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INSIDE THIS ISSUE



THE PASTOR'S PEACE

Well folks, I have to say that I was trained on a number of things in seminary, but responding to a global pandemic wasn't one of them. This, of course, isn't the first pandemic Beaver church has been through. Being that we are 211 years old, we have been through several cholera and flu outbreaks, the worst being the flu pandemic of 1918, known as the Spanish flu, that sadly took the lives of 600,000 in the United States, with 600 perishing in Dayton alone. Looking at our history records there is an entry dated December 1918 stating that the fourth quarter communion scheduled for October was delayed until December because of the "prevalence of influenza." So this is not the first time we have had to change our worship due to disease, and like our church brothers and sisters 102 years ago, we will continue to write our histories for the future generations of this church.

Because it has been over 100 years since this country has had to deal with anything similar to the scale and speed of the current Coronavirus, it is understandable that our leaders, including Gov. DeWine, are doing all they can to reduce the spread of this disease. This is why Beaver church has moved to online services for the time being and why we are encouraging all of our members to practice physically distancing themselves from others, and as per state guidelines encouraging those over 65 to stay at home except for absolute necessities and emergencies. I have confidence that together we can, through these practices, limit the casualties from this disease such that we don't have another outbreak as deadly as the 1918 flu or worse. All of us have to do our part, caring for each other, as God has cared for us.

Despite the gravity of the situation we cannot lose hope, and we need to banish our fears. We should take comfort that our current understanding of disease and medicine is vastly superior to our knowledge a century ago. Even in those bleak times so long ago, life as we know it continued and flourished. In 1918 Beaver church recorded only one death, but in addition celebrated the baptisms of four new babies, including the birth and baptism of Catherine Tapy, the daughter of then Beaver church pastor Rev. J.F. Tapy and his wife Bertha.

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Prayer List

Military:

Pray for our military and their family and friends.



- † Military families that are left behind
- † Our many veterans
- † Adam, Gail and Stuart Wells' grandson, stationed in Minot ND.
- † Alex Deal, U.S. Navy, stationed in S.C.
- † Dan, son-in-law of Brett & Kendal Landrum
- † Cody
- † Sandra, stationed in Japan for 3 years
- † Jeff, another tour in Afghanistan



To the family of Jackie Keen, friend of Lori Wieland.

CARD MINISTRY

Let Sharon Parkison or Shirley Nelson know about those with physical or emotional needs who would appreciate a card. A card will be placed on the table at the front of the sanctuary for all to sign.

"Your signatures are priceless."



Would you like to be included in the email prayer chain? Please let Jeannette know your email address so I can send you the prayer requests. Thanks for sharing your prayer time with those who need you. jpapaicik@aol.com.

Prayer List

Please review the Prayer List on page 3 and tell Bob or Ruth if there are names to remove.



