

Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church

Catherine C. Nance, Minister



JANUARY, 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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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

"WOW!..WHAT A GREAT CROWD! WASN'T THAT WONDERFUL?"

That is what I heard you say at the end of the year.

When folks had suggested that we have only **ONE** Christmas Eve service and that we **CANCEL** Sunday morning worship on Christmas Day, I was expecting low numbers. I prepared myself for the disappointment by repeating the mantra, "Numbers don't matter."

Well, apparently they do. When there are more folks here, it changes how you experience worship. You say, "Wow! Isn't this wonderful?"

We had **352** on Christmas Eve (that's two more than we had Easter morning!) There were **178** at the 5:00 service and **174** at the 8:00 service. I was expecting 75 at 11:00 the next morning. "No one will come back on Christmas morning," is what I told myself. I was wrong: **136** of you were here on December 25. "Wasn't this wonderful? The music was gorgeous and What a great crowd!" There is an added energy in worship when the pews are full.

When I have said the **CALL TO ACTION** is just about numbers, I was wrong. The **CALL TO ACTION** is about energy. It is about what God's spirit can do when we are open to participating. Your church council met on December 3 to begin the conversation about goals. A major component of **C2A** (that's the cool lingo) is setting *measurable* goals. Five categories the General Church is asking us to target are worship attendance, giving to missions, number of small groups, number of individuals involved in missions and professions of faith. Let's begin with worship attendance - a far more important number than church membership. Who cares how many are on the rolls? How many are in the pews?

Beaver Ridge UMC's average worship attendance for the past few years looks like this (this is a combined number; we do not report separately for 9:00 and 11:00):

| YEAR | AVG. ATT. |
|------|-----------|
| 2008 | 248 |
| 2009 | 248 |
| 2010 | 244 |
| 2011 | 251 |

The goal set for 2012 is a **TEN** percent increase from 2011. There was a lot of discussion about this. Should we choose a more realistic number? Should we choose one that we can easily meet? Should we aim for five hundred in worship? After talking and listening and praying, Ron Johnson, your lay leader said "I'm uncomfortable with ten percent." Then there was a holy pause before he said, "and that's why I think we need to go with it."

In figuring statistics for the year-end report, our average attendance for 2011 was 251. A ten percent increase means **twenty-five** more people in worship. I believe we can easily do that if we all understand how important it is to each of us that we begin the week with our brothers and sisters.

Blessings,

Catherine

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend our love and sympathy to Wilma Peterson in the death of her husband, *George R. Peterson*, on December 20, 2011.

2012 ALTAR FLOWERS

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


MUSIC NOTE

Evan Glass, a high school student at Oak Ridge, will bring his trumpet to our 11:00 service this Sunday, January 15th. Evan will accompany the choir as they sing "Come, Thou Fount." He will also play the prelude and offertory. You will certainly be blessed as you listen to him.



NOTE ABOUT FLC/GYM FLOORS

The floors in the FLC gym and first level will be waxed on January 13th. There will be no activities allowed in these areas from January 13-15 with the exception of Sunday School and Nursery on January 15th.



You don't have to go through it alone...

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have a lot of questions about issues you've never faced before. A Divorce-Care group will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30 pm for a 9-week series to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. For more information, contact Caren Fails at 335-

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDES AVAILABLE

Did you know that Beaver Ridge provides devotion booklets for its congregation? The *Upper Room Daily Devotional Guides* for January-February are available on the table in the narthex and across from the church office. Pick up a copy and start your New Year's resolution of reading the Bible each day!

ATTENDANCE REPORT

AVERAGE FOR NOVEMBER 2011

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

AVERAGE FOR DECEMBER 2011

Sunday School.....140 Worship.....268

TO THE CONGREGATION:

The church staff expresses our sincere thanks for the love offering and other cards and gifts that were received during the Christmas holiday. We feel so blessed to be serving this wonderful congregation. We pray God's blessings on you and for our church during 2012.



Church Staff

DO YOU WANT TO BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES OR USE BRUMC CREDIT CARDS?

BRUMC has a tax exemption number from the TN Department of Revenue, therefore we do not pay sales tax on any purchases that are made for the church. If you are going shopping for the church, please make sure you have a tax exemption certificate to give to the seller. Tax exemption certificates can be found in the bookkeeper's slot in the hallway bookcase across from the church office.

Some places may require that a church check or credit card be used in order for the purchase to be tax-exempt. If you choose to purchase at the location anyway, you will not be reimbursed for the sales tax.

