

# BEAVER CHURCH CHATTER

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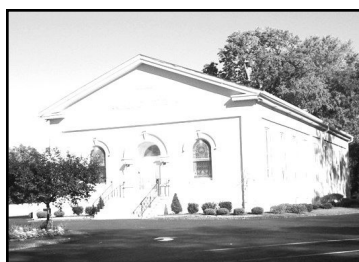
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## THE PASTOR'S PEACE

I have to admit that I have had a bit of writer's block for this Pastor's Peace. Tomorrow will be Thanksgiving and although I have many blessings in my life to be thankful for, all I can think about at the moment is all of the people who are struggling right now. Having had one church member pass away last weekend, and having another member in the ICU, I guess to be honest I am struggling a bit myself. I want to speak about the blessings of God and give thanks for that, but there is also so much hurt and pain. Last night as I was still struggling with what to write about, I watched my dog as my wife made dinner. My dog was eating lettuce, yes, lettuce, it is her favorite treat in the world, and she gets so excited every time we prepare a meal that involves it. As I was sitting and thinking and watching, I did take some joy from the experience of seeing my little dog enjoy her lettuce so very much. Despite the worries in my mind, perhaps the Holy Spirit was giving me something happy to think about as well.

I am fond of the scripture in which Jesus is speaking with Nicodemus in the Gospel of John. This conversation has many well-known passages, including John 3:16, but one that I am really fond of is John 3:8. Here Jesus speaks of the Holy Spirit as a wind that comes and goes, never seen but always present. Such a description makes me think of God in the form of the Spirit being present in all areas and aspects of our lives. The Spirit is there when I watch my dog being cute, it is there in our worship on Sunday mornings, it is there in times of celebration, and even there in our times of grief and worry, such as the funeral home or the ICU. Perhaps when we feel like God is absent from our lives it is just that we aren't really looking. As we move into Advent and Christmas, it should not be surprising that I am focused on trying to have faith in the midst of difficulties. That, after all, is what the Advent season is about.

We start Advent more often than not with the Sunday after Thanksgiving and it ends on Christmas day. These are usually happy occasions for many of us, and get lumped together with New Year's as the "Holidays," which are supposed to be happy. Hence, we tell each other "Happy Holidays." The season of Advent, however, is not about the holidays, but it is about being in darkness and waiting for a light, a change to the world and our existence. From the very beginning of Christianity, it was acknowledged that during this time of the year we admit that the world is sometimes so hard that we seek relief, we seek salvation. God is present with us in this process, and even though it is hard, we have faith that in the end, no matter what, we will be saved through Christ. This is the gift of Grace, the gift of Christ. In the meantime, I will continue to struggle and worry, and I will also watch my cute dog, and in the back of my mind I will likely be humming "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." May we all provide each other God's love, compassion, and comfort as we wait together for the birth of the Christ Child.

Peace & Blessings & Merry Christmas—Pastor Brian

# Prayer List

## MEMBERS/FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Norma Jackson—Oak Creek Terrace  
Wayne  
Hudson  
Susan Saddler—Ashford  
Polly—Trinity  
Mary Owens  
Laverne  
Bonnie Phillips, Legacy



## PRAYERS FOR

The family of Charles W. Moatz, d. 10/29, age 102.  
The family of James L. Meyers, d. 11/2, age 81.  
The family of Kenneth Dale Mitch, d. 11/14, age 73.  
The family of Sherry Stevens, d. November in Oklahoma



**Poinsettia**  
ORDERS

## MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Our sanctuary will be made beautiful this Christmas season with the addition of poinsettia plants that you provide each year. These plants will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas Eve Service. At the conclusion of that service, take your plant with you to beautify your home.

