



# 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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**SEPT. 15, 2011**

## Praise In the Midst of the Storm

*"As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him.'" John 9: 1-3*

My youngest son, Thomas, has had a rough three years of his life. He was born early so we had to spend some time in the NICU while his lungs fully developed. Then when they said he was cleared to go home, we got him home for 30 minutes before he stopped breathing and began turning blue. We rushed him to the hospital and ended up staying there a month. While there we found out that Thomas had trouble digesting food. His stomach would not move the food through to his intestines. This caused him to have frequent heartburn and to throw up a lot. When this happens to babies they stop breathing. The doctors put in a feeding tube that runs to his stomach and another tube that runs into his intestine. They said that this problem would cause him to have muscle weakness all over, and that he would have difficulty crawling and walking. He was also diagnosed with a disease called Pulmonary Hypertension (high blood pressure in the artery that goes from his heart to his lungs). Because of this condition he has to be on oxygen most of the time. My little boy is 3 years old and has had 12 surgeries. I would often ask myself why God would do this to my little boy. Was it something I had done to cause this? Was God angry at me?

That's when I stumbled upon the promise that is in John 9:1-3. The disciples saw this blind man on the road, and assumed

he was blind because he or his family was being punished for something they had done wrong. Jesus did not share the same feeling. He said this man and his parents did nothing to "deserve" this. This man was blind so that God could get the glory for the progress he made in his life DESPITE his blindness.

That's when it hit me that while all this was happening Jessica and I were growing closer to God, and God was gaining glory through my little boy. Every time Thomas would hit a milestone in his physical therapy I would think, "Praise God! Please continue to heal my baby." Now he's walking, talking and playing like a normal little boy. He eats some, and still has his feeding tube and his oxygen, but he has made so much progress, and God has been behind it all. Do I wish Thomas didn't have to go through this? YES!!! However, I wouldn't trade what it has done for my relationship with Jesus Christ for anything. Things may not be going your way right now. Maybe it's a physical disability or it seems like your personal life has a disability. Instead of asking God why, ask how God could be glorified through this. How could I grow closer to God through this? It will put your problems in a whole different light. Instead of your problems being a "disability" they can become an OPPORTUNITY!!

In Him,  
*Jay Lifford*  
Director of Youth Ministries  
Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

We welcome **Mark & Lorraine McIntosh** and their son, **Cole**, to our church family. The McIntosh Family united with Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 11, 2011. Lorraine and Cole received the Sacrament of Baptism.



## Christian Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to:

- ◆ Bill & Sylvia Waters and Jason & Niki Whaley and family in the death of Sylvia's mother, **Pauline Ballard**;
- ◆ Alan & Susan Price and Jill & Patrick Chambers in the death of Alan's brother, **H. L. Price**, and Patrick's father, **Rick Chambers**.

## Sermon Series

**September 18, 25, and October 2**  
**October 9, 16, 23, and 30**

*Stories from Exodus*  
*Doors to Discipleship*

Children’s Rotation Sunday School

In September, we are continuing the study of Abraham and Sarah, focusing on how they offered hospitality to God’s messengers.

Date	Kindergarten – 1st Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
Sept. 18	Cooking	Music	Games
Sept. 25	Games	Cooking	Music

Church Campus Beautification

We are looking for a few folks to help with gardening/landscaping/trimming projects that need to be done on the church property. Some of these projects are simply cosmetic type needs such as pulling weeds and trimming bushes, while a couple involve more extensive work such as trimming/cutting some of the trees away from the FLC and clearing an old garden area at the back end of the Fellowship Hall.

You do not need to be able to operate a chain saw or a set of hedge trimmers in order to help with this endeavor. There is also a need for persons to help with picking up the trimmings after somebody else has done the cutting. In short, there is plenty to do. It is envisioned that this group would also help refresh the mulch beds in the Spring along with fulfilling other needs that arise through the year.

