

# BEAVER CHURCH CHATTER

MARCH 2026

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## THE PASTOR'S PEACE

As many of you know, my step-father Bill suffered a stroke recently. Thankfully, it was not as bad as it could have been, but there are some lasting issues that he is dealing with. He is having speech issues in terms of saying the right words, he is having some general confusion issues, and for now he is not able to drive. I have known a number of people like Bill that have suddenly been hit with a debilitating issue. This is such a difficult card to be dealt. One minute you are going about life mostly ok, and the next you are completely lost, sometimes figuratively, and sometimes literally. Dealing with this is a great stress, and someone starts to wonder how they will continue to navigate life. Of course, it is not just strokes or medical issues that can cause this. Sudden loss of a life, or a job, or some other traumatic life experience can often make us feel lost in general.

This is true not only today, but it was true in the time of Christ as well. Many of the common people struggled mightily with the difficulties of life. Poverty was rampant, as were periods of starvation during times of drought or blight. There was also the might of Rome that had occupied the lands of those who Christ ministered to. Rome did provide some things, but they did not tolerate dissidence, and required taxes to be paid without fail. To say that life was difficult for the common person back then in comparison to the modern age of the United States, for instance, is an understatement. These were also the people that Jesus was preaching to. Yes, he did talk with and minister to some in the trade and merchant classes, and the upper classes as well, but the majority of the people were just above poverty or deeply in poverty. These were people who often struggled to navigate life, and some had just given up hope.

We sometimes wonder why we refer to the story of Jesus as the Gospel, or "Good News". Yes, it is certainly good news in terms of the salvation and everlasting life that we receive through Christ, but it is more than just that. Imagine truly feeling like you are in complete darkness, lost, afraid, and hopeless, and then suddenly a great light appears, and a voice says, "Come to me and be saved." This is what it was like for the people who interacted with Christ. Not only was he saving them in terms of the world after this one, but he was saving them in this world, too. He was healing people, feeding people, and even raising people from the dead. I know that such miracles are perhaps less plainly seen in today's day and age, but never forget that Christ is still with us. If you find yourself lost and in need, pray to Christ and focus on him. Try to hear or feel what Christ is leading you to. I won't promise an instant miracle, but I will promise that a constant and focused relationship with Christ will always lead us to better places.

Peace and blessings,  
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



## HOSPICE CARE

Jan—Marty's friend  
Patty Adams  
Sandy—Linda R's friend  
Charlie & Gary  
Jim Chrisme  
Jim Abrams  
Jean, Julie's mother  
Anna, Jackie & Cathy  
Jack G.—Alice  
Jerry M.—Bill's friend  
Joe, Bob—Alan's friends  
John—son of Carol Hildebrecht

## 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  
Gene M., brain bleed

## 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



## PRAYERS FOR

The family of Scott Raymond Moore, age 61,  
d. 1/25.  
The family of Christian Michael Kidwell, age 23,  
d. 2/12.  
The family of Megan Virginia (Miller) Stuart,  
age 45, d. 2/16, daughter of Tom Miller.  
The family of Seth Allen Potts, age 24,  
d. 22/16, friend of Anna Landing.

## EASTER LILY RESERVATIONS

Lilies have for centuries been a symbol of the resurrection for the Christian Church. We wish to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Day. You can help by ordering a plant which you may take home at the conclusion of the Easter Sunday Worship.  
The cost will be \$15.00 per plant.

*Please include your order with the appropriate amount by Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

Submit this form & payment at church or mail to:  
Beaver UCC, 1960 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beaver-creek OH 45434-7159.

I/WE wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ plant(s)

IN HONOR

OF \_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY

OF \_\_\_\_\_

DONATED

BY \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be printed exactly as you have submitted.



# Prayer List



Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer  
Angie P., diabetes, eye hemorrhage  
Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.  
† Barb, brain cyst—Nelson  
† Beth, open heart surgery  
† Beth, mental, cancer—Tom  
† Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley  
† Billie Jo, needs nursing home—Barb P.  
† Dr. Bonnie Johnson, cancer, hospital  
† Cabe, recurring cancer  
† Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.  
† Cathy M., neck pain, etc.  
† 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 & Joe, cancer & stroke—Alan  
† Elaine, back surgery—Pastor Brian  
† Eugene M., serious fall, broken bones—Jeannette  
† Evan and Ida—Marty  
† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom  
† Ian, eating complications after transplant—Pat  
† Jeff, heart—Tom R.  
† Jeff's wife, stroke—Karen B.  
† Jenny, hospital—Barb H.  
† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria  
† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer  
† Jim, tumors—Jeri  
† Joe, cancer—Pat F.  
† Joan, heart attack, accident, life support  
† John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze  
† John M., gall bladder surgery—Jeannette  
† 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.

