



Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

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DECEMBER 1, 2011

THE COMMUNICATOR

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm and Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

A Wonderful Gift! Invite a Friend to Church!

Most new church members say they came because a friend INVITED them. This is a wonderful time of year to invite someone to church. Below is a list of what's going on the next few Sundays so you can share more information. When you invite someone, offer to pick them up or meet them at a particular place so they do not walk in alone.

Catherine

Sunday December 4

- Sermon: *What Are Swaddling Clothes, Anyway? Blessing of the Blankets and Mittens at both services.*

Sunday December 11

- Special music at both services... ensembles and solos; Praise Team will lead us at 9:00 and Chancel Choir will lead us at 11:00 in a service of special anthems, solos, and carols. This is what folks call 'our special music Sunday'!
- We will begin the evening with a covered dish supper at 5:30 in the Family Life Center. A Festival of Gifts and Talents Show will begin at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. (See article on page 5.)

Sunday, December 18

- Sermon: *Is The Little Drummer Boy in the Bible? Bring your favorite Christmas storybooks to church this Sunday. What is the "real story" and what do we learn from Rudolph and the Little Match Girl and others?*
- Children's Sunday School Department will present "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" during the Sunday School hour, 10:00 am, in the Sanctuary.
- Christmas Caroling—We will meet in the choir room at 4:00 pm to go Christmas caroling. Everyone is invited!

Saturday, December 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

- We will offer two Christmas Eve services again this year:
 - 5:00 pm — an informal service with children in mind.
 - 8:00 pm — a traditional service with trumpet, choir and candlelight.

Sunday, December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY

- We will have only one service this morning at 11:00. This will be an informal but reverent time of sharing and singing some of our favorite carols, retelling the 'old, old story' and sharing Christmas joy with our church family. This may be the one day that someone who has never been to church decides to come. Let's make our home welcome!
- No Sunday School



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

On November 18th we welcomed six new members into our church family:



Brian, Marisa & Abigail Moazen

Abigail was baptized and added to our Preparatory Roll.



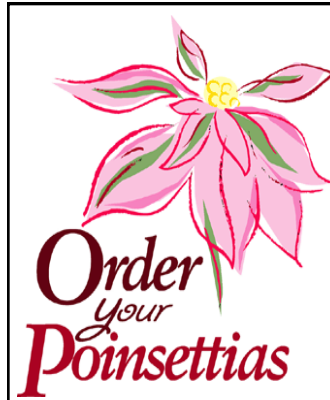
(Pam Crane) & Ron Sandifer



Joe & Amy Rector

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our Church Conference with Oak Ridge District Superintendent Rev. Adam McKee will be held **Tuesday, December 6th, 7:00 pm, in the Chapel**. Officers for 2012 will be approved and we will celebrate the ministries of 2011. Everyone is invited to attend.



Christmas poinsettias will be used to decorate our Sanctuary during the month of December. To purchase a poinsettia, use the order form inside Sunday's worship bulletin. Cost is \$6.00 each. A special Poinsettia bulletin will be available on December 11th and will list the names of those who purchased poinsettias and the people that have been honored/remembered.

CALL TO ACTION

Please be in prayer for your Church Council who will be meeting on Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Members will be looking at the questions from our Call to Action report and setting goals for ministry for the next few years. The questions deal with who we are as a church, who our neighbors are, and who/what is God calling us to be/do? I shared with the Council last week that we DO a tremendous amount FOR our neighbors. As Christians, though, we are motivated by the love of God and must offer that love to our neighbors. We give away food and blankets in the name of Christ, but he also asks that we give ourselves. How can we be in relationship -- real Christian relationship -- with our neighbors? That is the question I feel the Holy Spirit putting on my heart.

There is a sign up sheet outside the chapel for you to commit to a particular time to pray for God's spirit to be with Council members as they prepare for this meeting. You do not have to come to the chapel to pray. God hears prayers everywhere!

-Catherine

CHURCH COOKBOOKS STILL AVAILABLE

Cookbooks make perfect Christmas gifts! Beaver Ridge Cookbooks are on sale now for \$15!

YOUTH PAGE

Jay Lifford, Director of Youth Ministries

jay@beaverridgeumc.com

865-690-1060, Ext. 108

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Sunday, December 4th

**We'll be going downtown to Water Angels Ministries to attend their worship service and to distribute the blankets we made to the homeless. Meet at the church at 12:30; return around 5:00. FREE PIZZA FROM GATTI'S!!

Thursday, December 8th

SONIC NIGHT!!! Be sure to stop by the Karns Sonic between 5:00 and 8:00 and pick up something to eat or drink. Ten percent of Sonic's sales during that time will go to our youth fund. Tell your friends to stop by, too.