If you are interested in helping with this church mission team, please contact one of the persons listed below. For now, we would just put your name on a list of persons who would be called as some of this work is needed. You do not need to commit to working any particular number of days on these projects. In fact, most of these needs would only involve 4 or 5 persons working together for a couple of hours to get a job done. If you are not able to work on one project, we will call you to see if you can help with the next one. There will always be a "lead" person on each project so you do not need to do planning for any of this work--just be ready to lend a helping hand.

We have a beautiful church campus. With a few of us working together, we can make our corner at the Karns Traffic Light a highlight of the Karns Community.

Many thanks for your prayerful consideration of this request for help.

Tim Housewright      thousewright@rrcinc.com  
 Harold Absher        lhabsher@comcast.net  
 Joe Dooley             dkj221@comcast.net

Help Needed for Children’s Program

Volunteers are needed to help with Wednesday night programs for our children (supervised playground time plus Bible story, craft time, a service project....you decide!). Please contact Rev. Nance if you would like to help.

Beaver Ridge Preschoolers Enjoy a Visit from the Karns Fire Department!



Preschoolers check out a real fire truck!

Thomas Lifford “drives” fire truck.



# YOUTH PAGE...Look what's coming up!

Jay Lifford, Director of Youth Ministries

jay@beaverridgeumc.com

865-690-1060, Ext. 108

## Join the Youth Band!

Rehearsal is on Sunday evenings...Musicians only from 4:30-5:00 and then musicians and singers together from 5:00-6:00. For more info, email Brad Nance at [nanceb@mindspring.com](mailto:nanceb@mindspring.com) or message him on Facebook.

## Every 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.

## Sunday, September 18

We are going bowling at Family Bowl. Cost is \$6 per person plus food money. The \$6 covers shoe rental and two games. We will meet at the church at 6:00 and be back by 9:30. This Sunday is also the due date for Youth Retreat money.

## Wednesday, September 21

No Food & Fellowship

## Thursday-Friday, September 22-23

Youth Retreat at Horn's Creek - \$80 per person. We'll meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and then head to Horn's Creek where we'll be joined by Danny Bright of the Christian Band BrightGray. Danny will lead us in worship and a devotional time Thursday evening. Then Friday we'll be doing an adventure race and playing on "The Blob". We'll be back Friday around 6:00 or 7:00. The \$80 per person covers food, lodging, and all of your activities.

## Saturday-Sunday, September 24-25

The youth will be servers and dishwashers on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, September 24th and 25th. For doing this we receive 10% of the proceeds from the Mystery Dinner Theater. As we did with Resurrection last year, those who wish to attend Resurrection will be required to participate in at least three service activities with the youth. This will be one of those activities. I will let you know what the dress requirements will be. Youth need to be at church at 5:00 pm on Saturday and 1:30 pm on Sunday.

## Beaver Ridge Youth participate in Worship in the City...



Our youth packed over 1700 meals in one hour! One million total meals were packed during the two day Worship in the City event. Meals will be distributed worldwide to impoverished families for Feed the Need and Kids Against Hunger.



Waiting for concert to begin...

## August 28th Youth Scavenger Hunt and Progressive Dinner in Imperial Estates Subdivision...



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



**Tickets Still Available for Murder Mystery Dinner Theater**

Join the Beaver Ridge MISSIONaires for their 10th annual murder mystery production which promises to be an event of who-dun-it fun. This year's play is "Murder in the Old Growth Forest." A billionaire land owner hosts a secluded weekend camping outing full of colorful characters each vying for ownership of his land. Ulterior motives abound as the unlikely group individually lobbies the billionaire to transfer ownership for their own purposes. Accusations fly when one of the campers turns up dead, leaving the remaining to determine who-dun-it before the land sale can go through. Join in the fun as you become a detective and follow the clues to draw your own conclusions. Prizes for the winning table! Tickets are on sale for:

- \* Saturday, September 24th at 6:30 pm at \$20 each and include dinner catered by Carrabba's
- \* Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 pm at \$14 each and include a gourmet dessert.