† Pam M., stroke  
† Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley  
† Patsy, foot surgery  
† Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson  
† Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley  
† Penny, kidney transplant—Pat  
† 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  
† Shelby R., throat problem  
† Sherry, COVID—Mindy  
† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.  
† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer  
† Steve, back—Pat  
† 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  
† Xinhua L., seizures/testing—Lindsey  
† 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 March 1		
Scripture	Genesis 12:1-4 John 3:1-18	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Patti King	
Altar Flowers	Marty Smith, Megan's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

March 8		
Scripture	Exodus 17:1-7 John 4:5-42	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Pat Ferguson	
Altar Flowers	Ruth Tobias, brother George Lackey and son Eric's birthdays	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

March 15		
Scripture	1 Samuel 16:1-13 John 9:1-41	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Tom Rauls	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

March 22		
Scripture	Psalm 130 John 11:1-45	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Shirley Nelson	
Altar Flowers	Glory of God	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

March 29 Palm Sunday		
Scripture	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Carolyn Conner	
Altar Flowers	Doug & Janice Rice, in memory of Roger Saddler	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
February 1	\$3055	54+FB
February 8	\$1624	40+FB
February 15	\$2271	59+FB
February 22	\$1420	53+FB

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# ***Church News and Events***

## **Easter Sunday: April 5<sup>th</sup>**

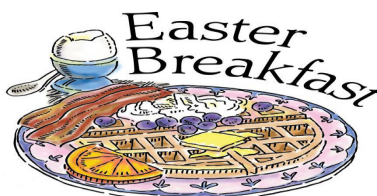
Easter Sunday is on April 5<sup>th</sup> this year, and below is a schedule of the day:

9:00am – Easter Breakfast

10:30am – Sunday Worship with communion, also available on Facebook and YouTube

11:45am – Easter Egg Hunt

Please note, that there will be no day. Everyone is instead invited to



lunch after the service on Easter Sunday. Come to the breakfast.

## **Chicken and Noodle Dinner: March 7<sup>th</sup>**

We will be having our Spring Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday March 7<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 \$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.

## **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 now through Easter on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on April 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Easter service. The event will be held outside if the weather permits, and inside if there is bad weather. Please feel free to bring plastic eggs with treats in them in the weeks leading up to Easter. They can be left on the island in the kitchen downstairs.

## **March 15<sup>th</sup>: OGHS Offering**

On March 15<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 helping those in need around the world, including programs in over 100 different countries.

## **Church Work Day: Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM**

Everyone we will be having a church work day on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> to take care of a few things at the church. We will mainly be going through the downstairs closets and cleaning them out and organizing them. If the weather is reasonable, we might do some outdoor projects as well. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am and work until we decide to stop. Any help that you can provide is much appreciated.



# ***Church News and Events***

## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

The Easter Breakfast will begin at **9:00 am on April 5<sup>th</sup>**, Easter Sunday, and food will be served for a little more than an hour. We will be putting out a sign-up sheet on the card table for people to volunteer to help with the breakfast or to bring food. We will have several breakfast dishes. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.



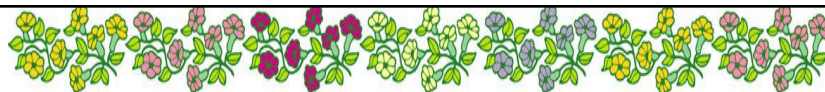
On Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at **6PM** we will have a Maundy Thursday service in the lower lever of the church. There will be a light meal along with the service, soup will be provided and people are encouraged to bring other simple food for the meal. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, and marks the last moments before Christ went to the cross. It is a solemn but meaningful service. Please join us as we journey with Christ and each other.

## **Gutter Damage at the Church:**

Many of you are aware that there was significant gutter damage to the church during the record snow that we recently had. The consistory is currently looking at everything, putting together strategies to ensure this does not happen again, and putting quotes together. When all of the information has been gathered and ready, a congregational meeting will be called and everything will be presented to the congregation.

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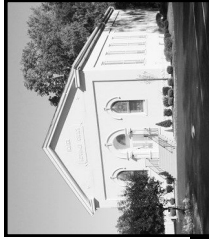
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## **OLD NEWS FROM THE XENIA GAZETTE**

February 24, 1887

The observance of the birthday of Washington was appreciated very highly by the Beavercreek township schools. All the schools met at the Beaver church at 10:30 am with well filled baskets and the forenoon was spent by hearing the children recite from the different districts, which was interesting to the parents and teachers. At 12:30 pm the dinner was spread before them at the old Beaver school house near by, which was a most enjoyable affair to the pupils. At 1:30 pm they were again called together and music was furnished by the Smith orchestra. Rev. Ben Barney made a short address to the crowded house about the father of our country and then we were addressed by Prof. Finley, of the Akron public schools, who was formerly a school teacher of Beavercreek district, No. 9 in 1851 and made us a pleasant address on education.



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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.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Carry-in	2	3 6:30 pm Book Study—Gospel of Mark	4	5 12:30 pm Lunch Club at Marion's Pizzeria	6 <i>Cold and weary of winter? The season of renewal is coming...</i>	7 11 am Chicken & Noodle Fundraiser <i>Don't forget to set your clocks</i>
8 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Lunch	9	10 6:30 pm Book Study	11	12 A.A. 8:30 pm	13	14 11 am Stuart Wells Funeral @ David's UCC
15 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion OGHS Offering 11:45 Lunch	16 <i>Time to watch for tree buds and early blooms!</i>	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30 pm Book Study	18 6:30 pm Planning Committee Mtg On Zoom	19 A.A. 8:30 pm	20	21 10 am Church Work Day
22 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion	23	24 6:30 pm Book Study	25 6:30 pm Consistory Mtg	26 A.A. 8:30 pm	27	28 
29 Palm Sunday 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir AA 7	30	31 6:30 pm Book Study				