Prayer List



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">† Alex, age 5, has leukemia† Amelia O'Dowd, Pastor Brian's wife† Angie—transplant complication—Ed & Jenny† Ann, hospital—BeBe† Annette Marts† Arlene, Jim's sister† Arlis† Arthur—genetic disease† Austin Puckett† Bill—knee replacement—home/rehab† Bill Goessl, cancer† Bob Penrod, eyes† Brandie—from Barb Penrod† Carol Olson, cancer† Carolyn—as reported by Pat Ferguson† Catherine & Janice—Jean's cousins† Charley & Shirley—Martha's friends† Christine, cancer—Pastor Brian's cousin† Craig—Wells' nephew, cancer† David—diabetes† Deanna— Pat's friend† Debbie—Gloria's sister† Don—Stu's son-in-law—Tom's neighbor† Emily's mother—cancer tests† Eric Melton—friend of Linda Racz† Faith—Tom Rauls† Gene and his wife—Barb's brother† Gordy, cancer—Kendal† Isaac, Barb's grandson† Jan, cancer† J.D.—from Alan† Jennifer, brain tumor—Pat's friend† Jim, kidney—Pat F.† Jimmie Ferguson† Jody Miles, Hospice† John—Linda Dolbeer's oldest brother in NC† Judy—diabetes—Pat's friend† Justin, from Greg† Linda—hip replacement—home† Louise, cancer—husband Roger† Mark—cancer spread—Greg's friend† Mark, Tom Rauls' brother† Mary Owens, broken hip—rehab at Trinity† Meg, cancer—Gail's friend† Michelle—Lisa's cousin† Mike, brain tumor† Pam, BeBe's friend† Pam Brown, cancer—Shirley | <ul style="list-style-type: none">† Peggy and Mary—from Cathy† Phyllis—Pat Ferguson's sister† Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.† Randy—brain tumor† Robert—Melissa's co-worker† Robin, stem cell† Roy Rauch, heart—Pat F.'s brother† Ruth Osborn—broken bones—Friends† Ryan, Jennifer's son† Sally Landrum, dementia† Sandy, healing—Jeri† Sandy—hospice—Linda R.† Sarah, BeBe's sister† Scott, bone marrow transfusion† Sharon Bristow—Shirley† Shaunda—back surgery† Sheila & Laila† Stacy, stroke etc.—Martha† Stephen Young† Jim, lung disease—Pat Ferguson† Steve—ALS—Bob Willhelm's friend† Susan Saddler—knee surgery† Tim, surgery—Janice† Tim Pfaff, heart—Rauch's son-in-law† Tom—Nelsons' brother-in-law† Tom Maloney, fall recovery† Tracy—Kendal's daughter† Vickie and family† Viola† Yvonne and Jane—Linda's friends |
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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 April 5, Palm Sunday			April 12, Easter		
Scripture	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Matthew 21:1-11		Scripture	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	
Usher/Greeter			Usher/Greeter		
Lay Reader			Lay Reader		
Altar Flowers	The Huddleston Family, for Maria's sister Anne's birthday		Altar Flowers	The Petrick Family, for Sarah's birth- day	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls	Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

April 19			April 26		
Scripture	Acts 2:14, 22-32 John 20:19-31		Scripture	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Luke 24:13-35	
Usher/Greeter			Usher/Greeter		
Lay Reader			Lay Reader		
Altar Flowers	Alan & Shirley Nelson, in memory of those who have been lost in the Coronavirus		Altar Flowers	Jeannette Papajcik	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls	Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

May 3		
Scripture		
Usher/Greeter		
Lay Reader		
Altar Flowers		
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Hayden Rauls

\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
March 1	\$1853	77
March 8	\$2009	66
March 15	\$1500	No Service
March 22		No Service
March 29		No Service

Church News and Events

(Pastor's Peace Continued)

In the midst of struggle and difficulty there is still always beauty and joy if we look for it, for God never abandons us. Even in the death of our savior Jesus Christ, nearly 2000 years ago, the sadness and death of the cross was transformed into the joy and wonder of the resurrection. We might indeed find ourselves in difficult times, and hopefully things will have gotten better since the time I am writing this, but no matter what, the love of God through Christ is eternal. God is present in our lives through the Holy Spirit always, and all darkness will be overcome by the light of Christ.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Brian

Communicating during the Pandemic

Because we will no longer be able to meet in person for the time being, it is important for us to still be able to communicate and for the church to be able to send information to the members. We will be continuing the newsletter, and as long as we are able to mail it out, we will. There is also always a copy of the newsletter on the church website, www.beaverucc.org, and it will be emailed as normal. Day to day communication will be primarily sent out via our "all church email list." You are encouraged to please become part of this list if you are not already. To add your address to the list, please email your email address to Pastor Brian at PastorBrian@Beaverucc.org or call or text him at 937-469-1383 to give him your email address. Updates will also be placed on the church's Facebook page.

Giving to Beaver Church During the Pandemic

All of us have been impacted in so many ways by the Coronavirus pandemic. Many have been struggling financially, and for those of you who have, please contact Pastor Brian and we can assist you from our benevolence fund. For those that are able to continue to give your offerings to the church and wish to, you can either send checks to the church at "1960 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45434", or if you wish, you can go to our website www.beaverucc.org and use the yellow donate button in the upper right hand corner of the webpage to donate online via credit or debit card. We are very grateful for continued offerings during this period, as we are still paying staff and taking care of other bills and obligations.

Garage Sale Postponed

We will be postponing the Garage Sale to a later date once the restrictions from the pandemic have been lifted. In the meantime please hold onto your items and we will let you know when you can bring them and when the new date for the sale will be.

