



OCTOBER 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."

Pumpkins
arrive Oct 1
at 4 pm

FALL FUN IN OUR

Pumpkin Patch

Patch Hours:

M-F 11-7

Saturday 10-7

Sunday 12-6

On Thursday, Oct 1st our pumpkins arrive at 4 pm and we appreciate all the help we can get to setup our pumpkin patch. *Proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry, Outreach Activities & Playground.* Please reach out to Suzanne [941 228 0974](tel:9412280974) or beaverridgeoutreach@gmail.com to sign up to work the Pumpkin Patch! *Sign up as friends so you don't have to work alone.*

PUMPKIN PATCH Oct 9th
CRUISE-IN 5-8 pm

Hosted by SUMMER KNIGHT CRUISERS KNOXVILLE



Blessings of the Animals

Sunday, Oct 11th 3-4:30 pm



Pumpkins & Pigskins
Tailgate Party

Saturday, October 24th | 3:30 pm



FALL festival

Sunday, Oct 25

4-6 pm



BEAVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast on Saturday, Oct 3 at 8 am in the FLC lobby. All men are welcome.

1st Sunday Worship Night

 Sunday, October 4
 6:00–7:00 PM
 Beaver Ridge UMC

We would like to welcome our new members:

Paul and Christine Bethancourt



& Seth, Lori, Isaac, & Alari Schlotfeldt.



United Methodist Women

Wednesday, October 7:

10am- Dorcas Circle

Thursday, October 8:

1-3pm- Sarah Circle, We will meet Thursday, October 8th from 1-3pm to work the pumpkin patch.



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SENIOR BEAVERS
**CARVER'S
APPLE
ORCHARD**

ADVENTURE & LUNCH

THE SENIOR BEAVERS ARE GOING TO CARVERS APPLE ORCHARD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH. MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 9:45AM. LUNCH IS AT 1PM AT THE ORCHARD RESTAURANT. RSVP TO JULIE (865-299-2696) BY OCTOBER 6TH.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

**YOUTH
DINNER &
SHOW**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
AT 5:30 PM**

AT FAMILY LIFE CENTER FREE ENTRY

LASAGNA DINNER **BRUMC
HANDBELLS**

RACHAEL SEARCY 854-690-1060

Dear Beaver Ridge Family,

Pastor's Message

Psalm 119:103: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

I once heard a story about a youth leader who gave her youth group a rock and a sucker. Then asked them to walk around with the rock in their shoe and the sucker in their mouth. You should've heard the grumbling. They couldn't walk normally because the rock was uncomfortable. They were limping and staggering until the leader told them to stop. When they settled into a circle, she asked them what it was like for them to walk around like that. The answers varied but most talked about how hard it was to walk with the rock in their shoe. Nobody mentioned how sweet the sucker was in their mouth.

Sometimes we fail to realize God's blessings because we focus on the struggles of life. Times are tough. Our country and our world have pockets of deep suffering. And the news is often not good. When we read our Bible, we see that suffering is nothing new. It will continue till the end of time. We can focus on the rocks or focus on the sweetness of Christ that is in each of our lives and our church. When we focus on God's blessings, we are given a new perspective on how to walk. With that sweet perspective we become a blessing to others.

October offers a new opportunity to focus on the blessings of this season. Join us at Beaver Ridge. Together let's experience the sweetness of God's goodness.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: The Pastor's Bible study on Revelation continues. Fifty-Five people have joined to study "the revelation of Jesus" (Rev 1:1). You can too.

Sunday, Oct 4: Christians around the world will celebrate Christ's life through communion. Join us for special music and service at 10 am. Or join Rugged Faith later and be blessed with worship through Gospel/Contemporary music.

Sunday, Oct 11: Students from UTK Wesley Foundation will join us for worship! Let's fill the sanctuary and welcome them!! Come back at 3 pm to have your pet blessed. **Bring pet food to donate to our food pantry.**

Sunday, Oct 18: If you are new to Beaver Ridge, either as a guest or a new member, we invite you to join us for a catered lunch following worship. Meet staff and leaders, hear a brief history of BRUMC, learn more about the ministry and mission, take a tour of our campus, and enjoy good fellowship. RSVP to the church office (865-690-1060) by Wednesday, Oct 14. Childcare is available upon request.

Sunday, Oct 25: It's a big day at Beaver Ridge. Mickey Rainwater, our Associate District Superintendent, will join us for worship. Following the service we will host our annual church conference. It's an opportunity to celebrate the church's amazing year in ministry and mission. Later that day, **FALL FESTIVAL at 4 pm!**

Thank you for being the sweetness that reminds me of how good God is.

Pastor Teresa

Family Ministries

Join family ministries **Wednesday Nights** to learn about the creation story. So far, we have done crafts, science, and had an animal show. There's more fun to come. Join us at 5:30 pm for dinner and an activity to follow at 6:30 pm.

October 24th is our church wide tailgate. We will be watching the UT VOLS football game and food will be provided. The tailgate is for the entire family. There will be food and inflatables to play on for the kids.



Sunday, Oct 11: UTK Wesley House will join us at 10 am for Worship & after for a lunch with The Table.

"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

Fall is here and we can't be more excited! We celebrated one of our Youth's baptism! We are so very happy to be able to share this special moment with Isaac and his family! Thank you to April Clark for including us in Creature Features again this year. It was great getting to learn about the animals. We continue our lessons in "The Purple Book" and have several events coming up. Our Youth will be helping with the Pumpkin Patch this year and that means setting out pallets, unloading pumpkins, and of course working the patch!! We have an outing to Main Event the week of Fall Break. On Wednesday, October 7th we will meet at the church at 5:30 and return by 9:30. We are partnering with our fabulous Handbell Choir for a Youth fundraiser on Sunday, October 18th. Dinner is at 5:30 with the Handbell Show, "A Night at the Movies", at 6:30. The menu is lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Cost of tickets are \$20 each and \$60 for a family of 5. Contact the office, myself, or any youth for tickets. Proceeds go towards Resurrection 27!! Please come out and support our Youth!! We finish October out with the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25th. We have a busy month planned. As always, please come by and say hi or join in the fun!

