

BEAVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Communicator

FEBRUARY 2022



Dear Beaver Ridge Family and Friends,

Resurrection '21 was once again a mountain top experience. That weekend was not possible without you. On Sunday, our youth and leaders will help me to lead worship so you can hear about their time. Join us in person or online and share your support for an incredible group of young men and women as they say thank you.

Friday night's session at Resurrection was based on the Scripture of Jesus and the disciples in the boat during a storm. The disciples were struggling until they asked Jesus to do something. This is an important message and reminder. God is always with us, but God often waits for us to ask for help.

Daily, we ask for God's help in our lives, the lives of our loved ones and others. God chooses to use you and I to help one another. That's why church is important. Church is not a building. It's a body of people connecting in a way to help each other and not just when there is a storm but anytime, anywhere, no matter the weather. Thank you for being in the boat at Beaver Ridge UMC.

Now, for some brief updates about our "boat":

- The architectural drawings for the sanctuary remodel are complete. This has been our primary delay for months as the architect had a backlog of clients, and there were significant computer issues on his part. Now, a structural engineer will review these drawings to add his modifications. Once his review is complete, we'll provide a further update with the next steps. Thank you for your patience and prayers.
- Last year, we ordered an electronic sign for the front lawn. We have needed to make some modifications, but are hopeful we will receive it sometime in February.
- Due to a generous donation, we have upgraded our sound system in the sanctuary and added a new computer for media. We are transitioning to the new system and hope you will notice a remarkable difference for online and in person worship.
- Social Media updates: We've had a Facebook account for some time. Now, we have added a YouTube account where our worship services are uploaded. And we've added an Instagram account where daily inspirational messages are posted. Please subscribe to our YouTube and Instagram accounts. More information is provided within this newsletter.
- As of this week we are sending emails and other communications through Mailchimp. This will bypass the email.com issues we have dealt with since November.

Moving Forward, Rowing Together,
Pastor Teresa

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Church Family News

We extend our love and sympathy to A. C. & Rosa Mann in the passing of her sister, **Ellen Sullivan**, to Bonnie Atkins and family in the passing of her cousin, **Teresa Waddell** and to Marilyn Jake in the passing of Robert's sister, **Gale Jake**.

Church Emails

The church office has had some issues with sending out emails since the end of November. We have changed to a new email system and are hoping this takes care of the problem. If you have not received an email from the church (blloyd@beaverridgeumc.org) within the past week, please contact us.

February Senior Beavers

Our Senior Beavers' Group will not meet this month.

Subscribe to Our YouTube Account!

Scan and subscribe today to our church's YouTube Channel! Below is an updated QR code that works on both Androids & iPhones.

Worship Services are uploaded to YouTube every Sunday after the service ends.



Mark your calendars for Summer Camp!!

This June 6 to 10, we will host **Camp in The Community** at Beaver Ridge. This day camp is for rising-K through 8th grade children. It's an incredible opportunity for children to grow in independence, develop more personal faith, discover new friendships, and build relationships with older peers.

Camp in the Community is a ministry developed in our own Holston Conference that partners with churches to provide a day camp experience in a faith-based community. Details on how to register coming soon!



You can follow us on Instagram using the following link:

https://instagram.com/beaverridgechurch?utm_medium=copy_link

We're About Missions!

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7

Above is my favorite Bible verse. Keep this in mind as you read...

As we exit the excitement of the holidays, we are all seeking a little quiet and even welcoming the calmness of the routines that help order our days. It's the beginning of the new year: a time of rest, a time of reflection, a time to take stock and plan. We all enjoyed the busy (and successful) Fall season at BRUMC...so now what? Here's a few items for you to consider:

During the pandemic, our Food Pantry expanded operations to allow our clients to come multiple times a month, based on their needs. You'd think that decision would result in a need to shop for food more often in order to keep the shelves stocked. However, we have had such a large influx of food donations that we have actually shopped at Second Harvest less often than before! God is surely moving through us to reach the Karns community... If you'd like to volunteer to work the Pantry on Mondays (1:00-2:00), please give Susan Price a call. If you'd rather work behind the scenes in keeping the Pantry supplied, give me a call.

At the suggestion of a couple of members, we are now getting organized to open the Pantry up to working adults/parents who are not able to visit us on Monday afternoons due to their work schedules. Many people have indicated an interest in helping with this, and I plan on sending out a letter to those to outline the steps I see that are needed to get started...getting a dialog started

to move forward. Sometimes it's hard to let go of the controls and to let God work through others. Pray for me, please.

