

NOVEMBER 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

October was a month filled with hospitality, love, and service in our community with the Pumpkin Patch, Food Pantry, Project Crossroads Wood Cutting Trip, Blessing of the Animals, Cruise In, Wednesday Family Nights, Discovery Luncheon, Tailgate Party, Fall Festival, Charge Conference with DS Associate Rev. Mickey Rainwater and many other things! We welcomed the UT Wesley Foundation Students who worshipped with us Oct 11. We celebrated the births of Kennedy Marie and Mallory Kate. We welcomed new members Thomas and Margaret Bailey and their children Joey and Vivian; Paul and Kristine Bethancourt and their granddaughter Rivers. Thank you to everyone who participated in these events or contributed in any way. You showed the love of Christ!

I personally thank you for the incredible Pastor Appreciation event during worship on Sunday, Oct. 11. I was completely surprised when you, as a congregation, honored me with your cards, words, prayers, gifts, video, hugs and laughter. All of it was overwhelmingly beautiful and deeply appreciated. There are not enough words to express my gratitude for you. Thank you for welcoming me and my family and loving us these past five years. It has been an honor to work beside you in serving and loving God and God's people in this community and beyond. I look forward to another year!

November is here! In this month, we will remember our saints who have gone to heaven, appreciate our Veterans (with Sunday worship and a Wednesday Night Dinner), and celebrate our Senior Beavers (Sunday, Nov 15 in worship); host our annual Fall Craft Fair, partner with Karns Elementary to assemble and give Thanksgiving boxes to our neighbors, host a community Thanksgiving Lunch; get ready for Advent, and so much more. Read on in the newsletter for the details.

I am incredibly blessed to be here. YOUR prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are a remarkable testimony of the love you have for God, neighbor, your pastor and Beaver Ridge UMC. My heart overflows with gratitude as I echo these words from Ephesians 1:16: ***I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I am thankful!***

Be Blessed,

Pastor Teresa

CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, Nov 7, 9am to 3 pm

FREE ADMISSION • Shop Local • Crafters Handmade goods • Gifts
• Food by our BRUMC Youth

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Cynthia Walker & family on the passing of her mother, Gloria Lucas.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Liz Breeden and Kameryn Sanders on the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Marie Sanders. Proud grandmother is Beth Field.

Congratulations to Sara & Jordan Bunch of the birth their 2nd child, daughter Mallory Kate.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our new members,
Thomas and Margaret Bailey.



Bowling Tournament

Join us on **Sunday, November 15th** for a churchwide bowling tournament! Join a team or create a team! We will meet at Strike and Spare on Western Ave. at 1pm.

Veteran's Day Service On **Sunday, November 8th** we will be honoring our veterans. If you or a loved one are currently serving or have served in the military, please send a photo with the name and branch of service to beaverridgechurch@gmail.com by **Thursday, November 5th**.

Senior Beaver Sunday On Sunday November 15th our Senior Beavers will be leading our worship service. Join us as we celebrate our seniors!

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Visit our online store to browse the selection and place your order by November 15. Don't miss your chance to show your Beaver Ridge spirit!





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Honoring all Who Served

VETERANS CELEBRATION

Wednesday, November 11th

Join us for dinner & a family friendly magic show featuring

STEVE BURGESS MAGIC

as we celebrate our veterans.

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

Pastor John Justice, chaplain of the Vietnam Veterans of America,
 Capt. Bill Robinson chapter 1078, will give the invocation.

Please RSVP to 865-690-1060 by Nov 10, 2026.

STEVE BURGESS MAGIC

United Methodist Women

Wednesday, November 4:

10am- Dorcas Circle

On September 25th, the Beaver Ridge UMW hosted the Wesley House Grannies for luncheon and bingo. The Grannies are a wonderful group of ladies and we enjoy the fellowship with them. We would like to express our appreciation to everyone from the Sarah and Dorcas Circles that participated and donated bingo prizes.



Thursday, November 5:

1pm- Sarah Circle

The **Morgan Scott Mitten Tree** will be in the narthex November 14 through December 6 to support the Morgan Scott Project Christmas Giveaway. Led by the United Methodist Women's circles, this collection helps families choose gifts for children who might otherwise go without.

We are collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, unisex sweatshirts and pants, unwrapped toys for all ages, books, and \$15 Walmart gift cards for teens. Donations will be delivered to the Morgan Scott Project on December 8. Please consider contributing to help make Christmas brighter for these children and their families!

United Methodist Men The United Methodist Men will meet Nov 5 at 6 pm in the FLC lobby. All men are welcome.

