

August 2026



Our Mission Statement...

"Gathering in Worship, Growing as Disciples, and Going Into the World"

Our Vision Statement ...

"The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections."

Pastor's Message

Dear Beaver Ridge,

Back to school is here! For some students and parents that brings on a time of stress.

Philippians 4:6 tells us: *"Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him."* (NIRV).

This passage speaks directly to us and helps us when dealing with anxiety and the pressures of life. It gives power and direction to calm our restless minds. Ask, pray, give your worries to God, and thank Him. Prayers with thanksgiving shift our focus from worry to gratitude to peace. It helps us to recognize when God has been faithful and present in your life. When we pray and give thanks, God's promise is to fill us with His peace "which transcends all understanding."

The next time you find yourself in times of trouble or stress, let Philippians 4:6 be a gentle reminder to stop, pray, be thankful, and let God replace your worry with peace and joy.

Join me as we kick off a New School Year with these events and all the others listed in our newsletter. It's an exciting month at Beaver Ridge! Pray, Show up and Catch the Joy!

- **Tuesday, Aug 4**, we welcome our first class of students who will participate in Beaver Ridge's Hybrid School K-3rd grade. Meet at 8 am to warmly welcome them to a new school year with donuts and drinks.
- **Saturday, Aug 8**, we are helping our community at two locations to get ready for school. Join us for one of these events:
- **At Karns Middle (11 am to 1 pm)**, 35 students will receive school supplies, hygiene items, clothes, haircuts, eye exams, pizza and more! **"Ready, Set, School"** was created by our church and KMS to help these students get ready for school. This year Ball Camp Baptist joins us by providing the pizza and drinks. In addition, we thank "I Support the Girls," Karns Fairest of the Fair who donated the bulk of school supplies, several dentists and hair salons for their donations of toothpaste and brushes, free haircuts, and a local eye doctor for free eye exams, Amy Pehrson for healthy snacks, and your generosity for providing hygiene items, school supplies, and clothes.
- **At the same time (11 am-1 pm)**, Oak Ridge Mobile Home Park and Wexford Downs are hosting a Community Rummage Sale. Beaver Ridge has been invited to meet our neighbors and provide school supplies, hygiene products and food (while supplies last).
- **Sunday, Aug. 9 at 10 am worship** join us for a special Back to School worship. We will bless our children (and everyone else returning to school) and their backpacks, promote them to their next class and recognize our 3rd graders with a special Bible.
- **Tuesday, Aug 11**, we kick off the school year for our Preschool and Parents Day Out with our annual "Meet Your Teacher" night. I'll be there along with our Director Vicki, Brittany, members of the Board, and teachers to greet the families with cookies and drinks.

With Prayer, Gratitude and Peace (Philippians 4:6-7), Pastor Teresa

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

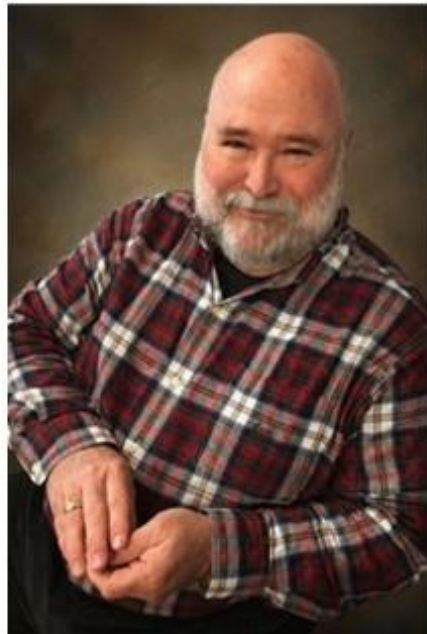
- Heather Anderson & family on the passing of her great grandmother, Lena Mae Jackson;
- the family of Larry Dial, who died July 15th.
- Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill & Sylvia Waters and family on the passing of their son in law, Jason Howard Whaley.
- Paula Helton on the passing of her nephew.

It is with heavy hearts, we share the passing of our former pastor, Pastor Larry Dial.

Larry faithfully served Beaver Ridge UMC from 2016–2021, until his retirement.

His time with our church family will be remembered with gratitude and appreciation.

A Celebration of Larry's Life will be held on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at The White Barn, 7309 Kodak Rd., Knoxville, TN 37914.



Rev. Larry Dial

1954 - 2026

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, August 5:

10am- Dorcas Circle

Thursday, August 6:

1pm- Sarah Circle

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, August 1 at 8am for breakfast in the FLC lobby. All men are welcome.

Next month, the United Methodist Men will meet Thursday, Sept 3 at 6 pm in the FLC.



