

# BEAVER CHURCH CHATTER

MARCH 2025

## Beaver United Church of Christ

1960 Dayton -Xenia Road  
Beavercreek, OH 45434-7159  
937-426-5602

Rev. Brian Eastman

Pastor's Phone:

(937) 469-1383; 24hrs7days

Pastor's E-mail:

[Pastorbrian@beaverucc.org](mailto:Pastorbrian@beaverucc.org)

Pastor's Office Hours:

Tuesday 1 PM-6 PM

Wednesday 10 AM-12 PM  
5 PM-7 PM

Thursday 10 AM-12 PM

Email Address:

[Church@beaverucc.org](mailto:Church@beaverucc.org)

\_Web Address:

[www.beaverucc.org](http://www.beaverucc.org)

Webmasters: Paul Simmons &  
Pastor Brian

Newsletter Contributors:

Pastor Brian Eastman

Alice Clausing

Newsletter Arranger/Distributor

Ruth Tobias



## THE PASTOR'S PEACE

My wife and I just got back from a trip to New Orleans. We were there for Mardi Gras, which is actually a season and not a day. Mardi Gras runs from Epiphany in January until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Most of us are probably more familiar with Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras day, the final day of the season, but there are festivities and parades during this entire time. We also might tend to think of Mardi Gras as something that involves a lot of drinking and partying, and yes, I'm sure there is much of that on Fat Tuesday, but for the rest of the season many of the parades are very family oriented and community centered events. Many of the "Krews", or groups in charge of the various parades, are also charity organizations that raise money for different causes in the community. So, far from the images of reckless abandon that are probably mostly tourists, the season actually represents celebration and support of the local communities involved.

One of the best parts of the larger parade we saw were all the kids that were involved. There were of course the kids that were on the side of the parade route hoping to get thrown beads and kids toys from the floats, but more impressively were all the kids involved in the parade. There were probably a dozen high schools and middle schools represented with everything from dance troops, to color guards, to marching bands etc. There were certainly some terrific horn players and drummers in those bands, and you could tell that these kids had been practicing quite a lot for this event. Not only were their performances great, but the truly wonderful thing were the smiles on their faces and the clear joy in the hearts as they got to perform. What a wonderful tradition this is every year, and it is clear to me that the actual meaning of Mardi Gras is not partying, but instead celebration of community.

It might seem a bit odd that one of my favorite things about this trip was seeing joy in others, but we all know that can be a wonderful thing in life. Ask a grandparent what one of their favorite things is, and they will probably tell you that they love seeing a smile on their grandchild's face. So often in our hyper consumer culture we see joy as something that is achieved by acquiring something or some experience for ourselves. We might find joy, from a gift we receive, or a nice meal, or a new car. Although those things can bring joy, maybe helping others and seeing happiness in others is better than any joy that can be bought in a store. We see in the ministry of Jesus his emphasis on helping others. Not only did he do this, but he instructed others to do the same. In these actions there are of course the blessings received by those cared for by Christ and the disciples, but the act of caring for others and seeing the difference it makes, can in itself be a joy and blessing. I hope all of us can experience this in our life, and in doing so experience a community of God, a community of joy, just like the joy I witnessed during the Mardi Gras parade.

Peace and Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

# Prayer List

## MEMBERS/FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Elizabeth Deitz  
Norma Jackson—Oak Creek Terrace  
Wayne  
Hudson  
Bob Reedy, Bethany Lutheran Village  
Roger & Susan Saddler—Traditions  
Polly—Trinity  
Jim  
Mary Owens

## HOSPICE CARE

Bill Tuttle  
Jan—Marty's friend  
Patty Adams  
Sandy—Linda R.'s friend  
Paul—Marty's friend  
Charlie  
Gary  
Jim Chrismer  
Norma—declining health  
Norm (& wife Ida)  
Millie Kelly  
Pam Rauls

## RECOVERY

Theresa, brain tumor  
Steve, heart surgery  
Charlotte, mastectomy  
Bill, throat surgery—home  
Cathy, spinal fusions  
Sharon, neck surgery  
Curtis and Bob, hip replacement  
Carolyn, facial surgery  
Tim, shoulder replacement

## STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

Annette, pancreatic  
Becca, colon  
Cameron, lung —last days (husband Craig)  
Sherry, pancreatic; good CAT scan  
Marilyn  
Chris Stacy, uterine  
Jack Griffin, brain tumor  
Brad, lung cancer  
Charles, colon  
Rochelle, cancer

## PRAYERS FOR

The family of Robert Neatherton, d. 1/31  
The family of Thomas "Tom" Kwest, d. 2/11



## PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC DISORDERS

Nancy, Parkinson's—Karen B.  
Rick, Parkinson's—BeBe  
Steve, ALS—Bob W.  
Sharon, ALS—Ann  
Austin Puckett, MD  
Dale, Hodgkin's lymphoma—Janice  
Lisa & Carol—long Covid  
John Kwest, leukemia

## Military:

Pray for our military and their family and friends.