All proceeds go to Missions. Tickets can be purchased after Sunday worship services or by calling 865-323-9321 or: Charlotte DeLozier 865-680-7032  
Leslie Little 865-690-6066  
Marisa Moazen 865-247-6980

Childcare is available for the Sunday matinee only at an additional cost. Please inform the person you are purchasing tickets from that you will be needing childcare. (You will need to bring a snack for your child.)

**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**

(behind Dollar General, turn onto Beaver Ridge Road, then enter Potomac Place Subdivision)

**Attendance Report**

AVERAGE FOR JULY 2011			
Sunday School.....	142	Worship.....	264
AVERAGE FOR AUGUST 2011			
Sunday School.....	150	Worship.....	260

**Would You Like to Save 10%?**

You can save almost 10% when buying supplies to be used by the church if you will take a copy of the TN Tax Exemption Certificate with you when shopping for the church. We have a policy that states that you are not reimbursed for the sales tax charged on purchased made for the church. Before you go shopping, stop by the church office and pick-up a copy of the tax exemption certificate. Ask someone in the office for a copy, or you will find copies in the hanging file above the fax machine in the workroom.

When you go into the store ask at the customer service desk or ask the cashier what you need to do when buying for a tax exempt organization. We ask that you only use the exemption certificate for items that are for church use. You may use the points received at Kroger's, Ingles and Food City for discounts on your personal gas purchases.

**Craft Group**

Fall begins this month, 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.

**Coffee Carafes Needed**

Do you have a coffee carafes that you would be willing to lend out for the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater? Be sure to label with your name, and then bring it to the FLC by Sept. 22nd when we set up. Contact Person: Leslie Little, 690-6066.

**Memorial Gifts**

**In Memory Of: Willa Hartley** (Norine Pickel's sister)  
**Given By:** Joe & Sue Stewart, Lucille Kasefang, Bob & Betty Joyce, Goodwill Sunday School Class (for Food Pantry), Ralph & Betty Lois Williams, Zeni Schleter, Roy & June Whitaker

**In Memory Of: Violet Ison**  
**Given By:** Bob & Betty Joyce, Lucille Kasefang

**In Memory Of: Robert Bollaen** (Julia Frazier's father)  
**Given By:** Ralph & Betty Lois Williams

**In Memory Of: Mary Snyder**  
**Given By:** Andrea A. White, Faye Ramsey, Cathie Cardwell, Lynn & Darrell Stockwell

### Food Pantry "Offering at the Altar"

The next "Offering at the Altar" will be September 18th. Please help us stock our Food Pantry by donating **powdered milk and canned pasta with meat sauce.**

### Meeting Cancellation

The United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting & Luncheon scheduled for September 25th has been canceled.

### Wednesday Nights at Beaver Ridge



#### **September 21 –**

**Menu:** Chicken & Rice Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream

**Dinner prepared by:** Brenda Snyder

**Program:** Guest Speaker

Tim Adams is the new Executive Director of Wesley House. Mr. Adams was formerly with Young-Williams Animal

Shelter and also the Knoxville Zoo.

No regular Youth Food & Fellowship

#### **September 28 –**

**Menu:** Pulled Pork BBQ, Slaw, Baked Beans, Chips, Banana Pudding

**Dinner prepared by:** Lori Hopper/Gordo's Catering

**Program:** A Soldier's World

Our own Jimmy Harris will share with us from his military experiences.

Children's Activities

Youth Food & Fellowship at Porters

Cost for dinner is \$5 per adult and \$3 per child, or no more than \$16 per immediate family. Fill out the reservation form inside Sunday's bulletin and place it in the offering plate during worship, or you may email reservations to: [blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com](mailto:blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com). **All reservations must be turned in by 10:00 Monday morning.** Standing reservations may also be made.

**CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MONDAY PRIOR TO THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER OR YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR DINNER.**

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles/dates for the October 1st issue of *The Communicator* is September 19th. Please e-mail information to: [blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com](mailto:blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com).

