Julie Graham	Rev. Stewart White will share some church humor with us that he has gleaned over his 40-plus years of ministry.	Help with Meal Preparation, Serving & Clean-Up	Fall Fun Activity
Oct. 26	Variety of Homemade Soups, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Dessert	Preschool Staff	No Program – Class options will be available. More details to come.	Food & Fellowship at Tammy Massey's house	Fall Fun Activity



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

A Look at the Church Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1:

9 am – Zumba (Gym)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2:

1:30 pm – Youth attend Hunger Hike
(Lakeshore Park)

3-5 pm – Oak Ridge District Conference
(First UMC, Oak Ridge)

4:30-6 pm – Youth Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3:

10 am – Dorcas Circle (Library)

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open

6-7:30 pm – Daisy Troop (Ed. Bldg.)

6-8 pm – Line Dancing

7 pm – Sarah Circle (at Kesse Dohoney's)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4:

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast

10 am – Craft Group (Library)

12 noon-1 pm – Yoga

1 pm – Women's Bible Study

4-5 pm – Zumba

5:15 pm – Aerobics

7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

7 pm – Administrative Team Meeting

8-9:30 pm – Open Basketball for Youth

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5:

Articles Due for next Newsletter

9 am – Unload Second Harvest Food Truck

5:30-7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Dinner &
Rehearsal (at Jean Osborne's)

5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner

6:35-7:20 pm – Sort Food for Second

Harvest Food Giveaway

7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6:

4 pm – Zumba

5:45 pm – Aerobics

6 pm – Youth work with Challenger

Baseball Program (Karns Little League Field)

7-9 pm – Youth Open Gym

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7:

6:30-8:30 pm – Girl Sc. (Ed. Bldg.)

Youth 5th Quarter Lock-In (at Paradox Skate
Park & Concert Hall, Oak Ridge)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8:

8 am – Second Harvest Food Giveaway (FLC)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9:

Youth Begin Innisbrook & Thirty-One

Fundraisers (thru Nov. 13)

4 pm – Blessing of the Animals (Front Lawn)

4:30-6 pm – Youth Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

5 pm – Handbell Rehearsal (Room 209)

6-8 pm – Youth/Snack Supper

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Columbus Day

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open

6-8 pm – Line Dancing

7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations Cmte. Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11:

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast

10 am – Senior Beavers Outing

12 noon-1 pm – Yoga

1 pm – Women's Bible Study

4-5 pm – Zumba

5:15 pm – Aerobics

7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

8-9:30 pm – Open Basketball for Youth

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12:

5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:35-7:20 pm – Wed. Night Program by
Richard Edwards

6:45 pm – Youth Food & Fellowship
(at Rebecca Young's)

7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13:

4 pm – Zumba

5:45 pm – Aerobics

7-9 pm – Open Gym for Youth

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14:

5:30 pm – Eat, Pray, Love Ladies' Group
(at Calhoun's, Turkey Creek)

6:30-8:30 pm – Girl Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15:

9 am – Zumba

Pumpkin Patch Delivery