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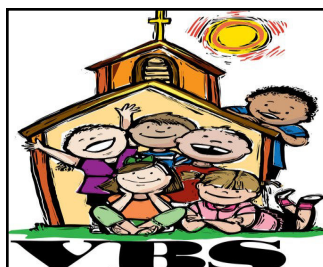
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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

I have been having a number of conversations recently with different women, including my wife, about some issues surrounding men. Many of you might be familiar with the phrase “a good man is hard to find.” It turns out that phrase is from a Blues song from 1917, but you can find similar statements even as far back as the Old Testament, such as Micah 7:2. Well for many this statement still holds weight, as recent studies have shown that Gen Z women looking for a male partner, those generally in their 20s, say that it has become increasingly difficult to find men in their age group who share their values and ideas of what a relationship should be. Many are simply not dating or dating older men. So, what are some of these issues?

For starters, I think one issue is that people don't interact in the same way they used to. Social media and dating apps are now the more standard way people meet. Believe it or not, a recent report said that 45% of Gen Z men have never actually asked someone out on a date in person. As crazy as that might seem, the bigger issue I believe, is that the idea of what a man should be has changed significantly for many men, especially younger ones. Now, what I am about to say applies to everyone, not just men, but I think that this issue is particularly present in younger men in our society. To sum it up, I believe that we have become increasingly self-centered over the last number of decades. Kennedy's “Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country” would probably go over like a lead balloon today. In general people are becoming solely interested in what is in it for them, and not what responsibility they have to help others. If you add to that the newer influencers in the “Manosphere”, then young men start to think that being a man is all about making as much money as you can, getting as many things as you can for yourself, and using women as objects, rather than seeing them as partners. If you don't know what the Manosphere is, look it up; it's quite shocking.

Of course, self-centered behavior is nothing new. Many of the things that Christ had to say went over like lead balloons as well, or lead wine-skins more likely. People wanted to know what Christ was going to do for them, and when he healed people or helped them, they loved it. Now when he told them to love their enemies, feed their enemies, love their neighbor, and that those who want to be first must be last, well those ideas were probably less popular. However, service to others is in many ways the absolute core of Christ's ministry. He even said that it was the very reason he came, to serve and not to be served. I think that many of today's men need a healthy dose of such a view. Not only men, but everyone. We are called to these ministries by being disciples of Christ, but even if faith was not part of that, a society where no one cares about anyone else is bound to fail. The reality is that we as human beings need others, we need God. Recognizing that everyone needs each other and therefore it is best if everyone helps each other, is fundamental to healthy relationships and communities. I pray that we start to understand that more and come to believe that the highest form of any person is someone that is of service to others. It might seem like a radical statement in today's landscape, but it is something that I believe is firmly rooted in the Good News of the Gospel and central to my faith in Christ.—Pastor Brian

Prayer List

MEMBERS/FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Norma Jackson—Oak Creek Terrace
 Wayne
 Hudson
 Susan Saddler—Bethany
 Mary Owens
 Laverne
 Bonnie Phillips, Legacy
 Kate, Lisa's mom



HOSPICE CARE

Jan—Marty's friend
 Patty Adams
 Sandy—Linda R's friend
 Charlie & Gary
 Jim Abrams
 Jean, Julie's mother
 Anna, Jackie & Cathy
 Jerry M.—Bill's friend
 Joe, Bob—Alan's friends
 Jack—Pat F.

RECOVERY

Donna R., leg
 Ann, hip replacement
 Susan S., fall, head trauma, broken vertebrae
 Carolyn, cancer
 Jim B., stents—Bill B.
 Xinhua, brain surgery
 Marsha, heart surgery
 Beth, open heart surgery

STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

Chris S., uterine
 Jack G., brain tumor
 Charles, colon
 Rochelle and Marilyn
 Aunt Dot, stage 3 melanoma
 Tony, stomach
 Jim and Scott, stage 4 colon
 Debby
 Bob C.
 Charlene, stage 4 breast
 Gary J., stage 4 lymphoma
 Lynn's mother, stage 4 cancer



PRAYERS FOR

To the family of Leslie Wheeler, d. 5/3
 To the family of Pauline "Polly" Joscelyn, age 88, d. 5/23
 To the family of Eugene Murrell, d. 5/24
 To the family of Grandmother Mildred
 To the family of Kenneth Clausing
 To the family of Aunt Jo—Auer family
 To the family of Marsha, Carolyn's sister-in-law

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS

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
 Wayne, chronic infection/pacemaker
 Hope, cerebral palsy
 Cheryl M., Parkinson's/diabetes
 Rob S., Parkinson's
 Nancy, Parkinson's—Karen B.
 Brooklyn, paralysis—Pat F.
 Sandy, dementia—Alice
 Xinhua L., cerebral palsy, epilepsy
 Billie Jo., declining—Barb P.
 Cassidy, leukemia
 Bill B., congestive heart
 Alan, heart, kidneys

