

September 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."

Dear Beaver Ridge Family,

Pastor's Message

There are moments in life that feel like a quiet knock on the door of our hearts. It's as if something outside of yourself beckons for your attention and presence. Revelation 3:20 offers a beautiful image that captures this feeling.

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. Revelation 3:20

Jesus is standing at the door, extending a personal invitation. It's not a forceful entry or a loud demand. It's a gentle and patient knocking, waiting for us to respond. This passage is about the depth of relationship Jesus desires to have with us. It's not a casual acquaintance but a genuine connection, highlighted by the act of sharing a meal together, an ancient symbol of companionship and fellowship. Opening the door becomes an act of faith. It's a decision to welcome Jesus into the messiness of our lives. Yet, it's this openness that begins the transformation.

Dining together is not just about sharing food; it's about sharing life, stories, joys, and struggles. This is the kind of communion Jesus offers—a shared life, where our burdens are lightened and our joys multiplied in His presence. It's about the everyday opportunity to commune with Jesus, to encounter love and grace in our daily lives. The knock at the door is a daily occurrence, inviting us to live in ongoing fellowship with Christ.

God is looking for an open heart ready to welcome Him. May your heart and our church become a home where love resides and grace abounds. Join us at Beaver Ridge as we open our doors and hearts to share Christ's love to one another and to our neighbors.

Lord Jesus, what a gift of love and honor you bring by knocking at our door. Please come in and transform us by your presence. Amen!

Blessings,

Pastor Teresa

September offers many opportunities for Fellowship, Study, Worship & Service.

Read on in the newsletter and join us:

Labor Day Lunch with Rugged Faith, Wednesday Night Dinners & Programs, Breakfast with the Pastor, Picnic & Baptisms at Bull Run Park, the Men's Dinner.

Bible study on the Book of Revelation (Tuesdays at 11 am, Tuesday Zoom at 7 pm, and Wednesdays at 10 am & 6:30 pm).

And many service opportunities.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

- Sandra Cagle and family on the passing of her husband and our church member, Charles Cagle.
- Paula Helton and family on the passing of her nephew, Dean Helton
- Jim & Suzanne Titcomb and family on the passing of their daughter, Andrea Rice
- Andy Morris and family on the passing of his nephew, George Trexler Morris.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Margaret and Thomas Bailey on the birth of their daughter, Vivian Lyn Bailey.

Note of Thanks

Sandra Cagle extends her heartfelt gratitude to our Beaver Ridge family for the **windchimes, prayers, visits, cards, and meals** shared after the passing of **Charles**.

Your kindness has been a deep comfort to her during this difficult season, and she is truly grateful for the love and support surrounding her.

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!

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, September 5:

10am- Dorcas Circle

Thursday, September 6:

1pm- Sarah Circle

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for dinner on Thursday, Sept 3 at 6 pm in the FLC lobby. All men are welcome.

Next month, the United Methodist Men will meet Saturday, Oct 3rd at 8 am in the FLC.



Karns Moms Connect

**Meetings & Walking on
Wednesdays 9:15am-10:15am**

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

September 9th : No Meeting

September 16th: BRUMC (Church Library)

September 23rd: Ball Camp Park (7232 Schaad Road, Knoxville, TN 37931)

September 30th: BRUMC (Church Library)

Potluck Lunch

Join us for a potluck lunch and worship led by Rugged Faith on **Sunday, September 6** after worship. Everyone is invited!!



Join us on **Sunday, September 13th** at 9am during the Sunday School hour for a churchwide breakfast in the FLC.

Everyone is invited!!



Back to Church Sunday
-Sunday, September 20

Join us for **worship at Beaver Ridge**, then head to **Bull Run Park** for a picnic and outdoor worship service with a **Remembrance of Baptism**. Bring your own lunch and enjoy a beautiful afternoon of faith, fellowship, and music.

Celebrate renewal, community, and the joy of coming back together.



Dinners & Activities

We invite all to a meal with a fun activity for all.

5:30pm- Dinner (Adults- \$5, kids-free)

6:30pm-7:30pm- Fun Activity

- **September 9th: Creature Features**
- **September 16th: Family Light Night**
- **September 23rd: Family Science Night**
- **September 30th: Family Fun Night**

There will be fun for the whole family!



NEW DAY
COME AND JOIN US!