If you need to use the church credit card, come to the bookkeeper's office and check the credit card out. Credit cards must be returned to the bookkeeper's office promptly...never over 24 hours from the time the card is received. Sign the receipt and indicate what budgeted account the purchase is to be charged to. Return the receipt when you bring the credit card back to the bookkeeper.

Before any purchase of \$100.00 or more is made, you will need to check with the bookkeeper and the chairman of the Finance Committee.

YOUTH PAGE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

Thursday, January 12th

Sonic Night!!

Be sure to stop by Sonic between 5:00 and 8:00 pm and pick up something to eat or drink. Ten percent of Sonic's profits during that time will go towards Beaver Ridge Youth Group. Tell your friends to stop by too!

Sunday, January 15th

Regular Youth Night

With it being a holiday weekend, we won't be taking any trips on Sunday, but for those of you who are still in town we WILL be having some fun!! Snack supper will be provided at 6:00 pm in the Education Building. Then we'll play games and have a quick devotion. We will be done by 8:00. Bring a friend.

Friday January 20th-Sunday, January 22nd

RESURRECTION 2012

We'll be heading to Gatlinburg for a weekend of fun and worship. Meet at the church at 4:00 pm on Friday; we should be back by 2:00 pm on Sunday. Check out the info sheet that was handed out at the Parent Meeting for more details.

Sunday, January 29th

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 6:00, 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. It's going to be a blast! Bring a friend. Parents can pick up at 8:00.



Where's Wednesday Night Food & Fellowship?

January 18th: The Kelly's
 January 25th: Rebecca Young's

Wake Up for 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!

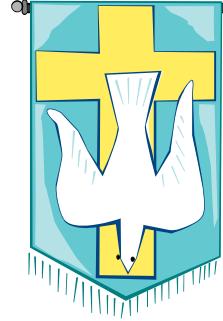
Games coming up...

GIRLS (at Concord UMC)
Saturday, January 14th at 1:00 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS (at Concord UMC)
Tuesday, January 17th at 7:00 pm

SENIOR HIGH BOYS (at Middlebrook Pike this week only)
Saturday, January 14th at 1:00 pm

Confirmation Class



All parents of sixth graders, please meet with Rev. Nance at 10:00 in the chapel on Sunday morning, January 22nd. She will be discussing the Confirmation Class schedule, expectations, commitment of parents and youth, and curriculum. Classes will begin on Sunday, January 29th and go through April 15th.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be April 15th. Please put that date on your calendar and plan for this to be a special day in your child's life.

Are you a Ding-a-ling?



**Handbell
Choir**

We are in desperate need of at least one, if not two, people to join our handbell choir!

If you have some free time on Sundays from 5:00-6:00 pm and can count to.....oh.....say 6 or 8, then you are the person we need! You don't have to be able to read music, although that would be a plus. You just have to be able to wave your arms.

If you think you'd like to try it, we would sure like to have you and will help you with everything you need to know! Please contact Phyllis Martinelli at 556-0758 or email her at phyllis.martinelli@gmail.com.

TUESDAY MORNING CRAFT GROUP

The Beaver Ridge Craft Group meets monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Bring your own craft project to work on and join us in the church library from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

If you need further information, please contact Charlene Asbury, 691-3157.

SCOUTING NEWS...

Scouts In Action!

Katy Cox, Venturing Officers Association President, was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship from the Philmont Staff Association. She is currently registered in Crew 50 sponsored by Beaver Ridge United Methodist Church. Katy has worked the past three summers at the Philmont Training Center in Cimarron, NM. She has earned the Bronze, Gold, and Silver Awards and is currently working on her Ranger Award. She is a sophomore at Pellissippi State and will be graduating with an Associates Degree in December. Katy plans to attend the Haslam School of Business at the University of Tennessee in the Spring.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

In Memory Of:

Violet Ison

Given By:

Mark & Cynthia Cecil

In Memory Of:

Lucy Nell Williams (Gail Watson's grandmother)

Given By:

Light Sunday School Class

BEAVER RIDGE YOUTH IN ACTION!



Youth prepare luminaries to light the walkways for our Christmas Eve Worship Services.



Our youth and downtown neighborhood kids make time for shooting some hoops while attending Water Angels Service.



Over 255 blankets were given out to Knoxville's homeless community. Thank you, Beaver Ridge congregation, for doing your part!!