The cost is \$15.00 each

Please include the appropriate amount sent in with your order, or placed in the offering envelope by

December 7, 2025

RED \_\_\_ WHITE \_\_\_ MARBLE \_\_\_ PINK \_\_\_

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## HOSPICE CARE

Jan—Marty's friend  
Patty Adams  
Sandy—Linda R.'s friend  
Paul—Marty's friend  
Charlie & Gary  
Jim Chrismer  
Norm (& wife Ida)  
Jim Abrams  
Jean, Julie's mother  
Anna, Jackie & Cathy  
Jack G.—Alice  
Jerry—Bill's friend

## RECOVERY

Ralph B., lung transplant  
Barb H. & Barb P.  
Donna R., heart valve  
Ken M., amputations  
Alan, broken bones  
Ann, hip replacement  
Cody, car accident

## STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

Becca, colon  
Chris S., uterine  
Jack G., brain tumor  
Charles, colon  
Rochelle and Marilyn  
Aunt Dot, stage 3 melanoma  
Bob D., lung and bone  
Tony, stomach  
Jim, stage 4 colon  
Scott, stage 4 colon  
Debby





# Prayer List



† Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer  
† Barb, brain cyst—Nelson  
† Barb H., infection  
† Beth, open heart surgery  
† Beth, mental, cancer—Tom  
† Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley  
† Brooklyn, accident, paralysis—Pat F.  
† Cabe, recurring cancer  
† Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.  
† Carolyn C., cancer  
† Cathy, Covid—Hawkins  
† Cathy M., neck pain  
† Cheryl, breast cancer/liver  
† Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley  
† Chris, kidney surgery—Karen  
† Chuck, diabetic complications  
† Clara and Kathleen—Janice  
† Dan, bone marrow/chemo—Pat's cousin  
† Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan  
† Denise Moore, cancer  
† Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice  
† Dwayne, brain cancer—Alan  
† Elizabeth—Barb H.  
† Evan, skin cancer—Marty  
† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom  
† Henry, rotator cuff  
† Jackson & Jim, health—Shirley  
† Ida, Marty's sister  
† Jack (brain tumor) and Jane—Alice  
† Jack, shoulder surgery—Pat  
† Jean H., stroke, hospital—serious  
† Jenny, hospital—Barb H.  
† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria  
† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer  
† Jim, tumors—Jeri  
† Joan & Gary: memory/prostate  
† John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze  
† John W., cancer/chemo—Bob W.  
† Josh, heart—Nelsons  
† Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug  
† Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons  
† Karen B., kidney  
† Kate, Lisa's mom—Tom  
† Ken, advanced cancer—Linda R.  
† Marcia, throat cancer—Sherry S.  
† Mary Ann, heart surgery—Rauls  
† Nathan, liver transplant  
† Neeva, AFIB—Pat F.

† Pam M., stroke  
† Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley  
† Patsy, foot surgery  
† Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson  
† Penny, kidney transplant—Pat  
† Pete B., chron. bronchitis—Alice  
† Phyllis, lumpectomy  
† Polly, heart attack, better—Marian  
† Bob & Barb P., general health  
† Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.  
† Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty  
† Randy—brain tumor  
† Rich K.—Penrod  
† Rich, cardiac—Sheila K.  
† Richard T., stroke—Sherry  
† Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins  
† Rob, aortic aneurism  
† Robin, stem cell  
† Rose, health—Alan  
† Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker  
† Sandy, dementia—Alice  
† Sarah, Brian's friend  
† Sarah T., stress—BeBe  
† Seth, cancer—Anna  
† Sherry, COVID—Mindy  
† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.  
† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer  
† Steve, back—Pat  
† Steve, cancer—Alice  
† Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian  
† Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley  
† Terry, aorta surgery  
† Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins  
† Tim P., heart—Pat  
† Tina, lungs—Shirley  
† Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer  
† Vicky, hospital—Pat  
† Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin  
† Wayne, surgery—Patti  
† Zachary, tumor of the jawbone—Barb

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***

Communion December 7		
Scripture	Isaiah 11:1-10 Matthew 3:1-12	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Ashley Severtson—Birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

December 14		
Scripture	No Scripture readings	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Not needed	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

December 21		
Scripture	No Scripture readings	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Not needed	
Altar Flowers	Nancy Pack, in celebration of 3 years a member of Beaver Church	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

December 28		
Scripture	Psalm 148 Matthew 22:13-23	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

Communion January 4		
Scripture	TBD	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
November 2	\$2440	63+FB
November 9	\$2455	56+FB
November 16	\$965	62+FB
November 23	\$940	53+FB
November 30	\$2624	65+FB
Cookie Walk	\$2513.00	

**NIN \$298 and Wash. UCC \$898**

# ***Church News and Events***

## **Hanging of the Greens December 7th**

We will meet after church on **December 7th** to decorate the church for Christmas. This will, of course, involve putting the tree up, and any other decorations that we have, or people bring. Please stay to help after our lunch; many hands make quick work.



