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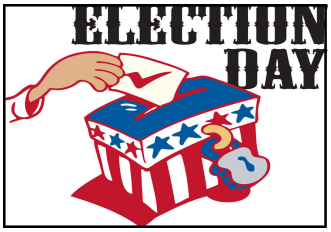
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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

They say you should never talk about religion or politics, and I say that as a minister, I already have to talk about one, and so I try not to talk about the other. That said, how true is such a statement to begin with? If we never talked about our faith, then we would not really be following Christ's Great Commission from Matthew 28, or be following Jesus' instruction in Mark 16:15 to preach the Gospel to every creature in all the world. I'm not quite sure I am successful with Gospel sharing to every creature, but I am pretty happy if I can at least make inroads with the humans that will listen to me. Our faith is also something that hopefully has profound meaning for our lives on a daily basis. Even if we weren't called to share the Gospel, keeping such beliefs bottled up is probably pretty difficult. Perhaps this is why the early church had so many issues with persecution by the Romans, they just had to share their faith, even if it meant their death. So, if the early church risked the sword to share their faith, as a pastor I feel the least I can do is risk a few uncomfortable moments.

You might say, "Yes, Pastor Brian! I agree about faith, but politics should be kept private at all times." Such things might be nice, but like faith, people have strong views about how the society they live in treats them and others. Let's face it, whether we like them or not, the people we elect have a great deal of influence over our lives and the lives of those whom we love. I know that many of us can also feel especially passionate about politics during election seasons. Wouldn't you know, believe it or not, we are actually in an election season right now! If you live in Ohio and didn't know that, you should probably check your pulse; you might be dead. Even if we don't want to talk about politics, every single type of media or communication system that humanity has invented is talking about it non-stop. Politicians keep blowing up my text messages every day, I mean, I know I'm pretty cool and everything, but they are starting to feel just a bit desperate for my attention at this point.

The content of faith and politics is not the reason, however, that we are told not to talk about them, rather it is the passions that we have for politics and faith; that is the real reason that the famous saying exists. It is not that there is something inherently wrong with faith or politics, but because of our passions, we risk creating conflict and rifts in our relationships with others. I would say that although it might seem easy just not to talk about anything, I don't think it is very realistic. What might be more helpful is not silence, but to work on the ways in which we talk about them and hear them. In our Gospel of John Bible study, we have recently finished going over chapters 14 and 15. One thing is clear in them, and that is that we better follow the commandments of Jesus, and those commandments can be summed up as the following: "love each other." He does not say we need to agree, or even like each other all the time, but we should love. So, how do we talk with love and hear with love. If we think that a person we disagree with should be harmed or is less than us, or some other view of that nature, just because they disagree with us, we are probably not speaking with love or hearing with love. If we see someone as just an object or an obstacle, and not a child of God, we are probably not speaking with love or hearing with love.

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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

Neva, heart ablation
Pat Fr., spinal fusion
Roger S., amputations
Bobby K., kidney—Barb H.
Marian, cancer
Janice, hip replacement
Anthony, brain hemorrhage
Brian, surgery—Alice

STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

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
Kendra, life support—Pastor Brian
Marcey, stage 4 cancer—Shirley



PRAYERS FOR

The family of Nancy Ann Spencer, age 78, d. 9/28
The family of Clarence Ronald "Ronnie" Barnett, age 79, d. 9/8
The family of Jerry, Nancy's relative
The family of Beth, Roger's cousin's wife

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, chemo
Bill B., congestive heart
Alan N., 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



- Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer
- Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.
- Barb, brain cyst—Nelson
- Brooks, Ashley, Thomas—BeBe
- Bob, kidney cancer
- Brenda, breast cancer—BeBe
- Cabe , recurring cancer
- Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.
- Cathy M., neck pain, surgery, insurance
- Chase, age 31, leukemia—Jake
- Cheryl, breast cancer/liver
- Cheryl, Melissa, John L.—Shirley
- Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley
- Christine & Elizabeth, twins, breast cancer
- Christy, breast cancer—Shirley
- Chrissy—Brian & Amelia's friend
- Colleen, new chemo, hospital—Paul A.
- Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan
- Denise M., cancer
- Don and Larry and sisters—Alice
- Don, mini strokes—Mike
- 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 & Brenda—BeBe
- Jane, hernia—Amelia
- Jeff, heart—Tom R.
- Jeff, kidney stone—Barb
- Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria
- Jim & Sharon,—Jeri H.
- Jim, back fractures—Barb H.
- Jim, bladder cancer—Auer
- Joan, heart attack, accident, life support
- John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze
- Josh, heart—Nelsons
- Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug
- Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons
- Kay, fall injuries—Jeri
- Livia, Mike's gr-grandaughter, tumor
- Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R.
- Maggie, family health concerns
- Maria P., back—Cathy M.
- Marshall S., heart—Donna B.
- Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R.
- Mike's d-in-law, new job, broke femur
- Nathan, liver transplant
- Mona, breast cancer—Barb H.
- Pam M., stroke
- Pat, infection—Jeri
- Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley
- 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.
- Ralph, aneurysm, surgery—Marian
- Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty
- Randy—brain tumor
- Rene in LA & Ashley—BeBe
- Rich K.—Penrod
- Rich, cancer—Marian
- Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins
- Rick, Rhonda, Rob & Brook—BeBe
- Rob, aortic aneurism
- Rose, health—Alan
- Sandy, aortic artery surgery—Shirley
- Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker
- Sarah, Brian's friend
- Shelby R., throat problem
- Shirley, cancer—Linda R.
- Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer
- Steve, back—Pat
- Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian
- Susie, knee replacement—Mindy
- Suzanne, lung surgery—BeBe
- Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley
- Terry, aorta surgery
- Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins
- Tina, lungs—Shirley
- Tracy, gallbladder & breast surgery
- Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer
- Uncle Art—Melissa
- Vicky G. & Mike, hospital—Eddie
- Vickie, stress—BeBe
- Vicki, ongoing health issues—Jeri
- Vincent, pancreatic surgery—Patti
- 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 November 1		
Scripture	Joshua 3:7-17 Matthew 23:1-12	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Pat Ferguson	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

November 8		
Scripture	Amos 5:10-14 Matthew 25:31-46	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Donna Banks	
Altar Flowers	Kristine Petrick	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

November 15		
Scripture	Judges 4:1-7 Matthew 25:14-30	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	Carolyn Conner	
Altar Flowers	Pat & Doug Goudy	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

November 22		
Scripture	Psalm 100 Matthew 25:31-46	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Linda Racz	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

November 29		
Scripture	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Mark 13:24-37	
Greeter	Pastor Brian	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Byron & Anne Kulander, in honor of Chris and Terri Kulander	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

$$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
October 4	$1356	51+FB
October 11	$925	42+FB
October 18	$2718	50+FB
October 25	$3788	69+FB

Neighbors in Need/SONKA	$404

Church News and Events

Pastor Brian Away

Pastor Brian will be away from the office and taking some time off for vacation from November 2nd through November 10th. If you need to speak with a pastor while he is gone, you may contact Rev. Charlie Williams at (937) 830-6034 or Rev. Martha (Marty) Smith at (216) 233-0637.

Toys for Tots

This year we will again be collecting new toys for Toys for Tots. We will be collecting the items through Sunday **December 6th** and you can place these items in the marked bin by the card table in the front of the sanctuary. Toys for Tots is a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve that collects and distributes new toys, books, and other gifts to underprivileged children at Christmas.

Washington UCC Christmas Drive

This year we will again be taking up a **monetary collection** for Washington UCC in Cincinnati. They use these funds for a Christmas program to support 100 or so families with food, clothes, and gifts for children during Christmas. Washington UCC is located in the Camp Washington neighborhood of Cincinnati, a very poor community that struggles with many basic needs. Washington UCC is a mission church that provides many services to this in-need community. We will be collecting monetary donations **through Sunday November 29th**. You can write a check to Beaver Church, and then the church will combine everyone's donations and give the funds to Washington UCC. Make sure to write Washington UCC on the check memo line, or on the offering envelope.

