

BEAVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Super Bowl

Nachos. Wings. Commercials. Eli. Brady. Half-time Show. Cheerleaders. Touchdown.

You do not have to know a whole lot about football to enjoy the Super Bowl. You can actually know *nothing* about football and *still* enjoy the Super Bowl! Friends gather around the television with more food than anyone needs. There is great anticipation about the \$3 million per 30-second commercials aired during the game. What will Madonna and Cirque de Soleil put together for the halftime show? Even if you do not know the difference between a touchback and a safety, you can still leave a Super Bowl party feeling like you participated and had a good time. One key to a good time, though, is not to interrupt the game with a lot of questions. True football fans tire of answering questions such as 'why is the clock still running if they're not playing?' Just dip another chip in the nacho cheese and look it up after the game. As long as you know when to cheer when everyone else is and shake your head when the crowd is booing after instant replay, you can fake your way through the Super Bowl feast.

But let's don't fake it at church - okay? I am amazed at the questions church members *FINALLY* ask me, usually with the preface, "I know this is a dumb question, but why do we?" or "I know I should know this, but where does it say?" Somewhere in our Christian upbringing, we got the message that we should know everything about the Bible and our faith because obviously everyone else knows all about it.

WRONG.

The only way to learn and to grow in our faith is to ask questions. We have folks here at Beaver Ridge who are brand new to Christianity. We have folks who have grown up in other denominations. There are life-long United Methodists who do not know the difference between prevenient grace and sanctifying grace. (Look it up at www.umc.org or ask your minister!) There is no one who 'knows it all,' including your minister. I was asked questions at Women's Bible Study on Tuesday to which I had to respond, "I don't know." If there is something done during worship that you do not understand, ask. If there is something said in Sunday School you do not understand or know about, ask. Trust me, you are not the only one.

Our **CONFIRMATION CLASS** will be starting this Sunday. This is when the sixth-graders of the church come together for a time of intense learning about the United Methodist Church and what it means to call themselves a "disciple." One of the most important things these young people will learn is that they will **not** know it all at the end of Confirmation, but they do know God's Holy Spirit will guide them as they **continue** to ask questions.

Eli Manning is the quarterback for the Giants. Tom Brady is the quarterback for the Patriots. But the names I would like for you to know and pray for are our class of questioners, our confirmands, our sixth graders: Tanner, Dillon, Brandon, Morgan, the other Tanner, Zach, Alex, Owen and Ben. Pray for them as they begin this journey of faith. I hope you will join with them in asking questions and not trying to fake your way through discipleship. Unlike the Super Bowl, it's not a once-a-year event; it is lifelong.

Go team!

Catherine

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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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Christian Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to Doris McCurdy in the death of her husband, *Don McCurdy*, on January 13th, and to John & Karen Hackworth and family in the death of John's brother, *Steve Nelson*, on January 16th.

Congratulations
on Your
New Baby!



Beaver Ridge celebrates with the following families:

- Travis & Jessica Burnett on the birth of their daughter, *Florence Annora*, on January 16, 2012. She weighed 10 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 inches long. Big sisters and brother are Sophie (age 4) Anna-belle, (age 3), and Boin (age 1). Grandparents are Keith & Valerie Hester.
- Brian & Amy Massengill on the birth of their daughter, *Mackenzie Blair*, on January 26, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Grandparents are Sue Walters and the late Buck Walters.



Ash Wednesday (February 22nd) is the beginning of the forty-day season of Lent. A quiet service with prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes will last about 30 minutes and is appropriate for children. A simple meal of beans, rice, applesauce will be served at 5:45 in the Family Life Center. We will move to the Sanctuary at 6:45 for the service. Please plan to participate in this special service.

Reception for Burn-Out Victims

The community is invited to a Higdon Family Relief Reception on Sunday, January 29th, from 3:00-5:00 pm in our Family Life Center. Quill and Tedene Higdon's home in Karns was struck by lightning and burned to the ground during a recent storm. Gift cards for groceries, food, home appliances, etc. will be greatly appreciated by this family.