OPEN ADULT BASKETBALL
MONDAYS AT 7:45-9 PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

MORE INFO:
865.690.1060

"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

School has begun and so have all the busy schedules for the youth! We had a great trip to Dollywood last month and enjoyed the "End of Summer" youth pool party at Cassie and Todd Lipp's house, thank you!!! We said goodbye to several of our youth as they moved on to new adventures and welcomed several new youth to our group. We had a great time at the Ark Encounter where a few youth joined Gage for some great music!! We have begun our new study in "The Purple Book" with our first few lessons discussing sin and salvation. I look forward to continuing our discussions this month regarding how we live our faith out daily and actively. We have a cabin secured for Resurrection 27 in Pigeon Forge, so its not to early to start planning to attend. Fall is heading our way, and we are excited for the cool weather and fun activities.

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

In His service, Rachael Searcy, Youth Director



The Table

Sunday, Sep 20th
from 2 - 4pm

A gathering of career &
college young adults.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9am- Sunday School	6pm-Day with Bishop		9:15am- KMC, walking at Victor Ashe Park			
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			
Change for Children	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		10am- Dorcas Circle	1 pm Sara Circle		12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
Prayer Walk & Lunch	6:30pm- Girl Scouts		6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry	6pm-UMM Mtg		
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30pm-Youth 6pm- Choir rehearsal 7pm- Rugged Faith			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9am- Sunday School	Office Closed		9:15am- KMC			
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
11:30am- Labor Day Lunch	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		<i>* Regular Wednesdays</i>			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9am- Breakfast with the pastor			9:15am- KMC			Card Show (FLC)
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
No Sunday School	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		<i>* Regular Wednesdays</i>			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9am- Sunday School			9:15am- KMC			
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
Lake Baptism & Recommittment	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		<i>* Regular Wednesdays</i>			
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
9am- Sunday School			9:15am- KMC			8am-UMM Mtg
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday	Pumkin Patch Arrives at 4 pm		
2-4 pm The Table	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		<i>* Regular Wednesdays</i>			

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

Family Ministries

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the Ark Encounter a success. We had over a 150 people attend the event, including several new families. A big thanks to Lisa Atkins for marketing the event. Cassie and Todd Lipp did an outstanding job with the food, even making an Ark out of a watermelon. MistFit Herd brought several animals and they were a joy to have on our church campus. This event would not have happened without the support of the volunteers who helped with the color run, decorations, crafts, and food. Thank you, Beaver Ridge, for making this event a success.

Wednesday Nights will return September 9th, with a dinner from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Following dinner, join us in the sanctuary for an animal show, presented by Creature Features. This Fall, Families are invited to explore The Creation Story, with crafts, games, and interactive activities.

Karns Moms Connect will be meeting each Wednesday, following Labor Day. All Moms and children are welcome. If you would like more information, please reach out to April Clark (beaverridgefamily@gmail.com).

In His service, April Clark, Family Ministry Director



SEPT 26TH

BEAVER RIDGE PRESCHOOL
Community
Flea Market

7AM TO 1PM

7753 Oak Ridge Hwy
Accepting vendors and yard sellers. Parking space rentals are \$15 per space. Spaces are approximately 18ft by 8.5ft. Now accepting reservations.



PUMPKIN PATCH

OPENS OCTOBER 1ST
PUMPKINS ARRIVE AT 4 PM

865.690.1060

Address:
7753 Oak Ridge Hwy
Knoxville TN 379315

Children's Programs

A new children's Sunday School curriculum has started at Beaver Ridge! Elementary school students are invited to join us in the children's room during the Sunday School hour for these exciting new lessons and activities. The series theme for August is "Escape," which discusses Bible stories such as Daniel in the lion's den, the fiery furnace, and the escape to Egypt, showing how God is our only hope. For September, we will begin diving into the book of Revelation in our "The Last Book" series. Each month will have a new series with fun lessons, activities, crafts, and discussions. We would love to have you join us!

We're About Missions!

This summer has been a learning experience in how to juggle incoming resources to the Food Pantry: Farmer's Market, Concord UMC bagels and garden produce, Sprouts/Kroger gleaning (Kirby Wilcher), Oak Ridge HWY Weigels gleaning, Mayfield Dairy milk....we are truly blessed!

Also, we have recently purchased a commercial grade freezer and six upright grocery carts for our Clients to use when shopping at the Pantry. Both of these items have resulted in a more stream-lined experience for our Pantry Clients.

On the whole, we have a great group of volunteers who keep the Pantry running smoothly. However, we do have a few openings for workers on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30. If you are interested, or if you just want to know more, give me a call at 865-804-6642.

Blessings, Leslie Little, Missions

Volunteers Needed: Our Food Pantry needs some extra help on **Wednesdays from 6:30– 7:30 pm.** If you are interested in volunteering, contact Leslie at 865-804-6642.

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!

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



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

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