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The Church at Karns

BEAVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST

Gathering in Worship, Growing as Disciples, and Going into the World

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Dear Friends,

Last year something happened that I never dreamed would happen. When the pandemic hit and we closed down I thought "surely we will be back together for Easter." But we weren't. Now, a year later, our doors have finally re-opened and we will get to celebrate Easter together as a body. It's not "business as usual" and there are certainly things that we do differently these days, but at least we are together. And for that, I am truly, truly grateful.

Change comes and it usually comes on its own terms. We know that there are many things we cannot do anything about when change hits us like a 2 x 4 in the head. But there are many other things we can do something about...things we can work with and things we can re-evaluate and look at from another angle and see and use in entirely different ways. This is very much the way of life. It always has been and always will be until we get to that place in eternity, I suppose.

All that to say, I don't really mind change. (Not so happy with all the "aging" changes I'm going through!) I may think that initially I am opposed to things changing, but ultimately it never seems to be as bad as I anticipated.

We are going through cultural changes that can truly allow us to get to a better place in our values, our morals, and our way of life as Americans. We are going through changes in our lives in things that we no longer do or things we do differently and are finding that many of them are better for us or for those we love.

And we are going through changes in the church that can lead us into a whole new way of experiencing life and love in God, and in our neighbors, and in all of creation. God tells us several places in Isaiah and in Revelation, "Behold, I am making all things new." We've known that for a couple thousand years and have fought to resist it almost constantly.

Change is the only thing that is inevitable. It is the way God created the universe. Change is continuously happening...and that is a good thing. That is a God thing.

So, live into the change. Find a new way. Experience a new thing. For God is still God and God is still creating. Enjoy this season of spring, of the earth renewing itself. Live in the reality of resurrection and all the possibilities available because of that event so long ago.

God bless you all. Be the change. Be the church. Be the joy to all you encounter in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor Larry

Church Is Open!

Join us
Sundays at 10:00 am

If you can't be here in person,
catch the service LIVE on Facebook.

Services also posted each week on
our Facebook Page and Website.

Praise Band Needs Drummer

The Praise Band is looking for a drummer for Wednesday night practice and Sunday morning worship service. Please contact Cynthia Brian via email cbrian@tds.net or by phone 865-621-1534 if you are interested.

UMW News

Our United Methodist Women are collecting toilet tissue and deodorant for Morgan-Scott. Bring items to the church and place them in the brown bin located in the office hallway. Deadline is April 8th.

Celebrate Earth Day...Buy Your Flowers & Plants from Henderson Settlement!

We will be placing an order with Henderson Settlement Greenhouses this month. If you would like to purchase flowers or tomato plants, please fill out the form on page 6 and return it to the church office along with your check made payable to BRUMC. Deadline for orders is April 18. Plants/flowers will be delivered to the church on Sunday, April 25 at 9:00 am. Your purchase helps to support Henderson Settlement.

Our Volunteers Are the Best!

Special thanks to all the volunteers who have helped get our grounds and buildings ready for spring and the re-opening of church!

Our **Preschool/PDO Program** provided the means to have our buildings and sidewalks pressure washed and what a difference it has made!! Thank you, Preschool/PDO!!

Michael McDonald cleaned and pressure washed the church sign. Thank you, Michael! You did a great job!



Bonnie Carroll chose some beautiful spring signs for our front lawn. Thank you, Bonnie, for connecting our church with those who pass by.



A big thank you to **Mary Hunt** who has been cleaning and painting the park benches located throughout the campus.

We're About Missions

Greetings to Beaver Ridge and beyond!

I was at a loss for what to write for this month's newsletter. The pandemic has taken a toll not only on people's lives and physical health, but I find it has affected the mental outlook of most people I talk to...missed vacations, little if any travel, and limited excursions outside our homes. Going to the grocery store has achieved new importance as it is one of the few places I go! BUT...I got a newsletter from Holston Foundation, which opened with the following:



"We give thanks for a year filled with generosity, resilience, flexibility, and hope in the midst of challenging times."

