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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

I recently had to do some repair work on my wife's commercial building that we use for her business. It involved replacing a downspout about 45 feet up in the air and doing some painting. I rented a lift so at least I was able to easily reach the areas I needed to work on, but I certainly wasn't looking forward to the work. Many of you know that I have some back difficulties, and I knew a full day working up high and doing this and that would give me a great deal of discomfort eventually. Paying someone else to do it turned out to be astronomically expensive, so I girded my loins so to speak and got the job done. Thankfully some things I thought were going to be difficult were relatively easy, but others, however, ended up being a bit of a pain. Thank God for Ibuprofen and ice packs.

Life is like that, a combination of the easy and the difficult. No matter how much we plan, there will always be something unexpected down the road. When we have an unexpected good thing, we celebrate, but when the unexpected is bad we remorse. In some ways we do understand that unpredictable nature of life, and yet it seems we hope that it always skews in the good direction. What does that mean for our faith? Do we expect that God will always have the dice rolls of living land in our favor? We wouldn't expect that in a board game, but sometimes we have that expectation in the real game of life. I would love to live in a world where everything went my way all the time, but then again perhaps if everything was easy, I would appreciate certain things less.

I do hope for blessings, obviously, and pray I don't have to endure trials. That said, even when I do have challenges, I try to see a blessing in them. First, I know they are only temporary, and that everything will resolve towards God eventually. I also know that I don't experience the difficulties of life alone, for God is with me, and God has placed people in my life to share my journey, both good and bad. I even know that God too was unable to avoid suffering, and experienced pain and loss in the form of Jesus Christ. If I were experiencing the random ups and downs of the universe without God or companionship, that would be much worse indeed. So, I don't know what you have planned in the next week, or month, or year of your life, but there will probably be both good and bad involved. I will pray for good for you, but know that even in the bad you will never be alone, and whatever it is, it shall pass eventually. I will even be happy to give you some Ibuprofen and ice packs if you need them. I have plenty.

Peace and 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
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
Gary—Mark F.
Sally—Judy H.'s friend

RECOVERY

Colleen, 1st transplant
Charlotte, appendectomy
Jim—Shirley
Pat Fr., spinal fusion
Roger S., amputations
Bobby K., kidney—Barb H.
Marian, cancer
Mike M., hip replacement

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
Lynn's mother, stage 4 cancer
Wendy, stage 4 kidney



PRAYERS FOR

The family of Gary Johnson, age 82, d. 8/30
The family of Orville Ray Oliver, age 79, d. 9/14
The family of Tom, Mindy's 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, etc.
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, bone marrow transfusion
Bill B., congestive heart
Alan, heart, kidneys
Josh, opioid addiction
Celina, Alzheimers, age 61
Karen, stroke
Sam R., advanced Alzheimer's
Roger S., severe diabetes

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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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Prayer List