Wednesday, December 14th

**We're heading back downtown to serve another meal to the homeless with Lost Sheep Ministries. This one will be special. This is Lost Sheep's Christmas Dinner. All of the homeless in attendance will be seated at their tables, and we will prepare and bring their plates to them. Be at the church at 5:00. We'll stop for fast food on the way back to the church. Should be back by 9:00.



It has been a while since the youth had a group T-shirt. So, we are going to do a full-blown contest to see who can design the logo for our new shirts! Our

group has been known as the "Alpha Omega Youth Ministry". So something with Beaver Ridge UMC and Alpha Omega Youth would be optimal. Submissions are due by our first Covenant Group Meeting on December 18th. The winning design will be our official Youth T-Shirt that we will wear to Resurrection and other youth events.

Sunday, December 18th

**It's a Resurrection Double Whammy!! From 6:00-7:00 p.m. we'll be making luminaries to light the walkways outside of the church for the Christmas Eve Service.

Then, from 7:00-8:00, we will be divided into our Resurrection Covenant Groups and have our first of two Covenant Group Meetings. These are mandatory if you are going to Resurrection.

Wednesday, December 21st



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY!! 6:00-8:00 p.m. Snack Supper will be provided. Bring a gift for the "White Elephant Game". Everybody brings one gift. We put them altogether and then everyone draws a

number. We go in order number. If the person before you opens a gift you want, you can steal it or pick another one to open. But look out for gag gifts that you might not want! Spending limit for gifts is \$10.

Saturday, December 24th

**Christmas Eve Set-up. Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 5:00 and 8:00 pm. The youth will be setting up the luminaries we made. Also, we'll be helping Rev. Nance set up the sanctuary for both services and clean up afterwards. (This is the last Resurrection Service Project.) You can either come at 4:30 and help set up luminaries or come at 7:30 and help set up the sanctuary before and clean up afterwards.

****Counts as Resurrection Service Project**



**RISE
AND
SHINE!!**

**Wake Up for Tuesday Morning
Breakfast & Bible Study!!**

December Schedule

December 6, 13 & 20 ...YES!

December 27 ... NO!

Drop off at 7:20 in the Education Building.
Bring \$1.00 to help cover cost of juice and milk.



**Basketball
League**

IT'S BASKETBALL TIME AT BEAVER RIDGE!

Middlebrook Pike UMC and Beaver Ridge UMC are the hosts for the Senior High Boys' West Knoxville Interdenominational Church Basketball League again this year. Games start Saturday, December 3rd. There are seventeen teams in the league. WOW! How wonderful that we can provide a place for senior high boys to compete fairly and with good sportsmanship. If you pass by the gym on a Saturday, stop by to see the excitement.

Our Senior High Boys are coached by Jeremy Hobson and their schedule for December is as follows:

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Dec. 3	9:00 a.m.	Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church (Harmon)	BRUMC
Dec. 10	Noon	Payne Avenue Baptist Church	MPUMC
Dec. 17	9:00 a.m.	Hope Community Church	BRUMC

Our Girls' Team has their first game Saturday, December 10th, 9:00 am, at Concord UMC. Middle School Boys' games will start in January and will be played at Concord.

STAFF

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

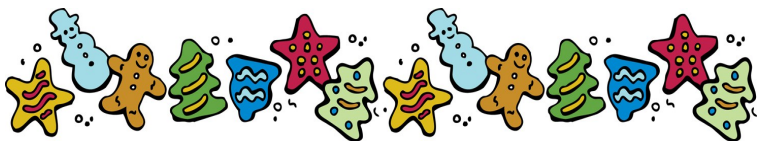
The Staff-Parish Relations Committee would like to honor our staff with a love offering at Christmas. Donations will be accepted through December 18th. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Please mark your envelope or check for "Staff Christmas Love Offering".

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

Sunday, December 4th – 12:00 noon
(Immediately following 11:00 am worship)
FLC Lobby

Bring finger food and
unwrapped toy for Morgan-Scott

All ladies are invited to attend.



UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS

DORCAS –

Monday, December 19th 11:00 am
Christmas Brunch at the home of Charlene Asbury.

SARAH –

Monday, December 5th at 6:30 pm
Christmas Party at the home of Karen Billingsly, 7505 Seekirk. Bring a finger food, nursing home gift, and a Christmas tree ornament.

SENIOR BEAVERS OUTING



The Senior Beavers will be going to see the Christmas light show at the Smokies Baseball Stadium in Sevierville. We will meet at the church on Tuesday afternoon, December 13th, at

4:00. We will have dinner before the light show and will return home around 9:00. Please call Eula Love at 690-2085 soon to reserve a seat on the van.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

AVERAGE FOR OCTOBER 2011

Sunday School.....124 Worship.....264

AVERAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2011

Sunday School.....124 Worship.....254

FESTIVAL OF GIFTS & TALENTS

December 11th

Covered Dish Supper at 5:30
Program begins at 6:30

What's Your Talent??