Walking on Wednesdays

9:15am-10:15am

August 5th: All Saints Catholic Church
(620 N Cedar Bluff, Knoxville, TN 37923)

August 19th: Plumb Creek Park (1517
Hickey Road, Knoxville, TN 37932)

September 2nd: Victor Ashe Park (4901
Bradshaw Road, Knoxville, TN 37912)

Join the Christmas Cantata!

Do you love to sing or play an instrument? This Christmas, our choir is preparing a special Cantata to celebrate the birth of our Savior—and we would love for you to be part of it!

Singers of every voice part and musicians of all kinds are welcome. Rehearsals begin this fall.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Music Director Gage Sharp at gagesharp91@gmail.com. Come and share the gift of music with us this Christmas!

Beaver Ridge UMC

PRAISE & EVENING WORSHIP

2 AUGUST 2026 | 6-7 PM

7753 Oak Ridge Hwy, Knoxville TN 37931
www.beaverridgeumc.com

BACK² SCHOOL SUNDAY

& PROMOTION SUNDAY

AUGUST 9 @ 10AM



Shoot for the Stars!

OPEN ADULT BASKETBALL RETURNS AUGUST 13TH

THURSDAYS | 7:30 - 9:30 PM

IN OUR FAMILY LIFE
CENTER GYM

**BEAVER RIDGE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Ark Encounter

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

INDOOR & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
FOOD & MUSIC

FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL 865-690-1060

Senior Beavers

PIRATE'S VOYAGE

Dinner Show!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH

MEET AT THE CHURCH
AT 3:45PM
TICKETS ARE COVERED,
LIMITED SPOTS
AVAILABLE!

RSVP
to Julie by
August 10th!

Change for Children

— Sunday, August 30 —

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

We are quickly approaching the end of summer and it's been a fun one. I can't believe school is just around the corner. The youth have been busy with summer jobs, vacations, band camp, Wednesday night youth meetings, and some fun outings. We completed our Wednesday evening series, "You and Me" and will start a new study using "The Purple Book" where we will be discussing discipleship and how we can develop into stronger disciples.

We enjoyed a wonderful day at Norris Lake. Thank you Tom and Geneva McMahan for graciously hosting us. We enjoyed fellowship at Water Day, the pool party, and our Clinch River float with The Table. Thank you to Tim Brown, Randy Creswell, Mark Graham, and Doug Melton for making the trip a success!! Our youth worked on preparing for our Ready. Set. School event by collecting hygiene items and sorting through school supplies. We look forward to August with a trip to Dollywood on August 2nd and Pool Party on August 5th, thank you Cassie and Todd Lipp for hosting us. It has been a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to some cool weather and awesome fall.

As always, please come by and say hi or join in the fun!!

In His service,

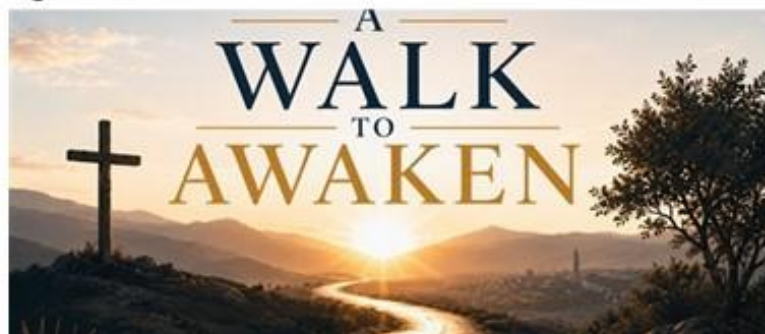
Rachael Searcy, Youth Director



August-26

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 9am- Sunday School 10am-Worship 12:30pm-Youth & The Table Kayak Trip	27 1-2pm-Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.) 5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym) 6:30pm- Girl Scouts	28 10am-Women's Bible Study (library) 6pm- Boy Scouts	29 * Regular Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry	30	31	1 8am- UMM Breakfast 12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
2 9am- Sunday School 10am-Worship 11:30am-Youth headed to Dollywood 6pm-Evening Worship	3 1-2pm-Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.) 5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym) 6:30pm- Girl Scouts	4 10am-Women's Bible Study (library) 6pm- Boy Scouts	5 9:15am- KMC, walking at All Saints Catholic Church 10am- Dorcas Circle 3:45pm -Youth Pool Party * Regular Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry	6 1pm- Sarah Circle 6pm-UMM Mtg	7	8 Ready Set School at Karns Middle School 12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
9 9am- Sunday School 10am-Worship	10 1-2pm-Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.) 5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym) Knox County Schools Return to class 6:30pm- Girl Scouts	11 10am-Women's Bible Study (library) 6pm- Boy Scouts	12 * Regular Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry	13	14	15 12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.) Card Show Gleaning at Market Square
16 9am- Sunday School 10am-Worship 11:30am-Ark Encounter	17 1-2pm-Food Pantry Open (Ed. Bldg.) 5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym) 6:30pm- Girl Scouts	18 10am-Women's Bible Study (library) 3:45 pm- Sr Beavers Private's Voyage Dinner Show 6pm- Boy Scouts	19 9:15am- KMC, walking at Plumb Creek Park * Regular Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry	20	21	22 12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
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* Regular Wednesday events - 6:30pm-youth, 6pm- Choir rehearsal, 7pm- Rugged Faith



Beaver Ridge UMC, our Holston Conference has invited us to join them for the Walking Together in Prayer Weekend on Aug 29-30. Beaver Ridge will participate in this prayer movement on Sunday, Aug 30 following worship. We will provide a light potluck lunch before we send people out to pray in the community.