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| † Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer | † Pam M., stroke |
| † Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F. | † Pat, infection—Jeri |
| † Anthony, brain hemorrhage, operation | † Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley |
| † Barb, brain cyst—Nelson | † Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson |
| † Bob, kidney cancer | † Pauline, leukemia |
| † Brenda, breast cancer—BeBe | † Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley |
| † Cabe, recurring cancer | † Penny, kidney transplant—Pat |
| † Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P. | † Penrod, B. & B., ongoing health |
| † Cathy M., neck pain, surgery, insurance | † Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L. |
| † Chase, age 31, leukemia—Jake | † Ralph, aortic aneurysm—Marian |
| † Cheryl, breast cancer/liver | † Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty |
| † Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley | † Randy—brain tumor |
| † Christine & Elizabeth, twins, breast cancer | † Rene in LA & Ashley—BeBe |
| † Chrissy—Brian & Amelia's friend | † Rich K.—Penrod |
| † Cindy, son's suicide—Eric F. | † Rich, cancer—Marian |
| † Colleen, new chemo, hospital—Paul A. | † Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins |
| † Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan | † Rick, Rhonda & Brook—BeBe |
| † Denise M., cancer | † Rob, aortic aneurism |
| † Don and Larry and sisters—Alice | † Rob, severe leg pain—BeBe |
| † Don, mini strokes—Mike | † Ronnie B., tick bite, serious—Bertine |
| † Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice | † Rose, health—Alan |
| † Dwayne & Joe, cancer & stroke—Alan | † Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker |
| † Gary, rare cancer; Gage, liver failure—Shirley | † Sarah, Brian's friend |
| † Gary, cancer, hole in heart—Jeannette | † Shelby R., throat problem |
| † Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom | † Shirley, cancer—Linda R. |
| † Inalou & Brenda—BeBe | † Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer |
| † Jane, hernia—Amelia | † Steve, back—Pat |
| † Jeff, heart—Tom R. | † Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian |
| † Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria | † Susie, knee replacement—Mindy |
| † Jim, back fractures—Barb H. | † Suzanne, lung surgery—BeBe |
| † Jim, bladder cancer—Auer | † Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley |
| † Joan, heart attack, accident, life support | † Terry, aorta surgery |
| † John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze | † Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins |
| † Josh, heart—Nelsons | † Tina, lungs—Shirley |
| † Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug | † Tracy, gallbladder & breast surgery |
| † Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons | † Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer |
| † Kate D.—Pat Freeze | † Uncle Art—Melissa |
| † Livia, Mike's gr-grandaughter, tumor | † Vicky G. & Mike, hospital—Eddie |
| † Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R. | † Vickie, stress—BeBe |
| † Maggie, family health concerns | † Vicki, ongoing health issues—Jeri |
| † Maria P., back—Cathy M. | † Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin |
| † Marshall S., heart—Donna B. | |
| † Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R. | |
| † Mike's d-in-law, new job, broke femur | |
| † Nathan, liver transplant | |
| † Neva, heart ablation, recovery—Pat F. | |

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 October 4		
Scripture	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Matthew 21:33-46	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Tom Rauls	
Altar Flowers	Doug & Janice Rice's 35th anniversary	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

October 18		
Scripture	Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Marty Smith, in honor of granddaughter Anastasia's birthday	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

Communion November 1		
Scripture	Joshua 3:7-17 Matthew 23:1-12	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

October 11		
Scripture	Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Charlie Williams	
Altar Flowers	The Rice family, in honor of Mom's & Shelby's birthdays	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

October 25		
Scripture	Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 22:34-47	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Mindy Severtson	
Altar Flowers	Bill & Carolyn Conner	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
September 6	\$2116	71+FB
September 13	\$2135	67+FB
September 20	\$1815	54+FB
September 27	\$3109	54+FB

Church News and Events

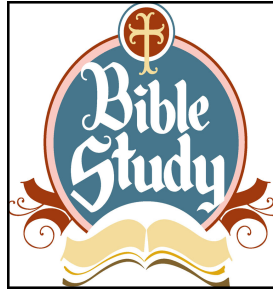
BUCC Beaver Creek HS Football Outing: October 9th

We will be having a church outing to watch a Beaver Creek High School football game on Friday October 9th. We will be meeting at the church parking lot at 6pm and then carpooling over to the high school. Please come to enjoy the fellowship and support several young people in the church that play on the team.

John Bible Study: Now through December 1st

Our Gospel of John Bible Study is continuing on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm and takes place in-person in the fellowship hall, and online through Zoom. The optional study guide (SG) is the "Abingdon New Testament Commentaries: John" by D. Moody Smith, published by Abingdon Press. Pastor Brian has several copies available for \$25. For the John scripture readings, feel free to use any version of the Bible you would like. It is not necessary to read the study guide if you do not want to, but it would be helpful to read the assigned scripture readings in advance of the class. All are invited, and all questions are welcome. Below is the rest of the schedule for our John Bible study:

10/6: SG pages 144-189; John 6:1-8:59
10/13: SG pages 190-231; John 9:1-11:57
10/20: SG pages 232-261; John 12:1-13:38
10/27: SG pages 262-292; John 14:1-16:4
11/3: Break
11/10: Break
11/17: SG pages 293-321; John 16:4-17:26
11/24: SG pages 322-369; John 18:1-19:42
12/1: SG pages 370-406; John 20:1-21:25



Congregational Pumpkin Carving Night,

All kids and adults, let it be known that we will again be having our annual grand pumpkin carve off on Friday **October 30th at 6:00 PM** here at the church. Please bring a pumpkin to carve, whatever carving instruments you feel you need. We will likely have apple cider and other snacks, feel free to bring those as well. We will also have different categories of competition and prizes, yup that's right prizes. All are invited.