HELP SAVE MONEY & PAPER!!

In order to save paper and money, we are asking you to review your use of pre-addressed offering envelopes. We are happy to provide these if you are using them, but it has come to our attention that some are not being used. If you wish to continue receiving the pre-addressed envelopes, please contact Margaret Melton at 690-1060, Ext. 102 or mmelton@beaverridgeumc.com.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles/ dates for the February 1st issue of *The Communicator* is **January 23rd**. Please e-mail all information to: bloyd@beaverridgeumc.com.

IT'S A NEW YEAR...TIME TO GET INTO SHAPE!

Take advantage of the exercise programs that are held in our Family Life Center each week! Please use the contact information listed below to get cost and other details for each class.

LOW-IMPACT AEROBICS

Times: Tuesdays at 5:15 pm & Thursdays at 5:45 pm
 Place: FLC Gym
 Instructor: Elizabeth Lee
 Contact Info: 458-1864

LINE DANCING

Time: Mondays ... Beginner's Class at 6:00 pm;
 Advanced Class at 7:00 pm

Place: FLC Gym
 Instructor: Sharon Carmichael
 Contact Info: 539-0901 or shartigger@comcast.net

BEGINNER'S YOGA

Time: Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm
 Place: Upstairs, FLC
 Instructor: Dena Bower
 Contact Info: 567-7615 or denabower@comcast.net

ZUMBA

Times: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:00 pm
 Place: FLC Gym
 Instructor: April Vineyard
 Contact Info: 640-1327 or vineyard007@comcast.net

IT'S A NEW YEAR OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS!

Wednesday Night Dinners are back! It's a new year so we are starting anew with our reservations. All previous standing reservations made in 2011 have been deleted. 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*. A standing reservation means you are reserving your spot each week for dinner. Anytime you cannot attend or the number of people you have attending changes, you must notify the church office of the changes 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> |
|-------------|--|--|
| January 18 | Baked Potato Bar Salad Bar Banana Pudding Prepared by Marty Rayburn | Adult Options: Prayer Group (Library) Book/Discussion Group (Room 209) Contemporary Theological Issues – Rev. Nance (FLC Upstairs) Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Activity with Kristin Stanley Youth: Food & Fellowship at the Kelly's house |
| January 25 | Broccoli Cheese Soup Vegetable Beef Soup Chicken Tortilla Soup Bread Apple or Cherry Cobbler Prepared by Julie Graham & Lori Hopper | Adult Options: Prayer Group (Library) Book/Discussion Group (Room 209) Contemporary Theological Issues – Rev. Nance (FLC Upstairs) Chancel Choir Practice Children (K-5): Activity with Kristin Stanley Youth: Food & Fellowship at Rebecca Young's house |

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Basket, Bricks, Burning Bush

Beginning January 17th, we will begin a six-week study of the stories of Moses from the book of Exodus. Join us in the church library from 1:00 - 2:30 each Tuesday afternoon.

CALLING ALL MEN!!!

Men, be sure to check out the Holston website for details on *UMM Day with the Bishop* coming up March 10th! Go to www.holston.org and look under Events by Ministry.

OKLAHOMA MISSION TRIP

The Missions Committee is looking for energetic, hard-working people to travel to Talihina, Oklahoma to do roofing on a parsonage from March 17-25, 2012.

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

An amount of \$105 per person is needed by January 15th in order to secure your place. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the library. Mark your check "OK Mission Trip." If you are interested in going and short of funds, contact Charlotte.

Any questions regarding this trip may be referred to Charlotte DeLozier, 680-7032, or cdeLozier@cbww.com.



THIS MONTH'S FOOD PANTRY OFFERING...

We will be collecting **canned fruits and vegetables** for our January *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.



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. Drinks and light refreshments will be served.

We hope to see everyone there!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about it!



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

Today's top story is all about soup! Are you ready? I certainly am! If you would like to make soup for *Souper Bowl Sunday*, please contact Suzanne Davidson at 941-228-0974 or email at fishygotum@yahoo.com. Yum! Yum! The soup will be sold by the quart to our congregation on February 5th. All proceeds will go to missions.

Suzanne Davidson

JANUARY 29TH IS HOLSTON HOMES SUNDAY

You can make a difference to a child who has been orphaned, destitute, neglected and abused by contributing to the Fifth Sunday Offering for Holston Home for Children. Look for special offering envelopes inside your worship bulletin on January 29th.