If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact ETHAN PORTER so he can get you on the schedule for our talent show. You can leave him a message on facebook, email him at ethanporter9903@gmail.com, or call him at 947-7711.

If you have an artistic talent you would like to display, please contact the church office so we can reserve a spot for you.

SIGN UP NOW!!



Sunday, December 11, is the date of our annual Christmas music programs. Both worship services will be focused on the Christmas story through scripture readings and music. During the 11:00 am service the music selections will range from stately baroque, to easy swing, to traditional folk, to contemporary....something for everyone!

Warren Clark, trumpeter, will join us on Christmas Eve at the 8:00 pm service. His trumpet playing is sure to add an exciting dimension to our service!

SANTA'S SLEIGH TOY DRIVE

The Preschool and Parents Day Out programs are helping the Karns Volunteer Fire Department provide Christmas presents to children in the Karns community through the Santa's Sleigh Toy Drive.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children, ages 0-17, can be placed under the tree in the FLC lobby. Donations will be accepted through December 15.





ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPHY DATE HAS BEEN ADDED!

Don't miss out! We want every member of the congregation to be represented in the new pictorial directory. Have you signed up? Due to the great response, we have been given December 22nd as an extra photography date. Contact the church office now to get on the list to have your picture made!

Every family who participates will receive a free directory and a free 8x10 photograph of your choice, and your church gets a valuable resource for its members and our ministry. **There is no obligation nor pressure to buy anything, but if you think you might want to do so, remember to bring a non-perishable food item for our pantry to get a \$5 discount on any photo package.**

A NOTE ABOUT END-OF-YEAR GIVING

In order for your giving to the church to be credited to your 2011 contribution statement, our bookkeeper, Margaret Melton, *must* receive all financial giving by 9:00 a.m. on December 28th.

BEGINNER YOGA CLASS

Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm
Upstairs, FLC
\$10 per class

Please bring a mat (if you have one), towel and water.
Come and stretch the stress out during the holiday season!

Dena Bower, Instructor
567-7615 or denabower@comcast.net

KARNS SONIC NIGHT
Thursday, December 8

Eat at the Karns Sonic and Beaver Ridge
Youth will receive ten percent of the sales made between 5:00 and 8:00 pm.

CHANGE TO NEWSLETTER

Beginning in January 2012, we will no longer list the monthly birthdays in the newsletter. We will be happy to make copies available to you at your request.

A CHRISTMAS NEED

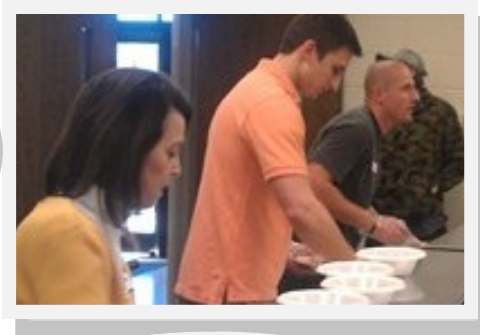
Karns Elementary School has a list of twenty families that are in need of a Christmas food basket this year and they have asked Beaver Ridge for help. If you would like to give a donation to help purchase food for these baskets, please write your check to BRUMC and place it in the offering plate during the next two Sundays, December 4 & 11.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles/ dates for the December 15th issue of *The Communicator* is **December 6**. E-mail information to: blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Graham	12/1
Stephanie Wright	12/1
Kristin Stanley	12/4
Doug Underwood	12/4
Evelyn Frazier	12/5
Zeni Schleiter	12/5
Vera Harvey	12/6
Steven Nance	12/6
Shay Massey	12/7
Tucker Massey	12/7
Megan Pickel	12/10
Jesse Johnson	12/13
Susan Melton	12/13
Chesney Whaley	12/14
Margaret Barnett	12/15
Kitty Frazier	12/20
Callie Johnson	12/20
Adam Bean	12/21
Charlotte DeLozier	12/22
Leslie Little	12/24
Skip Dailey	12/26
Richard Wallace	12/26
Caden Pearce	12/28
Mandy Hash	12/29
Kirby Wilcher	12/30



THANKSGIVING

Thank you to Pam Crane and Jan Shoupe for organizing this year's Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Beaver Ridge. Nearly 200 people enjoyed a home-cooked meal, either here at the church or delivered to their home. We also delivered meals to employees of local businesses who were working that day.

It took everyone working together...cooking, cleaning, setting up, taking down, delivering meals, and just being there! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great day!



