
BEAVER CHURCH CHATTER

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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

I wrote "2026" for the first time yesterday, and it is sort of hard to believe. It seems like I was just getting used to writing 2025 and now I have to get used to a whole new year already. This past year seems to have just flown by, and although there have been many joys, there have been a great number of hard things as well, although I guess this is true of every year. It is also hard to believe some things that will be marked by 2026 for me personally. I will be having my very last birthday of my 40s, although with my back issues and artificial hips, perhaps that doesn't seem too difficult to believe. It will also be the 20th anniversary of my marriage to my wife Amelia, and yet it seems like just yesterday that I asked her out on our first date. For the church, it will mark my 18th year as pastor, which is hard for me to wrap my mind around. I tell everyone that people in the church still seem to me to be the age they first were when I came to the church. So, take your age and subtract 18, and that is the age I still see you as. Well, not if you are 20, I guess; I don't still see you as a 2-year-old. "Time and tide wait for no man," as Chaucer said in the Canterbury Tales, and it is just as true now as it was in the 14th century.

The onward march of time was very true in Christ's time as well. Even though Christ had existed from the beginning of time and would exist until the end of time, his disciples were sometimes a bit impatient and wanted things to be a bit different. We see in the Gospels situation after situation where they want more time with Jesus, or they want something that has not happened yet, or they are worried that there won't be enough time for something, or that the world is not going as they want it to in general. Anyone else feel like that today? I'm going to go out on a limb and say that these feelings are fairly universal. Now if you are someone who has reached full contentment in life and you never worry about anything, give me a call; I'd love to know your secret.

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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 Marjene “Jean” Howell, d. 12/1
The family of Patty Kennedy, Bertine’s cousin
The family of Melissa Constantine, d. 12/15
The family of Mrs. John Chandler
The family of Robert DeDiemar, d. December

HOSPICE CARE

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC DISORDERS

Steve, ALS—Bob W.
Sharon, ALS—Ann
Austin P., MD
Dale, Hodgkin’s lymphoma—Janice
Lisa & Carol—long Covid
John K., leukemia
Evan (age 9), heart—Shirley
Pastor Brian & Amelia
Andy, Type 1 diabetes—Janice
Wayne, chronic infection/pacemaker
Hope, cerebral palsy
Alan, ongoing health condition
Cheryl M., Parkinson’s/diabetes
Rob S., Parkinson’s
Nancy, Parkinson’s—Karen B.
Brooklyn, paralysis—Pat F.

RECOVERY

Barb H. & Barb P.
Donna R., leg
Ann, hip replacement
Susan S., broken leg
Cody, car accident
Pat G. back surgery

STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

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



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PRAY for our families and friends, our leaders, our military, our first responders, our teachers, our farmers and workers, our manufacturers and laborers, our health workers, our service workers. And, above all, the homeless, helpless and weak.

PRAY for our nation and the world.

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

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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
† Bob S., vision problems
† Dr. Bonnie Johnson, cancer, hospital
† 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
† Chuck, diabetic complications
† Clara and Kathleen—Janice
† Dan, bone marrow/chemo—Pat's cousin
† Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan
† Denise M., cancer
† Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice
† Dwayne, brain cancer—Alan
† Eugene M., serious fall, broken bones—Jeannette
† Evan and Ida—Marty
† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom
† Henry, rotator cuff
† Ian, eating complications after transplant—Pat
† Jack (brain tumor) and Jane—Alice
† Jack, shoulder surgery—Pat
† Jenny, hospital—Barb H.
† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria
† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer
† Jim, tumors—Jeri
† Joe, cancer—Pat F.
† 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
† Keith H., health concerns
† Ken, advanced cancer—Linda R.
† Marcia, throat cancer—Sherry S.
† Margaret, fall—BeBe
† Mary Ann, heart surgery—Rauls
† Megan, stroke/heart—Marty
† 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
† Penrod, B. & B., 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
† Shelby R., throat problem
† Sherry, COVID—Mindy
† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.
† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer
† Steve, back—Pat
† Steve, cancer—Alice
† Stuart W., heart blockages
† 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 January 4		
Scripture	Jeremiah 31:7-14 John 1:10-18	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Severtsons—Mindy's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