Please stop by the Family Life Center this Sunday and show them your caring support. Everyone is welcome.



DON'T MISS THE EXCITEMENT!

February 12, 2012

YOU HAVE TO BE HERE!

On Sunday, February 12, we will have a Family Life Center (FLC) service. No, not in the FLC, but about the FLC. Please come and learn what our facility is doing for the community and our church. There are activities every day of the week in the FLC. We may never know how or when a life might be touched through an experience within the FLC. We must have faith and know that God is at work there. This is a great facility. We will be asking for a commitment to the FLC in the form of a monetary pledge. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help your family. It's going to be a great day!

YOUTH PAGE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Sunday, January 29th from 6-8 pm

Youth/Parent Meeting & Covered Dish – We'll be discussing some upcoming trips like a Spring Retreat and our HUGE fundraiser for Resurrection, the Spaghetti Supper. We'll also have sign up sheets for parents to host Food & Fellowship, provide Snack Suppers and help with the Spaghetti Supper. Each family should bring a covered dish to share. Drinks provided.

Sunday, February 5th at 6 pm

Super Bowl Game Night!!

Bring your favorite board games, video game systems and video games. It will be a competitive free for all!! We'll have Snack supper at 6, then we'll play board games in the FLC Lobby. Bring your video game systems, and we'll set those up in the youth room. Plus, we'll open up the game room for Ping Pong, Pool and Foosball. As always, the gym will be open for basketball. PLUS we'll have the Super Bowl running so you can cheer your favorite team (and watch the commercials). Bring your favorite game-time snacks, chips, dip and drinks. Should be fun! Parents can pick up following the Halftime Show.

Thursday, February 9th

SONIC NIGHT!!

Be sure to stop by Sonic between 5 and 8 and pick up something to eat or drink. Ten percent of Sonic's profits during that time will go towards Beaver Ridge Youth. Tell your friends to stop by, too!

Check out
Resurrection pix
on Page 5!

Wednesday Night Food & Fellowship

Hey, Parents. Let Jay know which night the youth can come to your house! We need homes for February 1, 8 & 15. Youth will participate in Ash Wednesday Service on the 22nd.

Sunday, February 12th

WATER ANGELS SUNDAY!!

We'll be leading the Water Angels Worship Service AND feeding them!! We'll meet at the church at 12:30, eat lunch, and then head downtown to Water Angels where the Youth Band will lead worship, Jay will preach, and the rest of the youth will play games with the kids. Then, after the service, we will serve them dinner. We're asking each of you to contribute \$5 towards the meal that we're going to prepare for them. Also, if parents would like to follow us or meet us there and help with serving food or playing with the kids, you are welcome too!! We should be back by 4:30.

Sunday, February 19th from 6-8:30

MYSTERY TRIP!!

We'll meet in the FLC lobby at 6, have Snack Supper, and then head to a location that only Jay knows for fun and devotion. A clue to the location will be released in Sunday morning's bulletin.

Wednesday, February 22nd

Ash Wednesday Service

It's Ash Wednesday!! The day that marks the beginning of Lent. We'll have Wednesday Night Dinner and then go to the sanctuary for a special service.

Saturday, February 25th

THE ANNUAL YOUTH SPAGHETTI SUPPER

This is our big fundraiser for Resurrection. By helping to work the Spaghetti Supper you will cut your costs for next year's Resurrection by half!! More details to come!

Sunday, February 26th

Dinner & A Movie

As a reward for all your hard work with the Spaghetti Supper, we're going to a movie. We'll meet in the FLC Lobby where Snack Supper will be provided, then we'll head out to see a movie together. All you need to bring is some money for concessions at the theater. Times TBA.

Rise & Shine!! It's Tuesday Morning Breakfast & Bible Study!!



RISE
AND
SHINE!!

