

# BEAVER CHURCH CHATTER

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## THE PASTOR'S PEACE

On July 4<sup>th</sup> 2026 the United States of America will mark 250 years since the final wording of the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. Despite popular belief, only two people signed it that day, the rest of the delegates signed it later on. It also marks what we here in the country generally accept as the beginning of the United States. Things were quite different back then, however. Slavery was legally protected in all of the original states. There were no laws protecting child labor, and as the country industrialized, children at the age of 7 were often employed in factories such as cotton mills. Married women did not have the right to own property. In terms of voting, we did have a democracy, but only land-owning white men, and often of only certain religious persuasion could vote. It is fair to say that we have made a great deal of progress in the last 250 years, and that many of the ideals spelled out in the Declaration of Independence have come more into fruition since then, for all of humanity, not just a select few.

In many ways Jesus was making his own declaration of independence through his early ministry. Some 1,750 years or so before 1776 Jesus made some bold statements about our relationship to God. He suggested that through him we could have direct access to God. He made statements such as God requiring mercy rather than sacrifice. He even went so far as to say that the temple would be torn down. Needless to say, he was about as popular with some in the circles of the religious elite of the day as the Continental Congress was with King George III. Like our country the church has had some ups and downs in terms of living up to the ideals set forth by Christ. Often things such as power and wealth took the church away from its mission and had it focused more on the things of man than the things of heaven. I feel it is important to keep this in mind, which is why I teach church history during my confirmation classes. One of the most helpful aspects of history is its ability to help us not repeat the mistakes of the past.

I'll speak for myself and say that even my own faith has had its ups and downs over the years. None of us are perfect, nor do we always have perfect faith. If some of the original disciples struggled, then why should I be any different? The important part is not to always have perfect days of faith, but to rather focus on and have faith in the ideals of Christ. Perhaps some days we do better than others in embodying that, but as long as we are trying and focused on the right goals, then we are headed in the right direction. It has been an interesting 250 years for the US, and hopefully we will be around as a country in another 250 years. My hope is that much like our faith, we can focus on the ideals that bring us together as common citizens and that as a country we can continue to improve and walk towards understanding fully the rights and love given to each and every one of us by God.

Blessings,  
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  
Joe, Bob—Alan's friends  
Jack—Pat F.  
Angie's grandmother—Hawkins

## RECOVERY

Ann, hip replacement  
Carolyn, cancer  
Jim B., stents—Bill B.  
Marsha, heart surgery  
Beth, open heart surgery  
Angie P., broken bones  
Greg, massive stroke—Linda R.  
Ken, back surgery—Pat F.

## 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

The family of Jerry Miller.  
The family of Keith George Steeber, age 65,  
d. 6/7  
The family of Taleigha Danielle Laneice Dickerson, age 14, d. 6/9  
The family of Juanita Louise Gable, age 85,  
d. 6/15  
The family of Mike, Lisa's Rauls' stepfather

## 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  
John L., dementia  
Xinhua L., cerebral palsy  
Cassidy, leukemia  
Bill B., congestive heart  
Alan, heart, kidneys  
Josh, opioid addiction