"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

October was a busy month for our youth. They held 2 fundraising events with the lasagna dinner and Wednesday night taco dinner. They helped with the annual pumpkin patch with set up, unloading, and sales; and had a great time participating in the Fall Festival. We were able to see a few of our past youth at the Fall Festival, which was a nice treat. Thank you to everyone who supported our youth in their fundraising endeavors! A special shout out to the BRUMC Handbell Choir for partnering with us for the lasagna dinner and our youth parents! We appreciate you all! They raised over \$1000 to help get them to Resurrection in January! We continue working through "The Purple Book" through November during our Wednesday evening meetings 6:30-8:15. Our last fundraiser for the year is November 7th as we are selling concessions, so please come out and grab something yummy to eat while you shop! We will not meet on November 25th, the week of Thanksgiving.

As always, we invite you to come by and say hi or join in the fun!

In His Service, Rachael Searcy, Youth Director

Community Outreach!

Hello from Outreach!

Our Pumpkin Patch was another success. Do you realize we have used this Fundraiser for 17 years? It has brought over \$34,360.43 since 2016 to help restock the Food Pantry, create a Giving Tree to help families in need, pay the Navajo's for growing our pumpkins, support the Preschool Playground, helped pay off the Family Life Center and has brought the Karns Community and beyond together.

Many children have received one of our pumpkins around the Knoxville area. Whether they attended Fall Festivals at Schools, Parks and Rec. or even Preschools. There is so much love spread by these pumpkins. I cannot wait to share all the Glory Sightings from the month of October!

We are looking forward to reaching out into the Community again with Food this time! **Thursday November 26th will be our Annual Thanksgiving Meal. It starts at 11 am and ends at 2pm.** I would love to have some folks sign up to help waah dishes and help from 2 - 3 for clean-up. Many hands make light work!

We serve Take Out to our Karns Community and usually have 100 meals! If you would like to be involved, have questions or comments, we would love your feedback. The email is beaverridgeoutreach@gmail.com or phone is 941-228-0974. Thanks for all your support and help.

Suzanne



Thanksgiving Volunteer Sign Ups

Volunteers are needed for our annual BRUMC Thanksgiving dinner. We have several ways to get involved. Please complete the form in the narthex, if you can help this year. Thank you!!

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
All Saints Day			9:15am- KMC			
9am- Sunday School	1-2pm-Food Pantry		10am-Dorcas Circle			9am-3pm Craft Fair
10am-Worship	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)	11 am-Bible Study	10am-Bible Study	1pm - Sara Circle		12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
11:30am Calendar Planning Mtg	6pm-Bible Study (Goodwill)		5:30pm-Family Fun Wednesday			
6pm-Rugged Faith Worship	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry	6pm-UMM Dinner		
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
			Veterans Day			
9am- Sunday School			9:15am- KMC			
10am-Worship	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	10am/6pm-Bible Study			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
11:30am- SPR Meeting	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)		5:30pm-Veterans Celebration			
	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9am- Sunday School	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	9:15am- KMC			12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
10am-Worship -Sr Beaver Sunday						
1pm-Bowling Tournament	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)					Card Show (FLC)
	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am- Sunday School	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study	9:15am- KMC	Thanksgiving Day		
10am-Worship	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)			11 am-2pm Thanksgiving Meal		12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
Hanging of the Greens	6:30pm- Girl Scouts	6pm- Boy Scouts	6:30-7:30pm-Food Pantry			
	7:30-9pm-Adult Basketball		* Regular Wednesdays			
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
1st Sunday of Advent			9:15am- KMC			8am-UMM Mtg
9am- Sunday School	1-2pm-Food Pantry	11 am-Bible Study				12pm-Crochet group (Ed. Bldg.)
10am-Worship	5:30pm- Line Dancing (Gym)					
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- Nov 4 & 11 Regular Wednesday events - 6:30pm-youth, 6:30pm- Choir rehearsal, 7:30pm- Rugged Faith
- Nov 18 & 25 Regular Wednesday events -6 pm youth, 6 pm Choir rehearsal, 7 pm Rugged Faith

Help Us Keep Our Church a Safe Sanctuary!

Over the past eight months, I hope you have come to worship and felt a little bit safer knowing that our Safety Team is here to help protect and care for our church family. I know that some of the changes have brought inconveniences, and I sincerely appreciate everyone's patience and willingness to adapt as we continue working to make our church a Safe Sanctuary.

Our team is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment, just as churches throughout our area are working to do. However, **we need your help!**

Our team is small, and when someone is away due to illness or vacation, it can be difficult to cover all the areas where we feel our presence is needed. We have also been asked to provide coverage for special events, and unfortunately, we simply don't have enough volunteers to meet those needs.