BUCC Food Pantry: Extra Food for the Holidays

Dear Beaver church, all of the donations towards our food pantry are greatly appreciated and have been used by those in need in our community. Right now, we are asking those that can to donate extra items to the pantry as we are intending to fill the pantry twice a week instead of once a week in the time leading up to Thanksgiving and going into the Christmas season. You can place items on the shelf in the fellowship hall or we will also have a box by the card table for donations as well.

Annual Volunteer Award

Beaver church sure does have a bunch of great people who volunteer and do many things for the church. A number of years ago we started an award to be given to a new volunteer each year. Our voting box for this year will be in the sanctuary on the Sundays of **11/1, 11/8, and 11/15**. Each person at the church can write down on a piece of paper who they think the volunteer of the year should be. If you are not attending the church services in person and want to vote, you can email your vote to Pastor Brian at PastorBrian@BeaverUCC.org. All votes must be placed by November 15th. Please note that prior winners cannot win again, you can only win once. Prior winners include current members Ed & Jenny Rauch, Doug Goudy, Tom Rauls, Alice Clausing, Karen Barger, Dean Severtson, Jeannette Papajcik, Melissa Baumbarger, Alan & Shirley Nelson, Bob Willhelm, Steve Filer, Byron & Anne Kulander, Kristine Petrick, and Ruth Tobias.

However, if we care for someone and want the best for them, but "by gosh" we think they are still dead wrong about some things, then I think we are not only working in the vein of love, but more importantly we will all be better for it. So go out and vote if you haven't already. It is my patriotic duty to remind you of how important that is. Also, I would say that I can guarantee you with 100% certainty, that not everyone in our church will be voting the same exact way this election. I know, shocking. My hope and prayer is that despite this, we can all remember our faith, which calls us to love one another in spite of it.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Brian

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MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Our sanctuary will be made beautiful this Christmas season with the addition of poinsettia plants that you provide each year. These plants will be in the sanctuary through the Christmas Eve Service. At the conclusion of that service, take your plant with you to beautify your home. The cost is $20.00 each.

Please include the appropriate amount sent in with your order, or placed in the offering by:

December 6, 2026.



Red_____, White_____, Marble_____, Pink_____,

Donated by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Submit this form & payment at church or mail to:
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Hanging of the Greens November 29th

We will meet after church on November 29th and decorate the church for Christmas. This will, of course, involve putting the tree up, and any other decorations that we have, or people bring. Please stay to help after our lunch; many hands make quick work.

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 kindergarten.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:15 Bell Choir **10:30 Worship & Communion** 11:45 Carry-In Meal	**2** *We have so much to be thankful for. Pray for those less fortunate*	**3 Election Day**	**4**	**5** 12:30 pm Lunch Club @ Marion's Pizza *A.A. 8:30 pm*	**6**	**7**
8 9:15 Bell Choir **10:30 Worship** 11:45 Lunch *12:15 Choir* *AA 8:30 pm*	**9**	**10**	**11 Veterans Day**	**12** *A.A. 8:30 pm*	**13**	**14**
15 9:15 Bell Choir **10:30 Worship** 11:45 Lunch *12:15 Choir* AA 7	**16**	**17 6:30 pm Bible Study—Gospel of John**	**18**	**19** *A.A. 8:30 pm*	**20** *6—8pm Deliver Cookies to Church/ Cookie Walk*	**21** *8 am Cookie Walk Setup* **10 am Cookie Walk**
22 9:15 Bell Choir **10:30 Worship** 11:45 Fellowship *12:15 Choir*	**23**	**24** **6:30 pm Bible Study**	**25**	**26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING** *A.A. 8:30 pm*	**27**	**28**
29 Advent Begins 9:15 Bell Choir **10:30 Worship** 11:45 Fellowship *12:15* **Choir + Hanging of the Greens** *AA*	**30**					

Pastor Brian Out of Office 11/2—11/10/2026

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