Walking Together in Prayer Weekend

The Holston Conference Congregational Development Team invites every congregation to join **Walking Together in Prayer Weekend** on **August 29-30, 2026**, or another August date that works best.

Together, we will prayer walk our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and communities—asking God to guide us, deepen our love for our neighbors, and reveal where the Holy Spirit is already at work.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." — Jeremiah 29:13

What is prayer walking? Small groups of two to four people walk through the community in prayer, listening for God's leading and praying for the people and places around them.

- Walk in groups of 2-4 people.
- Pray around your church neighborhood or community.
- Partner with nearby United Methodist churches, if desired.
- Prayer driving is also welcome where walking is not practical.

Community Outreach!

A joyful summer highlight was the recent Karns Fair, where our volunteers greeted our neighbors, shared warm smiles, and let folks know that Beaver Ridge UMC is here for them. It was a blessing to meet so many friends, both old and new!

Would you like to help us reach our community? Look at all the events we have planned, tell your neighbors and join us. We would love to have you!



We're About Missions!

Seems like just yesterday, I was realizing that school was out for the summer, now we are preparing for back-to school events....

Last month, there was a photo of the group who traveled up to Marion Virginia for BRUMC's annual mission trip to Project Crossroads. Unfortunately, I was not able to go on that trip (was in North Dakota!), but the picture includes the new sign for the Project House. If you look closely, you can see the words: "Howe-Becker Mission Center". The "Howe" is for the long time director of Project Crossroads. The "Becker" is for our very own Tom Becker (deceased). Last weekend, Dean and I traveled up to Marion for the dedication of the sign along with Bill and Sherry Becker (Tom Becker's son and his wife). Talking to Harry, we figured out that Beaver Ridge UMC has supported the Project Crossroads ministry for 30 years. Wow! It was great to see both of these men honored for all the work and dedication they have provided over the years.

The Food Pantry has been very busy this summer, with record numbers of visitors. Also record number of donations to the Pantry: Food City on Middlebrook Pike, Concord UMC in Farragut, Grassy Valley Baptist Church in Farragut, Mayfield Milk, the Weigels store across the street, CedarBrook outreach, Gleaning at the Market Square Farmer's market, and of course Second Harvest in Maryville... and for each one of those sources of food, we have volunteers willing to collect the food, transport it to BRUMC, and shelve the items in the pantry for the shoppers. It truly takes a village to keep it stocked. It takes another village to show up each Monday (1-2) and Wednesday (6:30-7:30) to open our Pantry for our shoppers. Each volunteer is needed and greatly appreciated: THANK YOU!

We now have 6 grocery carts for our Pantry! The feedback from everyone has been positive...and special thanks to Teddy Burnette who helped in the unloading and unpacking of them during the chaos of Camp in the Community. We have also added a commercial grade freezer to our Pantry...in addition to the two chest freezers and the refrigerator/freezer in the Ed Building kitchen we should be good now!

If you have been thinking about getting involved with the Pantry, I'd be happy to talk to you about the opportunities to help. Just give me a call @ 865-804-6642 and we'll talk.

Looking forward to the fall and cooler weather....Randy Creswell has the date for our Fall Woodcut trip to Project Crossroads: We'll drive up on Friday October 23, spend the night in the Project house, and cut and split and stack wood on Saturday before returning on Saturday. You don't have to have a chainsaw, just the willingness to pitch in and help! Talk to Randy if you are interested in hearing more details

Blessings to all,

Leslie Little, Missions



BRUMC FOOD PANTRY

WE ARE COLLECTING PET FOOD, PET ITEMS,
AND SMALL ZIPLOCK BAGS FOR THE FOOD
PANTRY THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST. DROP
DONATIONS OFF IN THE NARTHEX.

Your Donations to KARM Help Others

"Tell KARM: credit Beaver Ridge UMC"

Anytime is a great time to clear out clutter from your home or garage and donate to the Knoxville Area Rescue Mission (KARM). When you drop off your items, please tell them you want Beaver Ridge UMC to receive credit. KARM then provides gift cards that we distribute to neighbors in our community who need clothing and household items.

Your unwanted items can bless others and strengthen our church ministries—thank you for donating!



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