So, I'm putting out a heartfelt request for just a few more people to join our Safety Team! **Even volunteering just one Sunday a month would make a tremendous difference.**

You might be wondering what's involved. Think of it as being a greeter, only with your eyes a little more wide open! It's a wonderful way to serve our church, welcome others, and help ensure that everyone who walks through our doors feels safe and cared for.

If you've been looking for a way to give your time to the church but haven't known where to start, or if you feel you don't have much extra time to give, this may be the perfect opportunity for you. Please consider joining us! If you have questions or would like to learn more, feel free to speak with anyone on the Safety Team. **Just look for the red lanyards!**

Together, we can continue to make our church a place where everyone feels welcome, safe, and cared for. Thank you for your continued support, patience, and willingness to serve our church family.

It takes a village, and we would love to have you be part of ours!

Safety Team Leader, Vicki Jones

New Safety Policies for the Preschool & Hybrid School

With the help of our dedicated school committee and knowledgeable safety personnel, new safety policies have been put into place for the FLC during school hours. These policies exist for the safety and security of both our students and staff, as well as anyone visiting the building during the school day.

When entering the building during preschool and/or hybrid school hours, you are considered a visitor of the school. All visitors are required to enter through the front doors, sign in with the school office, and receive a Beaver Ridge visitor badge. This visitor badge will void itself after 24 hours so a new badge must be picked up every day that you come into the building. School staff have been trained to alert the office of any adult in the building who is not wearing a visitor badge or any adult who is wearing a voided visitor badge. Signing in and wearing this badge will avoid unnecessary lockdowns for our students and gives us a record of everyone in the building. This record could be useful in the event of a fire or other emergency so that we can account for every person in the building.

All doors of the FLC are to remain closed and locked while students are present. If you need to deliver something to the kitchen and would like to use the side gym door to do so, please refrain from propping the door open. Upon checking in with the school office, you may notify staff that you would like to use the side door to bring items into the kitchen, and one of our staff members will gladly supervise the door while you are doing so.

This policy is in effect during the following school hours:

Monday & Thursday 8am to 1pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 8am to 2:30pm

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we implement this new policy to protect our students & staff.

Vicki Davenport, PDO Director

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! The Cantata will be on Sunday, December 20th.

Singers of every voice part and musicians of all kinds are welcome. Rehearsals have begun however all are welcome to audition.

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!

We're About Missions!

Fall woodcut trip to Project Crossroads was on October 10 this year, with nine people traveling up either on Friday or Saturday. We split and stacked most of the wood in the woodlot, including both kindling wood (for starting fires) and heavier logs. As one volunteer stated, "They (Project Crossroads) make it easy to be good." Many thanks to Randy Creswell for leading this effort.

The Food Pantry continues to provide food, household and personal items to families in need. We have over 30 volunteers to staff the Pantry on Mondays (1-2pm) and Wednesdays (6:30-7:30pm), and a host of other volunteers who help in keeping the shelves stocked and ready for business. This month, we are gleaned both sweet potatoes from Middlebrook UMC and apples from Concord UMC. It truly takes a village to keep the Pantry in operation....and I thank that particular village nearly every day.

In addition to the Pantry, we are planning on opening the Coat Closet in November. Many of our Clients are looking forward to being able to select coats, sweaters, hats, scarves, and gloves from the Closet with the onset of cooler weather. I am asking you to go through your closets and donate gently used items that you are willing to give. And please, make sure they are clean and check the pockets before donating! New items are also welcome....

November is just around the corner, and that means Thanksgiving boxes to benefit families identified by Karns Elementary. We are planning on a different approach this year. The school is still collecting the canned goods collection and we (BRUMC) are still planning on picking up the canned goods and sorting it into boxes to give to the families. And yes, we will still provide the 5 perishable items: milk, eggs, butter, bread and meat. What is different is that, rather than deliver the boxes ourselves, we will have the families come by the church to pick up the food for their families on the afternoon of November 21. There may be some families who do not have access to transport, so a few deliveries may still be needed, but the counselors at KES will let us know ahead of time. So, I will be looking for volunteers to help pick up the food, transport it to the Ed Building, sort into categories (e.g. soup, green beans, desserts, etc), and then load the food into boxes (once we know how many are needed). So...Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, Nov 20 and 21. Mark your calendars!

One other item on Food Pantry: Kudos to the Karns Senior Center, who has scheduled their annual Turkey Trot on November 20, and is asking for canned/boxed goods as the entry fee....all to be donated to our Food Pantry! THANK YOU KARNs SENIOR CENTER!!!!

Blessings to all, Leslie Little, Missions

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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