## **Christmas Hors d'oeuvres Carry-In**

On Sunday **December 14th** we are going to have a second carry-in for the month of December. Instead of the normal dishes we are asking that everyone bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres, little appetizers, to share with everyone. We will put them out and share all the appetizers and enjoy each other's company as we celebrate the Cantata performance and the Christmas season.

## **Christmas Season Services**

Sunday **December 14th**: Choir & Bell Cantata, 10:30am. Our Choir & Bell Choir will perform a Cantata during our 10:30 Sunday service. We will have a Christmas party carry-in after the service.

Wednesday **December 17th**: Service of Remembrance, 7:00pm. This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. The service will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00pm.

Sunday **December 21st**: Impromptu Christmas Pageant, 10:30am. During our Sunday morning service on December 21st, we will be having our impromptu Christmas pageant. We will have some hymns and other aspects of the usual Sunday service; however, the children will remain downstairs and the majority of the service will be the pageant. We will hand out parts to people, and there will be costumes available for anyone that wants them. It should be a bunch of fun and will help get everyone into the spirit of Christmas.

Wednesday **December 24th**: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm. Please join us for our traditional Christmas Eve service at 7:00pm. Pastor Brian will offer a Christmas message, and we will sing your favorite traditional Christmas hymns. We will end with Silent Night by candlelight.

Sunday **December 28th**: Question Sunday, 10:30am. Our Sunday service on the 28th will be a "Question Sunday." Pastor Brian will answer questions instead of a sermon.

## **Cookie Walk Results:**



Thank you everyone who helped with this year's cookie walk. From baking all of those cookies, to helping on the day of the event, it would not take place without all of the volunteers putting in the work. This year we sold bake sale goods and 157 boxes of cookies, which brought in \$2,513.00 for the church's ministries. Thank you again to everyone who helped with this event.

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## ***Shirley & Alan Nelson's Ornament Party, December 14th, 5:00pm***

Just a reminder that the annual Christmas Ornament Exchange party is December 14th. It begins at 5:00pm and is generally over by 8:00pm or so. Bring a wrapped "secret" ornament (\$15 or less) and let the fun begin! If you're up to it, bring a dessert or snack to share. We will have food on hand. Our address is 4207 Country Glen Circle, Beavercreek, OH 45432.

## **Toys for Tots**

This year we will again be collecting new toys for Toys for Tots. We will be collecting the items through **Sunday December 7th** and you can place these items in the marked bin by the card table in the front of the sanctuary. Toys for Tots is a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that collects and distributes new toys, books, and other gifts to underprivileged children at Christmas.

## **Christmas Coat and Scarf Drive**

This year we will again be collecting new coats, scarves, hats, and gloves for women and children to give to St. Vincent DePaul in Dayton to provide to people being provided care at their Gateway shelter for women and families. We will be collecting the items through **Sunday December 14th** and you can place these items in the marked bin by the card table in the front of the sanctuary. St. Vincent DePaul's Gateway shelter for women and families provides care for over 200 women and children at a time.

## **Christmas Fund Offering**

The last of our four denominational offerings is called the Christmas Fund, and we will be taking up that offering during service on December 21st. This is a fund that helps retired clergy and other church employees who are in need, and like all the causes we give to, it is a worthy one.

## **Volunteer of the Year Award 2025**

Thank you to everyone who volunteers at Beaver Church. Our church would not exist without the help of so many people. The voting concluded for volunteer of the year on November 23rd. There were votes for 10 different church members, and there was a tie for first place. Tying for first place is Gretchen Weiler and a pair of people that were voted for as a couple, Ed & Jenny Rauch. Congratulations Gretchen, Jenny, and Ed, and thank you for all of your work over so many years. Again, thank you all for all the work that everyone has done this year and every year.

