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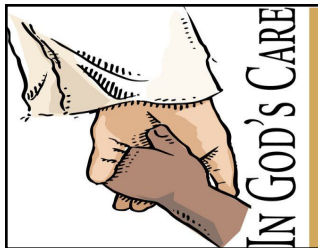
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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

I don't know about you, but until recently my life has been pretty busy, going from here to there and appointment to appointment. I was handling things for the church, my own life, like doctor's appointments and errands, my wife's business, and doing things for other family members, too. Then there are the things we keep ourselves busy with like checking the news or social media. At the end of the day, sometimes we wonder where all the time has gone, and think about everything the next day will bring. We probably even have a list of things that are very important and yet we haven't even gotten to yet. So much to do, and so little time. Day after day we continue on, until things just stop. By stop, I mean the blizzard of 26 as it will come to be known.

Over 16 inches of snow fell on the Dayton area in two days and we are still digging ourselves out as I write this. Some school systems will probably be closed for the entire week, and who knows how long the snow will stick around, being that weather forecasts have no end in sight for below freezing temperatures. I don't know about you, but I have not been able to keep my regular routine going during all of this. It is interesting how we think that there is so much that "has to be done" and yet when time stops, perhaps it was only we that assigned such importance to these tasks. Even though we have 24/7 news and social media in our current times, the idea of being addicted to the hurry of life is nothing new. In Mark 6:31 we see that the disciples were so busy that they didn't even have time to eat. Despite all of the things needing to be done while in service to the Messiah, Jesus, none the less, tells the disciples to withdraw and rest. Jesus himself takes time on many occasions as we see in scripture to withdraw to a quiet place and pray. In fact, resting every now and then is so important to God, that God made a day specifically for that once a week, the Sabbath. A day when no work at all is to be done—imagine that. So often we see our value in the things that we do and the things we accomplish, rather than seeing the value of simply being. All of us are children of God and therefore precious and worthy simply for that reason alone. Yes, there are things that we need to do now and again, but I feel that sometimes we can lose sight of the importance of caring for ourselves and simply being. If Christ demanded that the disciples take a break every once in awhile, I think we can do the same and not feel too bad about it. Sometimes it takes something like a blizzard to remind us that doing nothing is ok, but hopefully we can realize that on our own as well, and take the time we need to care for ourselves as God intended.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Brian



Prayer List

MEMBERS/FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING

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



PRAYERS FOR

The family of Rev. Dr. J. Stuart Wells, age 93,
 d. 1/16

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
 Joe, Bob, Luca, Scott—Alan's friends

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.
 Sandy, dementia—Alice
 Polly—Marian

RECOVERY

Barb H. & Barb P.
 Donna R., leg
 Ann, hip replacement
 Susan S., broken leg/rehab
 Cody, car accident
 Pat G. back surgery/home
 Carolyn, cancer
 Bill B., stroke

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



<p>Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F. † 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. † Cathy M., neck pain † Cheryl, breast cancer/liver † Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley † Chuck, diabetic complications † Cindy, Lynn, Kenny, Janet—Barb H. † Dan, bone marrow/chemo—Pat's cousin † Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan † Denise M., cancer † Dixie, heart cath., stent—Pat F. † 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 † Ian, eating complications after transplant—Pat † Jack (brain tumor) and Jane—Alice † Jack, shoulder surgery—Pat † Jeff, heart—Tom R. † Jenny, hospital—Barb H. † Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria † Jim, bladder cancer—Auer † Jim, tumors—Jeri † Joe, cancer—Pat F. † Joe, stroke—Alan † Joan, heart attack, accident, life support † John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze † John M., gall bladder—Jeannette † John W., cancer/chemo—Bob W. † Josh, heart—Nelsons † Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug † Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons † Kate, Lisa's mom—Tom † Ken, advanced cancer—Linda R. † Marcia, throat cancer—Sherry S. † Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R. † Megan, stroke/heart—Marty † Nathan, liver transplant † Neeva, AFIB/brother, heart—Pat F.</p>	<p>† Pam M., stroke † Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley † Patsy, foot surgery † Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson † Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley † 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 † Rose, health—Alan † Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker † 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 † 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</p>
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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 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

February 8		
Scripture	Isaiah 58:1-12 Matthew 5: 13-20	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Happy Birthday to Polly from sister Nancy	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

February 15		
Scripture	Psalm 119:1-8 Matthew 5:21-37	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

February 22		
Scripture	Psalm 32 Matthew 4:1-11	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Ashley Severtson	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

March 1		
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-4 John 3:1-17	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Marty Smith, for Megan's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
January 4	\$2944	64+FB
January 11	\$1532	56+FB
January 18	\$1455	42+FB
January 25	Service on	Facebook
	and Zoom	19 on FB
Pastor Brian's	Fireside	Chat

Significant snow and cold on 1/25.