*In celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary*  
**Bob and Betty Joyce**  
*along with their children*  
*invite you to a reception in their honor*  
**Sunday, September 18, 2011**  
**2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Family Life Center**  
*The only present requested is your presence.*

### Looking Forward...

#### **Trick or Treating at Autumn Care**

October 26 @ 5:15 pm

#### **Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival**

October 30 from 4:00-6:00 pm

#### **Festival of Gifts & Talents**

December 11 @ 5:30 pm

#### **Christmas Play**

December 18 @ 10:00 am

#### **Pumpkin Patch Delivery**

October 15

#### **Alternative Christmas Shopping**

November 19 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm

#### **"GIFTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD"**

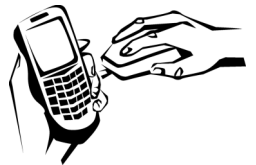
Support local and third-world artisans and crafters

#### **Church (Charge) Conference**

December 6 @ 7:00 pm

### E-Giving Is Here!

You can now use E-Giving to make a one-time donation or to set up your periodic pledged giving to the church. To use, go to the link on our web site. Each donor will input their own information insuring confidentiality of data. Please note that in order to debit your bank, you must enter your bank account information before choosing a payment method. The donations will be deposited to our church bank account and a report detailing the amounts, names and funds will be uploaded by our bookkeeper.

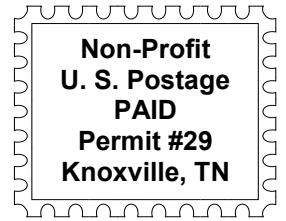


The registration site on e-giving is very user friendly, but if you would like to use this service and need more information, please contact either Marilyn Jake (254-0752) or Margaret Melton (690-1060). In the future, we plan to expand the use of this site to allow payments at events such as the Wednesday night dinners.



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On the Church Calendar

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:**

4 pm – Zumba  
5-8 pm – Karns Sonic Night  
5:45 pm – Aerobics

7-9 pm – Open Gym for Youth

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:**

9 am – Zumba (Gym)  
KHS Girls Soccer Team Yard Sale (Front Church Parking Lot)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18:**

“Food Pantry at the Altar”  
2-4 pm – 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Bob & Betty Joyce (FLC)

4:30 pm – Youth Band...Musicians  
5-6 pm – Youth Band...Musicians & Singers (Sanctuary)

5 pm – YAC (Davidsons)

6-9:30 pm – Youth Bowling Outing

6:30 pm – Mystery Theater Rehearsal (Gym)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:**

Newsletter Articles/Calendar Dates Deadline

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open

6-7:30 pm – Daisy Troop (Ed. Bldg.)

6-8 pm – Line Dancing

7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations Cmte. Mtg.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:**

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast

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, SEPTEMBER 21:**

5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:35-7:20 pm – Wed. Night Program

7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:**

4 pm – Zumba

5:45 pm – Aerobics

**THURSDAY-FRIDAY, SEPT. 22-23:**

Youth Retreat at Horn’s Creek

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:**

6:30 pm – Mystery Theater Dress Reh. (Gym)

6:30-8:30 pm – Girl Sc. (Ed. Bldg.)

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:**

6:30 pm – Mystery Dinner Theater (FLC)

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:**

2 pm – Mystery Dinner Matinee (FLC)

4:30 pm – Youth Band...Musicians

5-6 pm – Youth Band...Musicians & Singers

(Sanctuary)

5 pm – YAC (Davidsons)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:**

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open

6-8 pm – Line Dancing

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:**

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast

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 – Church Council Meeting

8-9:30 pm – Open Basketball for Youth

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:**

5:45 pm – Wed. Night Dinner

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:35-7:20 pm – Wed. Classes

6:45 pm – Youth Food & Fellowship (Porters)

7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:**

4 pm – Zumba

5:45 pm – Aerobics

7-9 pm – Open Gym for Youth

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:**

Youth provide meal for KHS Football Team