Many of you may remember we used to have a "Missions Closet" in the office hallway. This "closet" was traded up for a room in the Education Building, and we have some free-standing shelves, four racks of clothes, and a slew of surplus office cabinets that were donated for our use. Unfortunately, it is not especially well organized at this time. Enter the Boy Scout Troop 50, and Life Scout Donny Farinato, who proposed an Eagle project to reorganize the Missions Room: additional shelving, new layout, assembly of the cabinets, and so forth. Progress will be made to organize our resources...hooray!

Looking ahead to this summer, Joe Dooley is already planning the Project Crossroads hands-on mission trip to Marion, VA in June. Stay tuned and consider joining us!

Now, back to that Bible verse...God did not give any of us a spirit of fear...He wants us to lean on His power, emulate His love, and practice self discipline to follow His path for us. So, what is your passion? Do you have a dream to help others? Do you have a skill you'd be willing to teach? Is there a project you've imagined that just needs a little boost to bring about? Share your vision...Make it your mission...Lead the way, and others will follow!

Leslie Little
Missions Chair

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR FEBRUARY:



Pinto Beans and Pork 'n Beans

YOUTH PAGE

“Let all that you do, be done in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14

Resurrection 2022 was a huge success! This was my very first time at Resurrection and it was such an amazing experience! I hope you all loved hearing from the youth on Youth Sunday. They all had such a deep experience, and I am grateful that they are building their journey with the Lord! Hallelujah!

Special shout out to all our adult leaders: Randy Creswell, Tim Brown, Ashley Sharp and of course Pastor Teresa. You are all a gift to these kids, and we are all lucky to have you! And special thanks to Pastor Dial for cooking all our amazing food!

During the month of February, I would really like to keep the Resurrection fires burning, and on Wednesday nights we will be discussing each session. February is all about love, and Resurrection definitely taught us to love Christ, love each other, and love ourselves.

As I spend more time in this role of youth director, I am reminded of exciting things that have been done in the past, as well as new things that I would like to do with the Youth! I would really love to reinstate Prayer Partners for anyone who would be interested. Basically, a congregation member would “adopt” a youth, and commit to pray for them every day. These young people are experiencing more pressure in their daily lives than we even realize, and I think it would be such a gift for them to know that at least one person is praying for them every day! Prayer Partners would be kept anonymous until the end of the year. But they could also offer cards, notes of encouragement, or even a small trinket like a candy bar throughout the year, just to let them know they are loved and seen! If you would be interested in adopting a youth as a prayer partner, please let me know!

As a fun addition to the youth hallway, I will be



painting a chalkboard wall, where the youth can share their story. They can share things that they may be going through, that they might not want to share, words of encouragement to other youth, or even prayer requests. Please encourage the youth to utilize this wall, while also sharing its importance with all congregation members big and small!

Each passing month brings new and exciting opportunities for youth. Our goal is to love and to serve, and I feel like we are continuing to do that! Thank you to the congregation for all your support!

Faithfully, *Bailey*

LET'S TALK FINANCE

Two thousand twenty-one proved to be an incredible fiscal year for the church. Once again, thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. With the church still dealing with the pandemic, we set our income goals much lower than previous years (\$311,650) and fully expected to end the year with a deficit. On paper, this deficit was expected to be around \$100,000; However, because of your faithfulness, the additional funds from the Payroll Protection Program (\$44,387), and us tightening up on expenses, we finished the year with a *surplus* of almost \$19,000!!! Here's a quick breakdown of income and expenses for the year:

- Total Ordinary Income — \$430,929 (including PPP funds)
- Total Expenses — \$411,992
- Total Income for Church Improvements — \$53,943
- Total Memorial Gifts for Church Improvements — \$10,745

Once the balance on the new church sign is paid, we will still have a balance of approximately \$59,000 available to start chipping away on the many repairs and projects needed throughout the church's grounds and buildings. Keep in mind, this *does not* reflect the \$27,000 that is set aside specifically for the Sanctuary remodeling!

Many of you may not realize how the church projects this budget each year. The figures that are used have been carefully analyzed and averaged from income vs. expense figures from the previous years and the amount of funds pledged vs. total income received for each year. When COVID hit, this threw those projections out the window. For the past 5 years, the total amount of funds pledged has averaged at least 50% of the total funds received for the year. This past year, pledges only accounted for 35% of the total income, which means that we need to rethink the way we project our income for 2022, as pledges continue to account for less and less of the budget.

Now, let's get to the year ahead..