That struck a chord with me. There are many, many things to be thankful for...family, friends, springtime, our church. So, at the risk of being repetitive, I'd like to thank the following:

- **Our Food Pantry volunteers, Judy Shaw, Sharon & Bill Wagner, Ellen Houser, Bonnie Carroll, Sandra Cagle, Susan Price, Erica & Marc Zuckerman, Betty Joyce, Mary & Joe Hunt, Zeni Schleter, Marita Vornehm, Andy Morris, Jim & Carole Redheffer, Dean & Leslie Little** — All of these people have given their time and energy to help keep the pantry going. Next time you see them, tell them how much you appreciate their work.
- **Individuals who donate items to the Food Pantry** — I can't list the names, as I don't know who they are. But they should know that their donations are much appreciated. (We even have several folks who bring in food monthly that are not connected with our church.)
- **Joe Dooley** — Joe keeps his mind on the future, anticipating our Spring woodcutting trip to Marion, VA, and our mission trip to Project Crossroads this summer. We all need that to look forward to.
- **Jim Snyder** — Jim has been carrying a little-known mission outreach at BRUMC for years: collecting food and traveling to the Morgan-Scott Center in Deer Lodge once a month to support their Food Pantry. Thank you!
- **Our Church Staff** — They are there every week, through good times and bad, encouraging, assisting, praying. THANK YOU.

Leslie Little
Missions Chair

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST FOR APRIL

Muffin Mix
Spaghetti Sauce

Late Breaking News!

Our Spring Woodcutting Trip to Marion, VA is scheduled for April 16-17. We will drive up to the Project House on Friday evening, spend the night, and get up around 7:00 on Saturday morning to start work. Lunch will be provided by Missions. All are welcome. If you have a chainsaw, bring it. If you don't "do" chainsaws, there is plenty of other work available: splitting wood, stacking wood, etc. For more information, contact Joe Dooley (216-8796) or Leslie Little (804-6642).



Sunday Night Youth Has Returned!

All Youth (grades 6-12), are invited to join Randy Creswell on Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00 in the Family Life Center.

Who Are Our Graduates?

It's almost time to celebrate our high school and college graduates! Please send in your name, school, accomplishments, future school/plans, and a photo to blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com by May 2nd.

Paid Positions Available in Children's Dept.

We are currently looking to hire someone to fill the paid positions of **Sunday Morning Nursery Director** and **P/T Youth Director**. If interested in either of these positions, please contact Pastor Larry or Bill Waters for details.



It's been great being back in person with all the children! I want to remind everyone that

Sunday School has resumed. We meet from 9:00-9:50 am in the FLC. We also have Children's Church right after the Children's Sermon on Sunday mornings. We are looking forward to even more opportunities in the coming months!

Don't miss our big Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd for ages 1-12. Games, crafts and pictures with the Easter bunny begin at 9:00; egg hunt starts at 10:00. See you there!

Travis Burnett

Children's Coordinator
865-607-2969

Nursery Needs Workers!

Can you help with our Children's Ministry one Sunday each month? We are in great need of volunteers to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings during worship service. Contact Linda Absher for details, 865-394-0086 or lhabsher@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 3rd

9:00 am - Games, Crafts & Pictures with Easter Bunny

10:00 am - Egg Hunt

FOR AGES 1 THRU 12

When inside, we will practice social distancing and wear masks.





APRIL 4, 2021

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am (outside, weather permitting)
Worship Service at 10:00 am

Altar Flower Calendar Sign-Up

Most Sundays are still available for providing altar flowers (see below). The cost is \$35. Sign up by contacting the church office or by using the altar flower calendar posted on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

Available Dates:

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 20
July 4, 11, 25
August 1, 18, 15, 22, 29
Sept. 5, 12, 26
Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Nov. 14, 21, 28
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26

Special Sunday Offering

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized. It was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.