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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"><li>† Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer</li><li>† Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.</li><li>† Anthony, brain hemorrhage, operation</li><li>† Barb, brain cyst—Nelson</li><li>† Beth, mental, cancer—Tom</li><li>† Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley</li><li>† Cabe , recurring cancer</li><li>† Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.</li><li>† Cathy M., neck pain, etc.</li><li>† Cheryl, breast cancer/liver</li><li>† Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley</li><li>† Chrissy—Brian &amp; Amelia's friend</li><li>† Chuck, diabetic complications</li><li>† Colleen, leukemia—Paul A.</li><li>† Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan</li><li>† Denise M., cancer</li><li>† Didi, tumor—Pat F.</li><li>† Don and Larry and sisters—Alice</li><li>† Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice</li><li>† Dwayne &amp; Joe, cancer &amp; stroke—Alan</li><li>† Elaine, back surgery—Pastor Brian</li><li>† Father John, esophageal cancer—Carole S.</li><li>† Gary, rare cancer; Gage, liver failure—Shirley</li><li>† Gary, cancer, hole in heart—Jeannette</li><li>† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom</li><li>† Glenn &amp; Cynthia, Covid—Karen B.</li><li>† Jane, hernia—Amelia</li><li>† Jeff, heart—Tom R.</li><li>† Jeff's wife, stroke—Karen B.</li><li>† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria</li><li>† Jim, back fractures—Barb H.</li><li>† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer</li><li>† Jim, tumors—Jeri</li><li>† Joe, cancer—Pat F.</li><li>† Joan, heart attack, accident, life support</li><li>† John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze</li><li>† Josh, heart—Nelsons</li><li>† Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug</li><li>† Joy &amp; Julia, cancer—Nelsons</li><li>† Kate D.—Pat Freeze</li><li>† Livia, Mike's gr-granddaughter, tumor</li><li>† Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R.</li><li>† Maria P., back—Cathy M.</li><li>† Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R.</li><li>† Mike Mt.C—surgery</li><li>† Nathan, liver transplant</li><li>† Neeva, AFIB/brother, heart—Pat F.</li><li>† Norma J.—health issues</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>† Pam M., stroke</li><li>† Pat, infection—Jeri</li><li>† Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley</li><li>† Patsy, foot surgery</li><li>† Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson</li><li>† Pauline, leukemia</li><li>† Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley</li><li>† Penny, kidney transplant—Pat</li><li>† Penrod, B. &amp; B., ongoing health</li><li>† Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.</li><li>† Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty</li><li>† Randy—brain tumor</li><li>† Rene in LA &amp; Ashley—BeBe</li><li>† Rich K.—Penrod</li><li>† Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins</li><li>† Rob, aortic aneurism</li><li>† Rob, severe leg pain—BeBe</li><li>† Rose, health—Alan</li><li>† Sam R., advanced Alzheimers—Donna</li><li>† Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker</li><li>† Sarah, Brian's friend</li><li>† Sarah T., broken shoulder—BeBe</li><li>† Sarah, sister in NC—BeBe</li><li>† Shelby R., throat problem</li><li>† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.</li><li>† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer</li><li>† Steve, back—Pat</li><li>† Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian</li><li>† Suzanne, lung surgery—BeBe</li><li>† Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley</li><li>† Terry, aorta surgery</li><li>† Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins</li><li>† Tim P., heart—Pat</li><li>† Tina, lungs—Shirley</li><li>† Tom B., throat—Eddie</li><li>† Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer</li><li>† Uncle Art—Melissa</li><li>† Vicky G. &amp; Mike, hospital—Eddie</li><li>† Vickie, stress—BeBe</li><li>† Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin</li><li>† Wayne, surgery—Patti</li></ul> |
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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***

<b>Communion July 5</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	
<b>Greeter</b>	Pastor Brian	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	TBD	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Severtsons' anniversary	
<b>Children's Bible Study: Brittany King</b>	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

<b>July 12</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	Isaiah 55:10-13 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
<b>Greeter</b>	Pastor Brian	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	TBD	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Ruth Tobias	
<b>Children's Bible Study: Brittany King</b>	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

<b>July 19</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	Genesis 28:10-19 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	
<b>Greeter</b>	Pastor Brian	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	TBD	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Ed & Jenny Rauch—Ed's birthday and their 61st anniversary	
<b>Children's Bible Study: Brittany King</b>	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

<b>July 26</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	1 Kings 3:5-12 Matthew 13:1-33, 44-52	
<b>Greeter</b>	Pastor Brian	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	TBD	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Linda Racz	
<b>Children's Bible Study: Brittany King</b>	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

<b>August 2</b>		
<b>Scripture</b>	Genesis 32:22-31 Matthew 14:13-21	
<b>Greeter</b>	Pastor Brian	
<b>Lay Reader</b>	TBD	
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Pat & Doug Goudy	
<b>Children's Bible Study: Brittany King</b>	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

<b>\$\$Stewardship Record</b>		
Date	Offering	Attendance
June 7	\$2801	76+FB
June 14	\$1267	41+FB
June 21	\$2283	72+FB
June 28	\$2581	59+FB

# ***Church News and Events***

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](mailto: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 the fun. Can't wait to hear from you.