In His service, Rachael Searcy, Youth Director



October 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
						8am-UMM Mtg
				Pumkin Patch Arrives at 4 pm		12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
World Communion Sunday			9:15am- KMC			10am-Shower Ashley Sharp
9am- Sunday School			10am-Dorcas Circle		9:45am-Sr Beavers trip to Carvers	
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		No Family Fun Wednesday	1-3pm Sara Circle	Project Crossroads Woodcutting	
6pm-Rugged Faith Worship	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30- 7:30pm-Food Pantry		5-8pm - Cruise-In	
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			9:15am- KMC			
9am- Sunday School	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
10am-Worship	3pm-Staff Meeting					
11:30am-The Table	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
3-4:30pm Bless the Animals	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30- 7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am- Sunday School			9:15am- KMC			Card Show (FLC)
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
11am-New Member Lunch	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
5:30pm-Youth & Handbell Fundraiser	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30- 7:30pm-Food Pantry			3:30pm-Tailgate Party
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			9:15am- KMC			8am-UMM Mtg
9am- Sunday School	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
10am-Worship	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
11:30am- Charge Conference	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30- 7:30pm-Food Pantry			
4-6 pm Fall Festival	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			

- Regular Wednesday events - 6:30pm-youth, 6:30pm- Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm- Rugged Faith
 - Oct 7 only - Wednesday events -6 pm youth, 6 pm Choir rehearsal, 7 pm Rugged Faith

Congregational Care Team - We Care Ministry

If you are interested in being a part of Beaver Ridge's Congregational Care Team, let Pastor Teresa know. We are expanding our We Care Ministry.

Walking with others thru hard times is what Christians do. Sometimes we hesitate because we aren't sure of how to help. So, join me at the Caring Congregation Training Event at Fountain City, Nov 6-7.

Caring for Others, Pastor Teresa



Join us Wednesdays for dinner & Family Fun Night.

Dinner begins at 5:30pm. \$5 for adults, kids/youth eat free!

- Oct 7: Fall Break (No Wednesday Night)
- Oct 14: Family Space Night with Mobile Planetarium
- Oct 21: Family Pottery Night
- Oct 28: Family Carpentry Night
- Nov 4: Family Fun Night
- Nov 11: Veterans Night

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!

A SWEET LITTLE
pumpkin
IS ON THE WAY!

JOIN US FOR A
SPRINKLE
HONORING

Ashley Sharp

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 AT 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
BEAVER RIDGE UMC
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Big sister Olivia has plenty to share, so this is just a sprinkle to show we care! Most they have, but a few things they could use... like gift cards, diapers, and an outfit or two!

RSVP TO TERESA OR KELSEY AT
865.806.9220
865.368.5774

REGISTERED ON AMAZON & TARGET
ASHLEY SHARP DUE DATE 12.1.26

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

- the family of Jim Stevens upon his passing.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ron and Lynn Johnson on the birth of their 9th grandchild, Shepherd.

We're About Missions!

The Food Pantry continues to be busy on Mondays (1:00-2:00) and Wednesdays (6:30-7:30).

We have been blessed this summer: with all of the gleaning opportunities, we have been able to supplement the staples we usually buy from Second Harvest. Eggs, milk, garden vegetables, and baked goods are welcomed by our clients. I would also like to give a shout out to the BRUMC congregation who are faithful in contributing the items listed in the bulletin (different each month). It really makes a difference in providing a wide variety of wares for the Pantry!

Due to circumstances outside our control, we have a few openings for people to work the Pantry on Wednesday evenings (6:30-7:30). If you are interested in signing up, give me a call and we'll find you a spot...my number is [865-804-6642](tel:865-804-6642).

Additional opportunities are coming up:

- **October 9-10 is our Fall Woodcut trip to Project Crossroads.** We will drive up to Marion, VA on Friday afternoon/evening, spend the night in the Project House (they have plenty of beds!) and meet at Hardee's for breakfast, where we meet with Kirk to see where we will be working. If you have a chainsaw, you are encouraged to bring it, but there is plenty of other work to be done: splitting logs with the hydraulic splitters, stacking the split wood in the drying sheds, loading and unloading the trailers. If you are interested, give Randy Creswell a call at [865-712-7414](tel:865-712-7414).
- Pumpkins are coming! Be sure to sign up to work the Pumpkin Patch at least one time this fall....It is a blast watching families from our community picking out the Perfect Pumpkin(s)...and the proceeds benefit our Outreach ministries.
- As I write this, September is almost finished, which means that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I anticipate leading the effort of providing Thanksgiving boxes to local families with elementary school children (as identified by Karns Elementary School). Mark your calendars for the weekend before Thanksgiving (**November 21-22**). That's when we sort the canned goods from the school, and divide it into the boxes for distribution to the identified families. In addition to the canned goods, we provide meat (typically turkey or ham), milk, butter, eggs, and bread for the distribution. Then we deliver the food to the families! Truly a joy.

Blessings to all, Leslie Little, Missions

PS: Collecting dog & cat food at the Blessing of the Animals on Oct 11th, 3-4:30 pm for pantry.

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!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Monday-Thursday
9:00am-3:00pm
Friday CLOSED
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865-690-1060

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TIKTOK

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October 19th**
**Newsletter
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Send information to
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Wednesdays at
9:15am-10:15am