Join us Tuesday Mornings at 7:20 for Breakfast & Bible Study. We'll have breakfast together, a devotional time, and then we will take you to school. Just bring \$1 with you to contribute towards breakfast.



Basketball
League

Cheer On Our Teams!

Games coming up...

GIRLS (at Concord UMC)

Saturday, February 4th at 12:00 noon

Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am

Thursday, February 16th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS (at Concord UMC)

Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 14th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 pm

SENIOR HIGH BOYS (at Beaver Ridge UMC)

Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 am

Saturday, February 4th at 9:00 am

Saturday, February 11th at 10:00 am

Saturday, February 18th at 9:00 am

UMM's Day with the Bishop

Men, pre-register now for Holston United Methodist Men's last gathering with Bishop Swanson before he goes to another conference. This special event will be held at Concord UMC on March 10th from 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Cost is \$20 if pre-registered or \$25 at the door. To register, go to www.holston.org.

KARNS SONIC NIGHT

Thursday, February 9th

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

UMW Circle Meetings

Dorcas Circle:

Monday, February 6th at 10:00 am in the church library.

Sarah Circle

Monday, February 6th at 7:00 pm. in the church library. Debbie Blazier, Hostess.

Senior Beavers Day Trip

Our Senior Beavers will be going to Bush Bean Museum and Gift Shop on February 14th for Valentine's Day. We will also have lunch there. This is different than the trip we took to the Bush Bean Factory. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am. Be sure to call early to get your spot, 690-2085!

"Eat, Pray, Love" Ladies Are At It Again!!

Seven EPL ladies met at Sullivan's Restaurant for dinner recently and had a great time. We listened, we learned, we laughed, we ate, we commiserated, we just plain enjoyed one another's company! Would you like to join us? Every lady in the church is welcome. Bring your friends, too! Our next gathering will be on Friday, February 17th. We'll meet at Olive Garden at Turkey Creek, by special request, at 6:00 pm. or as close to that as you can get. Please let me know by Thursday, February 16th, if you plan to join us. Hope to see you then!

-Deborah Stansberry, 938-2540

2012 Altar Flowers

Use the altar flower calendar located on the bulletin board across from the library to sign up for flowers for Sunday worship services. Flowers are purchased from Powell Florist. Cost is \$25.



Children's Sunday School

Our Rotation Sunday School children will study Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors during the month of February. Rotations will include movie, art and science!

Think Summer Camp!

Looking for fun and adventure this summer? Pick up a copy of the Camp Wesley Woods catalog from the table in the narthex or across from the church office and start planning!

2011 Financial Summary

Total contributions/income for 2011 was \$572,337.51, and the total expenses were \$595,169.91. Even though the expenses exceeded contributions by \$22,832.40, the difference was made up from carryover from 2010. The checking account balance at the end of 2011 was \$30,087.89.

Budget vs. Contributions for 2011

	BUDGET	CONTRIBUTIONS	DIFFERENCE
General Budget	\$415,000	\$391,511.88	(\$23,488.12)
Family Life Center	\$130,000	\$121,853.70	(\$8,146.30)
Others	\$52,660	\$58,971.93	\$6,311.93

With God’s guidance, 2011 was a good year. The FLC loan with Home Federal was re-negotiated which will save over \$60,000 in interest over the next 5 years. In addition, the parsonage renovation and parking lot loans were paid off two years early.

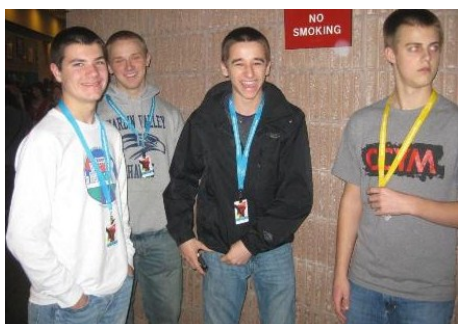
To date, 106 families have pledged \$329,317.00 for the 2012 General Budget. The FLC financial campaign will be conducted in February.