## **Church BBQ & Outdoor Game Night: Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm**

Beaver church is going to have a fun event for everyone on the evening of Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 4:30 pm and going until whenever. We are inviting people to bring outside games such as corn hole, and we are going to be barbecuing hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone. Please come, and please invite people you know to come as well. This will be a great opportunity to introduce people to the church. We will start at 4:30pm but will be playing games and grilling all evening.

## **Update to Church Lunches:**

Many people enjoy our after-church lunches for the fellowship and the food. In recent days it seems that we are having a more difficult time having people sign up. The consistory has decided to keep some things the same and change a few things as well to hopefully help with this.

The first Sunday of the month is always a carry-in

People will be asked to volunteer to provide lunch for the other Sundays of the month

The signup sheet for lunches will now be a 3-month rather than a 1-month list

Each person or group that provides a lunch can receive up to a \$50 reimbursement

If no one signs up for a Sunday, doughnuts will be provided by the church instead of a lunch

## **Reminder about Deacons:**

Many of you know that last year we reintroduced deacons to the church. The idea is that they are people who can see how church members are doing and help bring any concerns or ideas to the Pastor or the consistory. The goal is to have each person in the church assigned to one of the five deacons. Hopefully you know who your Deacon is. If you do not, or you have not been assigned one, please see Pastor Brian.

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## **Keeping Church Information Up to Date:**

At Beaver Church we keep a database of information pertaining to church members so that members can contact each other and we can send things to people etc. We only make physical copies of that information, and it is never available online or in digital format to the public. We do this to provide some security for the information. On the card table at the front of the church there is a directory that is available for editing. If your information has changed and you would like to update it, or if you want to add your information for the first time, you can do that in the card table directory. You can also give any such information to Pastor Brian or Alice Clausing.

## **Cookie Walk Reminder**

We will be holding our annual cookie-walk again on **Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>**. This is just a reminder that we will need cookies and plenty of them. If you can, please start to make cookies and freeze them in anticipation for our November event. We will also have signup sheets under the clock in the sanctuary as we get closer to the date, so that we can get an estimate of how many cookies people are bringing and what types. The more unusual cookies are the ones that are often the most popular. Please help if you can; it is a fun and delicious way to support the church.

## **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:

[https://secure.acevents.org/site/STR?fr\\_id=111668&pg=personal&px=35648066](https://secure.acevents.org/site/STR?fr_id=111668&pg=personal&px=35648066)

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





# July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 12:30 pm <i>Lunch Club at Marion's Pizza</i> A. A. 8:30 pm	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Carry-In 12:15 VBS Training <i>A.A. Meets 7 pm</i>	6	7 6:30 pm Bible Study—Gospel of Matthew	8	9 A.A. 8:30 pm	10	11
12 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship 12:15 VBS Training <i>A.A. Meets 7 pm</i>	13	14 5 pm Supper 5:45 pm Vacation Bible School	15	16 5 pm Supper 5:45 pm VBS <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	17 8:30 am <i>Conner Puckett Memorial Golf Outing</i>	18 4:30 pm Picnic & Outdoor Games
19 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship <i>A.A. Meets 7 pm</i>	20	21	22 6:30 pm Consistory Meeting	23 Tom Rauls in	24	25
26 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship <b>Pan-Ohio Hope Ride</b> <i>A.A. Meets 7 pm</i>	27	28 6:30 pm Bible Study	29	30 A.A. 8:30 pm	31 8 am <i>UCH Golf Outing</i>	<b>Pan-Ohio Hope Ride 7/23—7/26</b>  CHIL D 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.