Be sure to look for the Native American Ministries offering envelope inside your worship bulletin on April 18th.

MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS FOR MARCH

Given By:	In Memory/Honor Of:	Acct Dedicated To:
LINDA ABSHER	KENNEDY SANDERS-SNAPP	SOUND EQUIPMENT
JAMES SWANN	CLARK WALKER	CIF
BETTY ROLLINS	JIM COX	CIF
KEVIN & LAURYI KNOWLES	JIM COX, KENNEDY SANDERS, CLARK WALKER	CIF
LUCILLE KASEFANG	CLARK WALKER	MUSIC DEPT
LYNNE MCNAMARA-KEENER	MARILYN JAKE	SANCTUARY REMODEL
JACK & GERDA KISER	DUANE BLANKENSHIP, ANN SCARBROUGH, CLARK WALKER	CIF
JIM & DEBBIE BLAZIER	JOSIE BUTLER, GLADYCE CODY, DON DAVIS, JIM COX, CLARK WALKER	CIF
BETTY GALLOWAY	MARILYN JAKE	CIF

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT PLANT ORDER					
Name			Phone		
AMOUNT	CHOICES	VARIETY		NUMBER ORDERED	\$ TOTALS
\$ 5	Geranium 4" pot	Red			
		Pink			
		White			
		Salmon w/zonal leaves			
		Orange			
		Apple Blossom			
\$ 3	Portulaca 4" pot	Mixed (Moss Rose)			
\$12	Dragon Wing Begonia	Red			
		Pink			
\$12	Angel Wing Begonia	Yellow			
		Surprise Me! (Possible Red, Orange, Pink)			
\$12	Surprise Me! Hanging Basket	A hanging basket of our choice. (combos, trixie mixes, petunias, 3-5 plants in each)			
\$ 4	Begonia 4" pot	Angel Wing (Tuberous) Mixed			
		Green Leaf (Wax)	Red		
			Pink		
			White		
			Rose		
\$ 4	Impatiens 4" pot	New Guinea (SunPatiens)	Red		
			Hot Pink		
			White		
			Purple		
			Candy Pink		
			Salmon		
			Orange		
\$ 4	Angelonia	Purple			
		Rose			
		White			
\$ 4	Tomatoes	Celebrity			
		Beefsteak			
		Roma			
		Mr. Stripey			
		Red Cherry			
RETURN FORM BY APRIL 18				GRAND TOTAL \$	\$

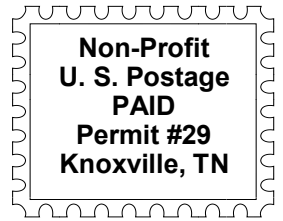
APRIL CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1			1 MAUNDY THURSDAY	2 GOOD FRIDAY 	3 9am-Children's Games & Crafts 10am-Easter Egg Hunt 
4 EASTER 7am-Easter Sunrise Service 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship Service 	5	6 7pm-Eagle Scout Award Ceremony for Anthony Damiano	7 6:15pm-Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	8	9	10
11 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship Service 11am-Handbells Rehearsal 5-7pm-Youth	12	13	14 6:15pm-Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	15	16 APRIL 16-17: Woodcutting Weekend at Project Crossroads 	17
18 9am-Sunday School 10am-Worship Service 11am-Handbells 5-7pm-Youth Flower/Plant Orders Due	19 May Newsletter Deadline 5:30-7:30pm-Line Dancing (Gym)	20 5:30-6:30pm-Beginner's Line Dancing (Gym)	21 6:15pm-Praise Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	22	23	24
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Lectionary Readings & Sermons

April 4:

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Sermon:

"Calling Us Out"

April 11:

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1-2:2
John 20:19-31

Sermon:

"We Are the Change"

April 18:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24-36b-48

Sermon:

"I Can Only Imagine"

April 25:

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Sermon:

"95% = A"

Newsletter Info.

Articles for the May newsletter should be emailed by April 19th to:
blloyd@beaverridgeumc.com.