Church News and Events

2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2026 annual congregation meeting was postponed and will be held on Sunday, February 1st, 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.

Gospel of Mark Bible Study, 2/17 – 5/5

Starting on Tuesday February 17th we will begin a **12-week Bible study** on the Gospel according to Mark. We will be using a companion study guide that is “Gospel of Mark: A Commentary” by Francis J. Moloney SDB. Copies of the book are available on Amazon if you have not gotten one already. The Gospel of Mark is the first gospel written chronologically and much of its contents are included in all of the other gospels. This will be the start of a gospel Bible study series in which we will be going through each of the four gospels over the next 16 months. We will be studying the gospels in the following order. Mark, Matthew, John, and Luke. Each study will be 8 to 12 weeks in length. Below is the reading schedule for our Mark study. In it “SG” stands for Study Guide.

2/17: SG Ch1

2/24: SG Ch2; Mark 1:1-13

3/3: SG Ch3; Mark 1:14-3:6

3/10: SG Ch4; Mark 3:7-6:6

3/17: SG Ch5 pt1 pg.115-143; Mark 6:6-7:23

3/24: SG Ch5 pt2 pg.144-170; Mark 7:24-8:30

3/31: SG Ch6; Mark 8:31-10:52

4/7: SG Ch7 pt1 pg.215-247; Mark 11:1-12:34

4/14: SG Ch7 pt2 pg.248-274; Mark 13:1-13:37

4/21: SG Ch8 pt1 pg.275-308; Mark 14:1-14:72

4/28: SG Ch8 pt2 pg.309-338; Mark 15:1-15:47

5/5: SG Ch9 & Ch10; Mark 16:1-8



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Ash Wednesday Service: February 18th 7:00pm

Join us from 7:00 – 7:30 PM on **Wednesday, February 18th**, 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.

Pastor Brian Away

Pastor Brian will be away from the office and taking some time off for vacation from **February 2nd through February 10th**. If you need to speak with a pastor while he is gone, you may contact Rev. Charlie Williams at (937) 830-6034 or our head Deacon, Rev. Martha (Marty) Smith at (216) 233-0637.

Chicken and Noodle Dinner: March 7th

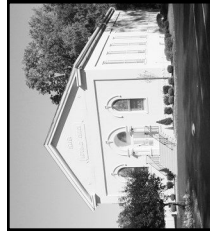
We will be having our Spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 7th. The dinner will be open for most of the day from **11AM to 7PM**, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, and a drink for \$20. We will be doing advertising and please tell folks you know about it. There is also 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.

Valentine's Pizza & Game Night: 2/13

Nothing says Valentine's like pizza and games. We will again be having a church pizza and game night in the fellowship hall on **Friday February 13th**. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm, and pizza will be delivered. We are asking that people who come bring a favorite game with them, and we will gather in groups to enjoy the evening together. We will also have a station where you can make your own valentines to give to your sweetheart or perhaps someone in the church. Please come and join us for this fun event. Also, please let Pastor Brian know if you think you might attend so we have an idea of how much pizza to order.


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 February 22nd through Easter on April 5th.



February



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Beaver United Church of Christ 1960 Dayton--Xenia Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45434 426-5602 Pastor Brian Eastman 469-1383	1 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Carry-in 12:15 Choir 12:45 Annual Mtg.	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 12:30 pm Lunch Club at Marion's Pizza 12 Lincoln's Birthday A.A. 8:30 pm	6	7 Pray that God will bless 14 Valentines Day 
	8 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	9	10	11	18 7 pm Ash Wednesday Svc. *No * Planning	19	20
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.	15 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	16 Presidents Day	17	25	26	27	28
	22 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	23	24	6:30 pm Book Study 6:30 pm Book Study	6:30 pm Consistory Mtg.	A.A. 8:30 pm	