Our many veterans  
Adam and Nevaeh, USAF, Okinawa  
Alex Deal, U.S. Navy  
Dan, son-in-law of Brett & Kendal Landrum  
Cody  
Todd & Jane  
Matt & Alisha

## Prayer List

Please review the Prayer List on page 3 and tell Ruth if there are names to remove.



# Prayer List



- † Amelia O'Dowd, Pastor Brian's wife
- † Angie, pneumonia—Jenny
- † Amy, stroke, kidney removal—Jenny
- † Barb, family tragedy—Shirley
- † Barb, brain cyst—Nelson
- † Becky, Lisa, Wendy, injuries—Pat
- † Beth, open heart surgery
- † Bill George, bladder cancer
- † Brad, chemo & radiation—Shirley
- † Brian, cancer, radiation—Jeannette
- † Brooklyn, accident, paralysis—Pat F.
- † Cabe , recurring cancer
- † Cathy, mass on spine—Hawkins
- † Cathy, broken ribs—Karen B.
- † Charmayne , nerves in back, surgery
- † Cheryl, breast cancer/liver
- † Cindy, shingles in her eye socket—Barb H.
- † Cody, medical issues—Marty
- † Dan, bone marrow/chemo—Pat's cousin
- † Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan
- † Dawn, back surgery—Pat
- † Deborah, lung cancer surgery
- † Denise Moore, cancer
- † Donna, lumpectomy—Karen
- † Dwayne, brain cancer—Alan
- † Evan, skin cancer—Marty
- † Gentry, BP—Amelia
- † Glenn, cancer—Shirley
- † Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria
- † Jim Abrams, declining health/last days—Marty
- † Jim, bladder cancer—Auer
- † Joan & Gary: memory/prostate
- † Joe, hospital, brain bleed—Alan
- † John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze
- † Josh, drugs—Nelsons
- † Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug
- † Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons
- † Karen, throat cancer—BeBe
- † Keith Hawkins, rotator cuff surgery
- † Ken, advanced cancer—Linda R.
- † Kyle, lungs—Auer
- † Linda, Andrea: ortho surgery—Pat
- † Liz, double mastectomy
- † Marcia, throat cancer—Sherry S.
- † Marian Clark, COVID: Curtis, hip replacement
- † Mary Ann, heart surgery—Rauls
- † Melanie, Marion's niece—hospital
- † Nathan, liver transplant
- † Norm, stroke—Marty
- † Odyssey, cancer return—Charlie

- Pastor Brian, sleep apnea, eye pressure, back
- † Pam Mitchell, stroke
- † Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley
- † Patsy, foot surgery
- † Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson
- † Penny, kidney transplant—Pat
- † Bob & Barb Penrod, general health
- † Phil Marshall, awaiting diagnosis
- † Polly—Nancy's sister
- † Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.
- † Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty
- † Randy—brain tumor
- † Rich Kilgore—Penrod
- † Richard Taylor, stroke—Sherry
- † Richard McDonald, stroke—Hawkins
- † Rob, aortic aneurism
- † Robin, stem cell
- † Rosemary, rotator cuff surgery
- † Sandy, hip surgery—Hawker
- † Sandy, dementia—Alice
- † Sandy, cancer surgery, mother of 7
- † Sharon, fall, broken bones—Linda R.
- † Shelly, breast cancer—Rice
- † Sheila, COVID—Penrod's daughter
- † Sherry, COVID—Mindy
- † Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer
- † Stephanie & Stephen—Penrod
- † Steve, back—Pat
- † Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian
- † Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley
- † Terry K.'s father, cancer
- † Terry, aorta surgery
- † Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins
- † Theresa, knee surgery—Karen B.
- † Tim Pinkerton, heart
- † Tina, lungs—Shirley
- † Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer
- † Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin
- † Wayne, chronic infection/pacemaker

The names on the prayer list will remain for two or three months or until the crisis has passed. Then they'll be removed to make room for others' needs. Please let Jeannette know if the person still needs prayer.

# *Church Service List*

<b>Communion March 2 Transfiguration</b>		
Scripture	Exodus 34:29-35 Luke 9:28-36	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Tom Rauls	
Altar Flowers	Ruth Tobias, in honor of Eric's birthday, March 12	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

<b>March 16</b>		
Scripture	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Luke 13:31-35	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Pat and Doug Goudy, in honor of Pat's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

<b>March 30</b>		
Scripture	Joshua 5:9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

<b>March 9</b>		
Scripture	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Luke 4:1-13	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	BeBe Buttner	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

<b>March 23</b>		
Scripture	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Nancy Pack for Robert's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

<b>\$\$Stewardship Record</b>		
Date	Offering	Attendance
February 2	\$2785	48+FB
February 9	\$2569	53+FB
February 16	SNOW	6+FB
February 23	\$2073	44+FB

2/16 Church online—heavy snow

# ***Church News and Events***

## **Keeping Confidentiality in Mind**

As many of you know, our Sunday services are broadcast every week on Facebook and YouTube. They are then posted, and available for people to view later as well. This has been a wonderful tool for those not able to make it to church in-person due to health or travel or other situations. However, every tool has its downsides as with these weekly broadcasts, anything we say during the service is essentially there for the world to see. Therefore, I think that it is important for us to keep confidentiality in mind as we speak during the service. For instance, if we are talking about a health issue for someone else, perhaps we might want to just give a first name, and keep certain other details out of our announcement. If we want to share our home address with the church, perhaps we should do it after service. These concerns came up at our most recent consistory meeting and I think they are very valid given the nature of things on the internet.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brian

## **Ash Wednesday Service: March 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

Join us from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, for our Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please come participate in this holy day, where we set the spiritual tone for the season to come. The service will take place both in-person and online.