BUCC Ladies Night, Wednesday October 14th

Ladies of Beaver UCC, we will be having a ladies night event at the church in the fellowship hall on **Wednesday October 14th at 6pm**. We will be fellowshiping and having a painting class, led by Megan, where we paint a fall picture. There is no cost, and feel free to invite your friends as well. There is a signup sheet under the clock in the sanctuary. Please signup everyone who plans to attend, so we know how many supplies to get. Also, feel free to bring anything to eat or drink or share with others. If you have any questions, please talk to Gretchen.

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Chicken and Noodle Dinner: October 17th

We will be having our Fall Chicken & Noodle fundraiser dinner for the church and public on Saturday October 17th. The dinner will be open for most of the day from **11AM to 7PM**, and we will offer chicken and noodle, 2 sides, dessert, bread, 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.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) offering

Beaver UCC will receive the NIN offering on **Sunday October 25th** as one of our four special denominational offerings we take up during the year. Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. To give simply write "NIN" on your check or envelope.

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Cookie Walk Fundraiser: November 21st 10am-5pm

As many of you know we are doing a cookie walk and bake sale fundraiser on November 21st from 10am to 5pm, or whenever cookies sell out. Please tell everyone you know about the event. Below is info for the event:

Volunteer Signup: We have placed a cookie making signup sheet in the sanctuary under the clock, please sign up to make cookies if you can. There is also a signup sheet for volunteers for the event.

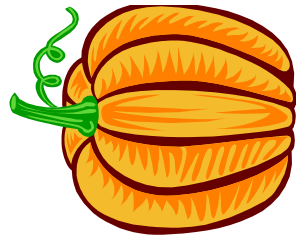
Cookie Deadline: We are asking that all cookies for the event be brought to the church **before 8pm on Friday November 20th**. There is room in our freezers for cookies brought even earlier. Please write down on the container or with a piece of paper what type of cookies they are.

Pre-Setup: We will be doing an initial setup for the cookie walk on Friday the 20th from 6pm-8pm. We will be arranging tables etc. There are slots for this on the signup sheet. Please note that cookies will not be on sale until 10am on Saturday.

Day of Setup: We will meet at **8am on Saturday the 22nd** to put all the cookies out and do the final setup. There are slots for this on the signup sheet.

Cookie Walk: The cookie walk will be from **10am to 5pm**, or whenever we run out, on November 21st, and there are slots for this on the signup sheet.

Optional Bake Sale: For those that want to bring other baked items, we will have a table of baked goods. Please bring your items and suggested price either between **6pm and 8pm on Friday the 20th**, or **between 8am and 10am on Saturday the 21st**.



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CHILD CARE is available during worship services for ages infant to five.

Beaver Church is wheelchair accessible with elevators. We also have sound devices for those with hearing impairments. Please ask.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:30 pm Lunch Club @ Marion's Pizza <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	2	3
4 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Carry-in	5	6 6:30 pm Bible Study—Gospel of John	7 6 pm <i>Blessing of the Animals</i>	8 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	9 6 pm Beavercreek HS Football	10
11 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir <i>A.A. 7 pm</i>	12 Columbus Day	13 6:30 pm Bible Study	14 6 pm Ladies Night	15 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	16 	17 11 am Chicken Noodle Fundraiser
18 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship 12:15 Choir	19	20 6:30 pm Bible Study	21 6:30 pm Planning Committee on Zoom	22 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	23	24 <i>SONKA</i> <i>Neighbors in Need Offering is Tomorrow</i>
25 10:30 Worship & Baptism 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	26	27 6:30 pm Bible Study	28 6:30 pm Consistory Meeting	29 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	30 6 pm Big Ol' Pumpkin Night	31 Halloween 6 pm Beggars Night in Byck