The deadline is this Sunday (Dec. 4) for turning in warm clothing items for the Morgan-Scott Christmas tree. Your donations of hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves are appreciated.

OFFERING AT THE ALTAR

Our next "Offering at the Altar" to stock our food pantry will be Sunday, December 18. You may bring the following items at any time during December and place them on the altar.

- Canned Fruit*
- Dry Cereal*

OKLAHOMA MISSION TRIP

We are looking for energetic, hardworking people to travel to Talihina, Oklahoma to do roofing on a parsonage, March 17-24, 2012.

Rev. David Warden, a Holston Conference Missionary, is pastoring two Choctaw Indian congregations in Oklahoma. We would be roofing his parsonage and possibly building a small children's playground at one of his churches.

Cost would be roughly \$500 per person. A total of \$105 per person is needed by January 15, 2012 in order to secure your place. See the sign-up sheet on the missions bulletin board located outside the church office.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Charlotte DeLozier, 680-7032 or cdeLozier@cbww.com.



LAST WEEK FOR BLANKET COLLECTION!

Gently Used Blankets Welcome

Please bring your finished fleece blankets to the church on or before this Sunday, December 4th. We will hold a "blessing of the blankets" during our church services. Later that same day, at 2:00 pm, our youth will help distribute the blankets to Knoxville's homeless at the Water Angels church service.

Water Angels also welcomes gently used blankets; so, if you have any used blankets you would like to donate, please bring them to church on or before this Sunday.

At last count, we have made and collected nearly 150 blankets! Water Angels expects to have nearly 200 people in attendance on Sunday. It's exciting to see the ways that God is providing us with blankets every day.

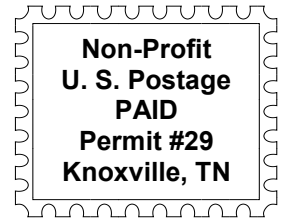
If you have any questions, please contact Julie Graham at julie-graham@comcast.net.

Thanks to everyone who has supported this ministry!



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A LOOK AT THE CHURCH CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
8 pm – Sr. High Boys’ Basketball Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2:

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3:

8 am-1 pm – Church League B-ball (Gym)
10 am – Karns Community Christmas Parade

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4:

Second Sunday of Advent
11 am – Girls’ Basketball Practice (Gym)
12 noon – UMW Christmas Gathering/
Luncheon (FLC Lobby)

1:30 pm – Youth attend Water Angels
Service (Downtown Knoxville)
4:30-6 pm – Youth Praise Band (Sanctuary)
5 pm – Handbell Practice (Room 209)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5:

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open
3:30-5 pm – GYM RENTAL
6-7 pm – Beginner’s Yoga (Upstairs FLC)
6-7:30 pm – Daisy Scouts (Ed. Bldg.)
6-8 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)
6:30 pm – Sarah Circle Christmas Party
(Karen Billingsly’s)

8 pm – Middle School Boys’ Basketball Pract.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6:

Dec. 15 Newsletter Deadline
7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
10 am – Craft Group (Library)
1 pm – Women’s Bible Study (Library)
4-5 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5:15 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

7 pm – Church Conference (Chapel)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:40 pm – Wed. Night Prayer Group
7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5-8 pm – Karns Sonic Night
5:45 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
8 pm – Sr. High Boys’ Basketball Practice

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9:

6 pm – GYM RENTAL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10:
7 am-4 pm – ED. BLDG. RENTAL
8 am-1 pm – Church League B-ball (Gym)
9 am-1 pm – Call to Action Meeting (Chapel
& Upstairs FLC)

Time TBA – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6 pm – Goodwill Class Christmas Party (FLC
Lobby)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11:

“Offering at the Altar” for Food Pantry

9 & 11 am – Special Christmas Music
1-2:30 pm – Girls’ Basketball Practice
4:30-6 pm – Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5 pm – Handbell Practice (Room 209)
5:30 pm – Festival of Gifts & Talents/ Covered
Dish Dinner (FLC & Sanctuary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12:

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open
3:30-5 pm – GYM RENTAL
6-7 pm – Beginner’s Yoga (Upstairs FLC)
6-8 pm – Line Dancing & Christmas Party
(Gym & FLC Lobby)

8 pm – Middle School Boys’ Basketball Pract.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13:

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
1 pm – Women’s Bible Study (Library)
4 pm – Senior Beavers Outing
4-5 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5:15 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14:

5 pm – Youth-Lost Sheep Ministry
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15:

4 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5-8 pm – Karns Sonic Night
5:45 pm – Aerobics/Christmas Party (Gym &
FLC Lobby)
8 pm – Sr. High Boys’ Basketball Practice