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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



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">† Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer† Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.† Anthony, brain hemorrhage, operation† Barb, brain cyst—Nelson† Beth, mental, cancer—Tom† Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley† 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† Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan† Denise M., cancer† Didi, tumor—Pat F.† Don and Larry and sisters—Alice† Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice† Dwayne & Joe, cancer & stroke—Alan† Elaine, back surgery—Pastor Brian† Father John, esophageal cancer—Carole S.† Gary, rare cancer; Gage, liver failure—Shirley† Gary, cancer, hole in heart—Jeannette† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom† Glenn & Cynthia, Covid—Karen B.† Jeff, heart—Tom R.† Jeff's wife, stroke—Karen B.† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria† Jim, back fractures—Barb H.† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer† Jim, tumors—Jeri† Joe, cancer—Pat F.† Joan, heart attack, accident, life support† John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze† Josh, heart—Nelsons† Josh, mother's death in house fire—Matthew† Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug† Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons† Kate D.—Pat Freeze† Kate and Mike, Lisa's parents: Tom R.† Livia, Mike's gr-granddaughter, tumor† Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R.† Marsha in AL, 4 blockages—Karen B.† Maria P., back—Cathy M.† Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R.† Mike Mt.C—surgery† Nathan, liver transplant† Neeva, AFIB/brother, heart—Pat F. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">† 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† Penrod, B. & B., ongoing health† Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.† Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty† Randy—brain tumor† Rich K.—Penrod† Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins† Rob, aortic aneurism† Rose, health—Alan† Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker† Sarah, Brian's friend† Sarah T., broken shoulder—BeBe† Shelby R., throat problem† Sherry, COVID—Mindy† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer† Steve, back—Pat† Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian† Suzanne, lung surgery—BeBe† Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley† Terry, aorta surgery† Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins† Tim P., heart—Pat† Tina, lungs—Shirley† Tom B., throat—Eddie† Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer† Uncle Art—Melissa† Vicky G. & Mike, hospital—Eddie† Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin† Wayne, surgery—Patti |
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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 June 7		
Scripture	Genesis 1:1-9 Romans 4:13-25	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Patti King	
Altar Flowers	Marian Clark	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

June 21		
Scripture	Genesis 21:8-21 Matthew 10:24-39	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Marty Smith, in memory of mother Winona Cummings	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

July 5		
Scripture	TBD	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Severtsons' anniversary	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

June 14		
Scripture	Genesis 18:1-15 Romans 5:1-8	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Pat Ferguson	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

June 28		
Scripture	Genesis 22:1-14 Matthew 10:40-42	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
May 3	\$2201	63+FB
May 10	\$1347	61+FB
May 17	\$1741	51+FB
May 24	\$996	52+FB
May 31	\$2715	71+FB

Strengthen the Church—\$485

Church News and Events

June 1st Luau Sunday

On June 1st we will be having our annual Luau Sunday. The luau or Hawaiian party is a time for celebration and community. These are both things we value at Beaver UCC, and so to celebrate the summer and each other we are going to have a bit more fun than usual on June 1st. We will invite folks to wear **Hawaiian shirts** to church, give out leis, and have a carry-in afterwards. We will have **City BBQ for the main dish**, and we ask that people bring side dishes and desserts to go with the meal. The food will be kept in the fellowship hall, but we are encouraging those who wish, to use the shelter if the weather is nice.

Bring in Garage Sale Items – Starting June 14th

We know that many of you have been holding on to items for the church garage sale. Starting on Sunday June 14th, please feel free to bring those items to the church and place them in the basement. If you have questions, please speak with Melissa or Jeannette.

Gospel of Matthew Bible Study

Starting on **Tuesday June 2nd** we will be begin a 10-week Bible study on the Gospel according to Matthew. We will be using an optional companion study guide that is the "Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: Matthew" by Donald Senior published by Abingdon Press. Pastor Brian has a few copies of the book and it is available on Amazon if we run out. This will be a hybrid book study that meets in-person every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall, and also will be available at the same time via Zoom. We will be taking a break on July 14th for VBS. The Study Guide is optional, and not required.

6/2: SG (Study Guide) pages 21-59; Matthew 1:1-4:11

6/9: SG pages 60-93; Matthew 4:12-7:29

6/16: SG pages 94-122; Matthew 8:1-11:1

6/23: SG pages 123-159; Matthew 11:2-13:52

6/30: SG pages 160-187; Matthew 13:53-16:12

7/7: SG pages 188-212; Matthew 16:13-18:35

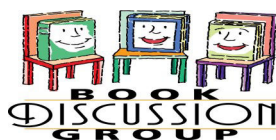
7/14: Break for VBS

7/21: SG pages 213-243; Matthew 19:1-21:46

7/28: SG pages 244-273; Matthew 22:1-24:51

8/4: SG pages 274-308; Matthew 25:1-26:56

8/11: SG pages 309-349; Matthew 26:57-28:20



This year we are overflowing with excitement as we explore **Lava Lava Island**. Our Lava Lava Island program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for all ages. Each day we will sing catchy songs, nibble Tropical Treats, take on a Daily Challenge to let Jesus' love flow home, experience electrifying Bible adventures, meet Chadder the Chipmunk and create Bible Point Crafts they'll take home. We'll be studying stories about the life of Jesus and will conclude each day with a festive luau that begins at 7:50 and gets everyone involved in celebration of what they've learned. Family members are encouraged to join us daily for this special time.