Please continue to pray for God’s guidance in making your contributions, so that we will have another good year in 2012 using God’s resources to further his vision for our Church.

Beaver Ridge Youth at Resurrection 2012



Thirty-nine Beaver Ridge youth and ten adults attended Resurrection last weekend in Gatlinburg.



Help Save Money and Paper

In order to save paper and money, we are asking you to review your use of pre-addressed offering envelopes. If you wish to continue receiving the pre-addressed envelopes, please contact Margaret Melton at mmelton@beaverridgeumc.com or 690-1060, Ext. 102.

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles/dates for the February 15th issue of *The Communicator* is **February 7th**. Please e-mail all information to: blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com.

12th Annual Gathering of Jubilation 2012 "A Joy-Filled Life"

For ages 50 & Over

Jubilation is an event that nurtures spiritual growth, provides educational opportunities and ways to cope with life issues, promotes involvement in missions, and enhances Christian fellowship. It will be held at the MeadowView Hotel & Resort Center in Kingsport, April 22-24. Contact your church office to get more information and cost. (Want to know how much fun this event is? Talk to Judy Graham!)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS

If you have not made a new standing reservation for 2012, please drop your marked reservation form in the offering plate this Sunday or call the church office by noon on Monday and indicate if you are making a *standing reservation* or a *one-time reservation*. Anytime you cannot attend or the number of people on your reservation changes, you must notify the church office before noon on Monday. Otherwise, you will need to pay the full amount.

If any individual or group would like to prepare a WND, please contact Lori Hopper at lhopper@beaverridgeumc.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dinner Menu</u>	<u>Programs</u>
February 1	Lasagna Salad Bread Dessert Prepared by Martha Lane	Adult Options: Prayer Group (Chapel / Room 209) Contemporary Theological Issues – Rev. Nance (FLC Upstairs) Divorce-Care Group (Library) Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Activity with Kristin Stanley Youth: Food & Fellowship (Place TBA)
February 8	Chicken & Dressing Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Almondine Dessert Prepared by Lynn Johnson	Adult Options: Prayer Group (Chapel / Room 209) Contemporary Theological Issues – Rev. Nance (FLC Upstairs) Divorce-Care Group (Library) Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Activity with Kristin Stanley Youth: Food & Fellowship (Place TBA)
February 15	Potluck... Bring a Food You Love!	Adult Options: Prayer Group (Chapel / Room 209) Contemporary Theological Issues – Rev. Nance (FLC Upstairs) Divorce-Care Group (Library) Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Activity with Kristin Stanley Youth: Food & Fellowship (Place TBA)
February 22	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> Pinto Beans Rice Applesauce Water	Ash Wednesday Service in Sanctuary beginning at 6:45 for EVERYONE...adults, youth and children.



**VISIT THE MISSIONS FAIR
THIS SUNDAY FROM 10:00-11:00 AM!!**

On Sunday, January 29th, we will be having a Missions Fair in the Family Life Center during the Sunday School hour. This will be our Fifth Sunday event for January. All adults and youth are encouraged to attend to learn more about missions activities at Beaver Ridge. Leaders from various mission areas will be there to explain on-going and future activities in Community Outreach, Holston Missions, and Hands-On Missions projects. Oklahoma Mission Team members will also be accepting donations for roofing materials and to build a small church playground.

Drinks and light refreshments will be served. We hope to see everyone there!

Food Pantry Offering

We will be collecting **tuna and canned pasta with meat sauce** for our February *Offering at the Altar*. The winter months can be challenging to those in our community who are under financial stress. Your participation is appreciated in helping to keep our food pantry stocked.

It's Good!!

On February 5th, the Community Outreach Missions Group will have a "SOUP-er" Bowl Sunday for our Food Pantry. Purchase a quart or more of homemade soup and 4 corn muffins for just \$7!! The soup will be available in the narthex and outside the library between services. Many thanks for your support of the BRUMC Food Pantry!