We were so encouraged with the figures from last year that we increased our income projections to \$416,000 (using a factor of 30% from pledges). However, with the additional staff and increases to normal operating expense (i.e. utilities, supplies, etc.), our expenses have increased as well. We are projecting this year's expenses to be approximately \$519,500. When we take into consideration the additional funds the church will receive for church improvements, memorials, and facility rentals, we are anticipating a deficit of approximately \$35,000 for this fiscal year.

With that being said, we are confident our God is faithful and he will provide for our projected deficit through church growth, the implementation of updated technology, and your faithfulness and prayers. We will continue to be good stewards of the funds you entrust us with and prayerfully make adjustments to meet the needs of the church and the community around us. Thank you again for supporting the mission of our church to instill Christ in the lives of those in fellowship with us and around us.

Calling All Men!!



Please join us for our next Men's Fellowship Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 3rd at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the FLC Lobby for dinner, fellowship & a book study on "Kingdom Man" by Tony Evans. All men welcome. Contact the church office and let us know you are coming so we have plenty of food!

UM Women Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet at 6 pm on Mon., February 7th in the church library. Paulette McBee will present our Prayer and Self-Denial program.

Dorcas Circle will meet in the church library on Wed., Feb. 16th at 10 am.

JANUARY MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS

GIVEN BY	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	DEDICATED TO
LINDA ABSHER	JIM PICKEL	MUSIC PROGRAM
LINDA ABSHER	ANDY MORRIS	FOOD PANTRY
THE SHARP FAMILY	LUCILLE KASEFANG	CIF
STEVE & MARGIE MCDONALD	JIM PICKEL	CIF
JOE & MARY HUNT	JIM PICKEL	CIF
SARAH CIRCLE	JANE TISDELL	MUSIC PROGRAM
SARAH CIRCLE	FREDDIE SIMS	MUSIC PROGRAM
BOB & BETTY JOYCE	JIM PICKEL & FREDDIE SIMS	CIF
KEITH & VALERIE HESTER	JIM PICKEL	MUSIC PROGRAM
ZENI SCHLETER	JIM PICKEL	MISSIONS
AMY CARR RICHARDSON	LUCILLE KASEFANG	CIF
GOODWILL CLASS	JIM PICKEL	MISSIONS
JIM & DEBBIE BLAZIER	LUCILLE KASEFANG & JIM PICKEL	CIF
MIKE & MELODIE MCDONALD	JIM PICKEL	CIF
JACK & GERDA KISER	LAURA YOUNG, MARK GALLOWAY, JANE TISDELL	CIF
KEVIN & LAURYI KNOWLES	JIM PICKEL	CIF
DOUG & PATTY UNDERWOOD	JIM PICKEL	CIF
MARTIN & TERESA GILLENWATERS	JIM PICKEL	CIF

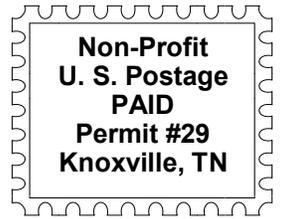
What's Happening In February 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 10am-Women's Bible Study (Library) 5:30-6:30pm-Beginner's Line Dancing (Gym) 6-8:30pm-Boy Scouts (Ed. Bldg.) 6:30pm-Cub Scouts (Chapel)	2 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:30pm-Youth Bible Study 7pm-Praise Band Rehearsal	3 6pm-Men's Fellowship (FLC)	4	5
6 9am-Sun. School; Youth Chat 10am-Worship 11am-Handbells 11am-Food Pantry Meeting	7 1-2pm-Food Pantry Open 5:30-7:30pm-Line Dancing (Gym) 6pm-Sarah Circle (Library)	8 10am-Women's Bible Study (Library) 5:30-6:30pm-Beginner's Line Dancing (Gym) 6-8:30pm-Boy Sc. (Ed. Bldg.) 6:30-7:45pm-Cub Scouts (FLC)	9 6pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30-7:30pm-Youth Bible Study 7pm-Praise Band	10	11	12 9am-3pm-Gym reserved by Girl Scouts
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Altar Flowers

Many dates are still open on the 2022 Altar Flower Calendar: Feb. 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13; April 3, 10, 24; May 8, 15, 29; June 5, 12; July 3, 10, 17; August 7, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 25; Oct. 2, 30; Nov. 13, 20, 27. Cost is \$35. Use the calendar on the bulletin board in the office hallway to sign up.



Deadline for March Newsletter

All information for the March newsletter is due in the church office by February 21st. Email articles to: blloyd@beaverridgeumc.org

Meeting this Month...

Feb. 14, 6:00 pm: Church Council Meeting (Library)