

BEAVER CHURCH CHATTER

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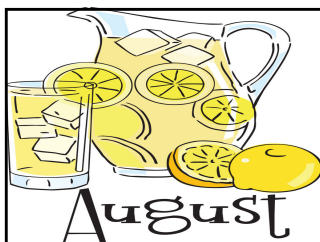
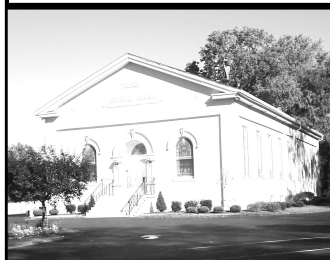
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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

I have noticed that fewer people are eating lettuce nowadays. In our house, it was a weekly staple for us and, believe it or not, our dog's favorite treat, but no longer. Ever since lettuce was linked to the explosive diarrhea outbreak, we like many others have been forgoing it. However, who knows what is actually causing this. It does not instill me with confidence that they don't seem to really know how it is getting into our food system, or even if it is lettuce. From spinach that had e-coli to peaches that had salmonella, there always seems to be something to fear. Not only do we worry about the food we eat, but there are things like Covid, Influenza, Cholera, Ebola, and even the Bubonic Plague to worry about. It is a wonder any of us leave the house. Maybe we should all tape our windows shut and never eat fresh vegetables or fruit again.

Although some of you might be running out to buy the tape for your windows right now, most of us will be returning to the world, and even eating vegetables, although with some reasonable cautions in place depending on the circumstances. The truth is that the world is never 100% safe, and never has been. Every day that we wake up, is a day with risk and even possible catastrophe. There are some common-sense things we can do to reduce risk, but nothing is a guarantee that all trouble will be avoided. Knowing this makes scripture passages such as Matthew 6:25-26, where Jesus tells us not to worry, somewhat confusing. He tells the people that the birds do not worry, and neither should we. That sounds good, but if birds watched the same 24-hour news we did, I'll bet they would never leave their nest. That said, is Jesus actually saying there is nothing distressing in the world, or is he perhaps saying that worry is a distraction? Part of the answer lies in Matthew 6:27, where Jesus says that worry never added time to anyone's life. Yes, perhaps caution is warranted now and again, but worry, anxiety, and fretting, doesn't usually accomplish much.

Jesus goes on in Matthew to talk about how the flowers do not worry about what to wear, and neither should we. That said, I'm pretty sure flowers don't wear clothes, but the point is pretty much the same as worrying about what we eat. The reality is that flowers and birds simply exist and they live according to how that were designed to live. They grow towards the sun, eat bugs, and in general do flower and bird things all day long. What were we designed to do? I think Jesus is suggesting that weren't designed to worry incessantly about everything. If we do believe that we were made in God's image, then I think we were made for relationships rather than worry, relationships with God and with each other. If we spend all of the time on worrying and instead spent that time working on those relationships, would we be happier and more content? I tend to think we would be. Maybe we would even be as happy as a flower on a sunny day, or a bird soaring through the air. It might just be worth giving it a try.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

*God's
Peace*

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.
Dwayne's mother—Pastor Brian

RECOVERY

Marsha in Ala., heart surgery
Beth, open heart surgery
Greg, massive stroke—Linda R.
Ken, back surgery—Pat F.
Mike, brain bleed—Mark F.
Adam, arm—Charlie
Dylan, pitching arm—Jeannette
Colleen, 1st transplant
Leah, hand 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

The family of Angie Hawkins' grandmother

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, transplant
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



† Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer
 † Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.
 † Anthony, brain hemorrhage, operation
 † Barb, brain cyst—Nelson
 † Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley
 † Blinda, vertigo
 † Cabe, recurring cancer
 † Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.
 † Cathy M., neck pain—Future surgery
 † Charmayn, tumor
 † Cheryl, breast cancer/liver
 † Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley
 † Chrissy—Brian & Amelia's friend
 † Christine & Elizabeth, twins with breast cancer
 † Colleen, leukemia, needs bone marrow—Paul A.
 † 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
 † Gary, rare cancer; Gage, liver failure—Shirley
 † Gary, cancer, hole in heart—Jeannette
 † Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom
 † Inalou and Brenda—BeBe
 † Jane, hernia—Amelia
 † Jeff, heart—Tom R.
 † 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
 † Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug
 † Joyce, pinched nerve—Gretchen
 † Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons
 † Kate D.—Pat Freeze
 † Livia, Mike's gr-grandaughter, tumor
 † Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R.
 † Maggie, family health concerns
 † Maria P., back—Cathy M.
 † Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R.
 † Mike Mt.C—surgery
 † Nathan, liver transplant
 † Neeva, AFIB/brother, heart—Pat F.
 † Norma J.—fell, health issues

† Pam M., stroke
 † Pat, infection—Jeri
 † Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley
 † Patsy, foot surgery
 † Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson
 † Pauline, leukemia
 † Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley
 † Penny, kidney transplant—Pat
 † Penrod, B. & B., ongoing health
 † Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.
 † Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty
 † Randy—brain tumor
 † Rene in LA & Ashley—BeBe
 † Rich K.—Penrod
 † Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins
 † Rick, brain bleed—BeBe
 † Rob, aortic aneurism
 † Rob, severe leg pain—BeBe
 † Rose, health—Alan
 † Sam R., advanced Alzheimers—Donna
 † Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker
 † Sarah, Brian's friend
 † Sarah T., broken shoulder—BeBe
 † Sarah, sister in NC—BeBe
 † Shelby R., throat problem
 † Shirley, cancer—Linda R.
 † Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer
 † Steve, back—Pat
 † 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
 † Tracy, virus
 † Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer
 † Uncle Art—Melissa
 † Vicky G. & Mike, hospital—Eddie
 † Vickie, stress—BeBe
 † Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin

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

August 16		
Scripture	Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:10-28	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Dean Severtson's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

August 30		
Scripture	Exodus 3:1-15 Romans 12:9-21	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Isabel Shafer	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

August 9		
Scripture	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:22-33	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Ruth Tobias	
Altar Flowers	Nancy Pack & Polly, in memory of Mom's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

August 23		
Scripture	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Matthew 16:13-20	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
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
July 5	\$2518	56+FB
July 12	\$3771	73+FB
July 19	\$1190	51+FB
July 26	\$3005	61+FB

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Church News and Events

August Garage Sale Information:

It is that time of the year again for the church's main fundraising event, our garage sale. We are now accepting donated items, although we do not accept clothes. If you have furniture to donate, please talk to Melissa first to see if we can accommodate those items. There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers under the clock in the sanctuary, so please sign up to help if you can. Below is a schedule of all the events and needed work leading up to the garage sale and after.

Aug. 1st: Table setup at 10:00am

Aug. 2nd: Placing items on tables after church. There will be lunch, but there will not be a carry-in on 8/2.

Aug. 3rd – Aug. 12th: Pricing, and there will be no lunch after church on Aug. 9th.

Aug. 13th – 15th: Garage Sale

Aug. 16th: Garage Sale teardown after church

Baptisms on August 30th

Please join us for something special on Sunday August 30th. Both Logan and Austin Willhelm will be baptized via full immersion at 1:30pm on the 30th. Now, some of you are probably wondering how we will do that since we don't have an immersion tank. Since both Logan and Austin have requested full immersion, we will be meeting at the Narrows Reserve Park in Beavercreek at 1:30pm in the parking lot. The Narrows is located at the end of Factory Road on Indian Ripple Road. Please join us for this special occasion.

SONKA Group 4 Outdoor Event: August 30th

Some of you might not know, but we are part of a larger association within the United Church of Christ called SONKA, Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky Association. In particular we are also part of group 4 in SONKA, which consists of most of the UCC churches in the Dayton area. There has been a summer fellowship event scheduled for group 4 on Sunday August 30th, from 1pm-3pm at Delco Park in Kettering. There will be some snacks, drinks, and games. If you are interested in attending please let Pastor Brian know, and he will send in any RSVPs for Beaver Church.

Pastor Brian Away

Pastor Brian will be away from the office and taking some time off for vacation from **August 17th through August 25th**. 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.

Cookie Walk Reminder

We will be holding our annual cookie-walk again on **Saturday November 21st**. 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 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.

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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.

1. The first Sunday of the month is always a carry-in (Unless canceled for some reason).
2. People will be asked to volunteer to provide lunch for the other Sundays of the month.
3. The signup sheet for lunches will now be a 3-month rather than a 1-month list.
4. Each person or group that provides a lunch can receive up to a \$50 reimbursement.
5. 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 that can help 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.

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.

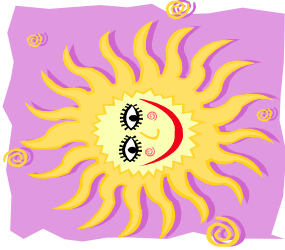
Crayons to Classrooms is a free store for Dayton-area teachers to supply local classrooms in need. Teachers that qualify can visit Crayons to Classrooms and "shop" for classroom supplies at no cost. Any time from **now through August 23rd**, you may place donations of new school and office supplies in the marked box at the front of the church. Please consider helping children in need as they head back to school this fall! Crayons to Classrooms also

Crayons (24 count)	Folders
Pens	Scissors
Pencils	Rulers
Glue Sticks	Markers
Filler Paper	Notebooks
Construction Paper	Facial Tissue

can use monetary donations to purchase supplies to fill their shelves. You can give your check to Alice Clausing or place it in the Sunday offering. Please put "Crayons to Classrooms" on the "notes" line of the check, or on the offering envelope.

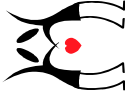
Science equipment such as beakers, test tubes, calculators, etc. is much needed for high school students.

For more information, you can visit the Crayons to Classrooms website at <http://www.dc2c.org/>.



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Our Mission -
To love and to serve.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Beaver United Church of Christ 1960 Dayton—Xenia Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45434 469-1383 Pastor Brian Eastman 469-1383 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.
						1 10 am Garage Sale Setup	
2 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:30 Fellowship	3	4 6:30 pm Bible Study—Gospel of Matthew	5 6:30 pm Planning Committee on Zoom	6 12:30 pm Lunch Club @ Marions' Pizza	7	8 Pray about how God can use your talents to help	
9 10:30 Worship 11:30 No Fellowship A.A.	10	11 6:30 pm Bible Study	12 6:30 pm Deacon's Mtg	13 9 am Garage Sale A.A. 8:30 pm	14 9 am Garage Sale	15 9 am Garage Sale	
16 10:30 Worship 11:30 Lunch Noon Garage Sale	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	24	25	26 6:30 pm Consistory Mtg Meeting	27 A.A. 8:30 pm	28	29	
Pastor Brian Out 8/17-8/25 A.A. 7 pm							
30 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	31						