If you would like to make soup for *SOUP-er Bowl Sunday*, please contact Suzanne Davidson at 941-228-0974 or email at fishygotum@yahoo.com.



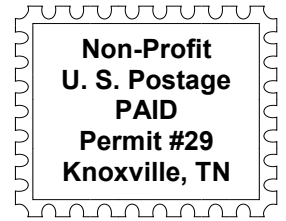
Our United Methodist Men help out Valley View UMC in their monthly food distribution.





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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29: *Holston Home Sunday*

10 am – Missions Fair (FLC)
10 am – Confirmation Class begins
1-2:30 pm – Girls' Basketball Practice
4:30-6 pm – Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5 pm – Handbell Practice (Room 209)
6-8 pm – Youth Game Night/Snack Supper

MONDAY, JANUARY 30:

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 (Gym)
6-7:30 pm – Daisy Troop (Ed. Bldg.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31:

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
1-2:30 pm – Women's Bible Study (Library)
4-5 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5:15 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts
7 pm – Staff-Parish Relations Mtg. (Rm. 209)
8 pm – Young Men's Basketball Night (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (Gym)
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8 pm – Divorce-Care Group
6:40 pm – Wed. Night Classes/Activities
6:45-8 pm – Youth Food & Fellowship (Place TBA)
7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal
8 pm – Middle School Youth B-Ball Practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

6 pm – GYM RENTAL

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4:

8 am-1 pm – Church League B-ball (Gym)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5: *Boy Scout Sunday*

Souper Bowl Sunday – Soup-to-Go for Sale
10 am – Confirmation Class
1-2:30 pm – Girls' Basketball Practice
4:30-6 pm – Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5 pm – Handbell Practice (Room 209)
6 pm – Youth Super Bowl Game Night (FLC/Ed. Bldg.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

10 am – Dorcas Circle (Library)
1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open
6-7 pm – Beginner's Yoga (Upstairs FLC)
6-7:30 pm – Daisy Troop (Ed. Bldg.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

6-8 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)
7 pm – Sarah Circle (Library)
7 pm – Administrative Team Mtg. (Rm. 209)
8 pm – Young Men's Basketball Night (Gym)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

Newsletter Articles Deadline
7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
10 am – Morning Craft Group (Library)
1-2:30 pm – Women's Bible Study (Library)
4-5 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5:15 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

7 pm – Administrative Team Mtg. (Rm. 209)
8 pm – Young Men's Basketball Night (Gym)
5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (Gym)
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8 pm – Divorce-Care Group
6:40 pm – Wed. Night Classes/Activities
6:45 pm – Youth Food & Fellowship (Place TBA)
7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal
8 pm – Middle School Youth B-Ball Practice (Gym)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

6 pm – GYM RENTAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

8 am-1 pm – Church League B-ball (Gym)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Family Life Center Day!
10 am – Confirmation Class
12:30-4:30 pm – Youth-Water Angels Ministry
1-2:30 pm – Girls' Basketball Practice
4:30-6 pm – Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5 pm – Handbell Practice (Room 209)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

1-2 pm – Food Pantry Open
6-7 pm – Beginner's Yoga (Upstairs FLC)
6-8 pm – Line Dancing (Gym)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

7:20 am – Youth Bible Breakfast (Ed. Bldg.)
10 am – Senior Beavers Outing
1-2:30 pm – Women's Bible Study (Library)
4-5 pm – Zumba (Gym)
5:15 pm – Aerobics (Gym)
6:30 pm – Scout Pack Meeting
7 pm – Boy/Cub Scouts
8 pm – Young Men's Basketball Night (Gym)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

5:45 pm – Wednesday Night Dinner (Gym)
6:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
6:30-8 pm – Divorce-Care Group
6:40 pm – Wed. Night Classes/Activities
6:45-8 pm – Youth Food & Fellowship (Place TBA)
7:30 pm – Praise Band Rehearsal
8 pm – Middle School Youth B-Ball Practice