Lava Lava Island dates are **July 14, 15, & 16**. We will have a family meal starting at **5:00 PM**. At **5:45** we will gather in the sanctuary at the Sing & Play Pavilion. Every 20 minutes we will travel to a different part of the island to learn how Jesus' love is overflowing. The evening ends at **8:15**, but, if you haven't stayed with us all evening, join us at 7:55 for our evening closing. Ages 5 years and up. Under 5 are super welcome with an accompanying adult. Everyone is welcome. **Please register early.** Forms are available at the front table in the Sanctuary or from Jeannette.

Any questions, please contact Pastor Brian or Jeannette Papajcik – jpapajcik2@gmail.com or 937-478-8318.

Want to volunteer to be a part of this great adventure? There is a place for you!! Don't miss out on

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Congregational Meeting, Sunday June 28th

As many of you know we had significant gutter damage during this past winter. We will be having a congregational meeting on Sunday June 28th at 12:30pm in the sanctuary to discuss and vote on plans to address the issue moving forward.

Father's Day: June 21st

Fathers, past and present, will be honored on Father's Day, June 21st. Because there are often afternoon plans on Father's Day, there will be no carry-in or fellowship meal after service.



Tom Rauls Pan Ohio Hope Ride 2026

Cancer hasn't stopped, so I'm not stopping either, although I may be slowing down! I signed up to ride again, but out of fear of over-promising and under-delivering, I signed up for the four by half day option. I'll ride to lunch each day with a bus ticket to the finish line in my pocket. I'll push forward if I feel well, but it will be nice to have a little cushion if I decide to coast in. Hopefully the thoughts of those who have pushed beyond their limits in the fight against cancer will keep me going! This year's ride will be 23-26 JUL and will again take us "downhill" from Cleveland to Cincinnati to raise much needed funds for the Cleveland Hope Lodge. This facility hosts the courageous families of cancer fighters from across Ohio.

We support The American Cancer Society's hope for a world with less cancer and more birthdays and hope you can support us. Please understand that 100% of your donations support the ACS and the Cleveland Hope Lodge as the riders pay their own registration and support fees. You can donate at my web page below, or just as importantly, support us with your thoughts and prayers during our 328-mile trek. Many of us ride with red ribbons in honor of those still fighting and white ribbons in memory of those who have lost their battle. Please let me know, or post on my page a name and appropriate color, and I would be proud to ride in their honor/ memory!

Website for Donations:

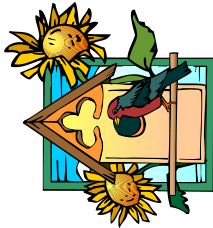
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Cancer has touched us all! I continue to ride in memory and support of my mother, brother, MANY members of my church family, and co-workers, all of whom have been affected by cancer.

We are still calling ourselves Team Magic, in memory of Scott Miller. Cancer took Scott from us in 2020. He was a co-worker, good friend, and excellent amateur magician taken from us too soon! Thank you for your MANY, MANY years of continued support! May you and your loved ones enjoy many, many more birthdays!

VR,
Thomas "Lou" Rauls

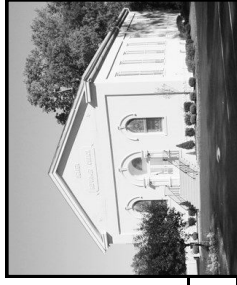




Our Mission:
To love and to serve.




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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.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:30 pm Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew	Pastor Brian Away	Lunch Club 12:30 pm at Marion's Pizza	6/3-	
			A.A. Mtg 8:30	A.A. Mtg 8:30		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Luau Sunday 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Carry-in A.A. 7		6:30 pm Bible Study				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Flag Day OK to Bring Items for Garage Sale 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch		6:30 pm Bible Study	6:30 pm Planning Committee		<i>Juneteenth</i>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day Scholarship Appl. Deadline 10:30 Worship 11:45 No Lunch		6:30 pm Bible Study	6:30 pm Consistory Meeting	A.A. Mtg 8:30		<i>Are you using your gifts and talents to help in God's work?</i>
28	29	30				
10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:30 Congregational Meeting		6:30 pm Bible Study		A.A. Mtg 8:30		