## **Chicken and Noodle Dinner: March 8<sup>th</sup>**

We will be having our Spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>. The dinner will be open for most of the day from 11AM to 7PM. , and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$15. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it. There is also be a sign-up sheet underneath the clock at the back of the sanctuary to sign up for volunteering and bringing sodas and desserts. Please join us; it will be delicious as always.

## **Communion During Lent**

We will be having communion every Sunday during Lent as a way to help mark the significance of the season. We will therefore have communion on each Sunday from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through Easter on April 20<sup>th</sup>



## **March 30<sup>th</sup>: OGHS Offering**

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking up a special offering for “One Great Hour of Sharing”. This is one of the 4 special offerings we take up for our denomination each year. This offering will go to help those in need around the world, including programs in over 100 different countries.

# ***Church News and Events***

## **Beaver UCC Food Pantry**

Our food pantry has been operational now for a little over a year. Thank you to everyone who has contributed items to make it work. The pantry is filled once a week in addition to items that some of you put in directly versus putting on the shelves in fellowship hall. If you drive by and see that it is empty, it means it has helped someone who was in need of food.

Listed below are some suggestions for items that can be used for a meal either alone or with another item such as pasta and pasta sauce. When shopping you can also ask yourself what you might be looking for if you needed to come to our pantry.

Oatmeal  
Cereal (low sugar)  
Pancake mix (needs water only)  
Milk (canned or boxed)  
Peanut Butter  
Crackers  
Hearty soups such as Campbell's Chunky  
Corned beef hash  
Canned Chili  
Dinty Moore Stew or similar  
Pasta Sauce  
Pasta  
Ramen noodles  
Canned meats: tuna, chicken, salmon, ham, roast beef

Sometimes you can find some of these items on sale in the major grocery stores but in general Aldi's, Dollar Tree and Dollar General are good places to shop.

## **Book Study: Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study**

We will be starting a new book study on Wednesday nights at 6:30PM from March 19<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>. The book we are reading is *Meeting Jesus at the Table: A Lenten Study* by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. This will be a hybrid book study: we will meet in person in the fellowship hall each Wednesday, and it will also be available online each Wednesday via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out each Wednesday via the all-church email list. Pastor Brian has several copies of the book if you would like one.

A bit about the book: "The Gospels are full of stories of Jesus sharing meals with disciples, friends, even tax collectors and Pharisees. Whether multiplying bread to feed a whole crowd, relaxing with his inner circle, or telling curious elites stories about even greater banquets, Jesus imparts wisdom as he shares the wine and grants forgiveness as he distributes the fish. This eight-chapter resource provides biblical insights along with thought-provoking queries regarding our own time, such as whom should we invite to Sunday dinner and who is left out and left behind in our culture today."

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Chapters 1-2  
March 26<sup>th</sup> – Chapters 3-4  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Chapters 5-6  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – Chapters 7-8



**Beaver  
United  
Church of  
Christ**  
1960 Dayton–  
Xenia Rd.  
Beavercreek, OH  
45434  
937-426-5602  
Pastor Brian  
Eastman  
937-469-1383


**CHILD CARE** is  
available during  
worship services for  
ages infant to  
kindergarten.

Beaver Church is  
wheelchair  
accessible with  
elevators. We also  
have sound devices  
for those with  
hearing impairments.  
Please ask any time.



# March 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Note: Communion will be celebrated at all worship services during March.</i>						
2 9:15 Bell Choir <b>10:30 Worship</b> 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir AA 7 pm	3	4	5 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 1 pm Lunch Club at Marion's Pizza A.A. 8:30 pm	7	8 11 am Chicken & Noodle Fundraiser <i>Don't forget to set your clocks</i>
9 9:15 Bell Choir <b>10:30 Worship</b> 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir AA 7 pm	10 <i>Time to watch for tree buds and early blooms!</i>	11 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 9:15 Bell Choir <b>10:30 Worship</b> 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir AA 7 pm	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 6:30 pm Planning Committee Mtg on Zoom	19 6:30 pm Book Study at church	20 A.A. 8:30 pm	21	22
23 9:15 Bell Choir <b>10:30 Worship</b> 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir AA 7	24	25	26	27	28	29 
30 9:15 Bell Choir <b>10:30 Worship</b> OGHS Offering 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir AA 7 pm	31					