January 11— Baptism of Christ		
Scripture	Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

January 18		
Scripture	Isaiah 49:1-7 1 Corinthians 1:1-9	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

January 25		
Scripture	Isaiah 9:1-4 Matthew 4:12-23	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

Communion February 1		
Scripture	Micah 6:1-8 Matthew 5:1-12	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
December 7	\$5077	59+FB
December 14	Service	Cancelled.
December 21	\$3951	73+FB
December 28	\$2591	44+FB

Christmas Fund \$115

Church News and Events

BELL CANTATA

On **Sunday January 4th**, we will have the bells portion of the Cantata during the service. The congregation will also get the opportunity to sing a few extra Christmas carols. Remember, it will still be Christmas, as the last day Christmas is January 5th. After the service we will have our First Sunday carry-in.



BEAVER CHURCH FOOD PANTRY



Food
Collection



Our outdoor food pantry is very well utilized by the community. Donations have dropped off a bit, and so we are asking people to again think of helping. We need to keep it stocked with new non-perishable food, so that we can fill it at least one time each week. If you could, please think of buying some food items and placing them on the shelves by the elevator in the Fellowship Hall. If you would prefer to place them directly in the food pantry box outside, you can do that as well. Thank you for your generosity to this program.

2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2026 annual congregation meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25th**, after worship and our meal. It will also be held via Zoom, and a link will be sent out that morning. We will reminisce about activities that occurred in 2025, vote on the budget for 2026, and vote on the slate of incoming consistory members. Your presence is needed, and your opinions matter.

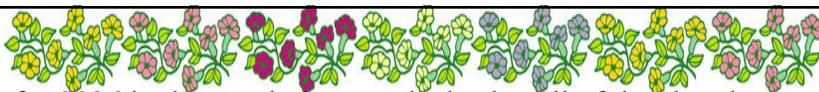
Taking Down the Greens: January 4th

After our carry-in on the 4th, we are asking people to stay and to please help put away the Christmas decorations. Many hands make quick work.



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New 2026 Flower Chart:



There is a new flower chart for 2026 in the usual place on the back wall of the church near the sound system and offering envelopes. If you want to sponsor a Sunday for flowers, please write down your name on that week and anything that you want to be said about a reason for sponsoring that Sunday, such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc. The cost to sponsor flowers is \$25 and this can be given in the offering plate or online with a note that it is for flower sponsorship. Thank you to everyone who makes our weekly flowers possible.

Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes are here for 2026. They are in their usual location at the rear of the church by the flower chart. If you cannot come to pick up your envelopes, but want them, you can contact Pastor Brian at 937-469-1383 and he can arrange to get them to you

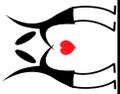


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Perhaps none of us will achieve complete peace, in this life at least. However, I would suggest that part of the secret to finding peace in life is to trust in Christ. It is also to take stock on a regular basis about what is truly important in life, what is really going to matter to you as you look back at the decades of the past, versus things you will never remember. For instance, I'm sure that in 2006 I was mad at someone on the highways of Boston (it kind of goes with the territory) but darned if I can remember a single instance of it. My wedding, though, I will never forget that. If something is not actually that important, how much of ourselves and our energy should we put towards it? What do we think Christ is calling us to focus on in our life? I'm going to tell you it is probably not the length of the Dunkin drive-thru line. In 2026 (there I go writing it again) I pray for a good year for everyone, but I also pray that we truly look for the good in 2026, and we understand that as children of God, our time and attention are precious, and thus should not be taken up by nonproductive things. May 2026 be full of the worthwhile, and may you hold those things close to your heart.

Peace and Blessings, Pastor Brian

Beaver UCC:
To love and to serve.



January

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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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursda	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Day <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	2	3 10 am Bell Choir Rehearsal
4 9 am Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Carry-in Noon Un-decorate	5 Epiphany	6	7	8 12:30 pm Lunch Club @ Marion's Pizza	9	10
11 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 11:45 Consistory Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch AA 8 pm	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20	21 6:30 pm Planning Committee on Zoom	22	23 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	24 <i>Share a smile with a stranger today.</i>
25 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Annual Meeting AA 8 pm	26 <i>Help someone in need today.</i>	27	28 6:30 pm Consistory	29 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	30	31