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Changes to Beaver Church due to the Coronavirus Pandemic

As all of you are aware, we are in an extraordinary time where all of us have to change our lives to limit the spread of the Coronavirus. In keeping with the recommendations of the State of Ohio Department of Health, the consistory has voted to suspend all in-person church meetings and functions including Sunday worship. This seemed to be the most responsible thing to do for the safety of our church members and the greater community. This is also what the vast majority of other congregations have done. We will continue in this way until the state has deemed gatherings such as worship safe. Based upon info given out thus far we will likely not be meeting in person until May at the earliest.

While we won't be having in-person worship, we will continue to have worship every Sunday at 10:30am online through Facebook. There will be a live broadcast with Alex and myself. In addition we will also have communion each Sunday online during Lent and Easter as originally planned, and I ask that if you wish to participate in communion that you have bread and some sort of juice or wine with you for the service.

In addition to changes in how the church worships, the consistory also voted that all staff would continue to remain employed and will be given work to do during this time period. Being that the church is more or less continuing as it has before, there of course will still be all of the normal bills and obligations to pay. Obviously some church members might be greatly impacted financially by the shutdowns, and if you find yourself in need of help, please contact me as we have access to benevolence funds that can help. For those of you, however, that feel as if you can donate to the church and wish to do so, we would appreciate your continued donations so that we can keep the church going during this time. Donations can be mailed to the church at "1960 Dayton-Xenia Rd. Beaver Creek, OH 45434". We have also added an online donation button to our website at www.beaverucc.org which will take credit or debit cards and is processed through PayPal.

As always if you have any questions or concerns about anything please feel free to email me at pastorbrian@beaverucc.org or call me at 937-469-1383. As stated there will be more detailed information coming out in the next few days about all of these changes. Lastly, as always keep everyone dealing with the many ramifications of this pandemic in your prayers.

Items for the Kids

Jeannette, our fabulous children's moment leader, will be putting some things together for the kids which will be sent in the mail for Easter. If you wish to have your children receive something from Jeannette, or any other care package items we send to the kids, please email Pastor Brian at PastorBrian@Beaverucc.org with your address and the number of kids who would like to receive things at that address.

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Worshipping on Facebook

While the church is canceling in person worship, we will instead be having worship online each Sunday at 10:30am through Facebook. For those that are familiar with Facebook, you will just need to go to our Facebook page, which you can search for as "Beaver United Church of Christ". For those not set up on Facebook, it is very easy to setup a Facebook account. All you need to do is go to www.facebook.com and follow the instructions for setting up a new account. Once in Facebook, search for our church. Alternatively, if you go to our website, www.beaverucc.org, there is also a link to our Facebook page that you can click on.

Once on the church's Facebook page there will be a live stream video, that you might have to scroll down a bit to see. You can enlarge it by clicking on the enlarge button on the lower right hand of the video. You will be able to make comments during the video, which we will use, for instance, during joys and concerns. Once the service is over you will also be able to view the video afterwards on our Facebook page as well. When we have communion, if you have bread and wine or juice with you, I will consecrate it through Facebook, so that we can all partake of communion together. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Brian about this on his cell phone: 937-469-1383.

Easter Service

All indications are that we will not be able to worship in person until at least May. Being that this is the case, we will be celebrating Easter via our online service on Facebook. There will be only one Easter service, and that will be at 10:30am. Once the service has concluded, it will remain on Facebook, for those that wish to view it later.

Joys and Concerns

We will be continuing our joys and concerns during our online services. To be included each week, please email your concerns to Pastor Brian at PastorBrian@Beaverucc.org before each Sunday. There is also the ability to make comments during the service and we will use that as well for joys and concerns.

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Excerpts of MEMORIES OF FLORA (WINTERS) MORGAN

Daughter of Rev. David Winters, Beaver Church pastor 1823-1844, along with Hawker, Mt. Zion and David Church—On the occasion of the 1922 Homecoming at Mt. Zion Church.

“Father always appreciated a joke and liked to tell them, even though they were on himself. One was that when he united John Martin Hawker and his wife in marriage, Mr. Hawker’s bride asked her husband what he had given the Parson for marrying them. Mr. Hawker jokingly replied, “A pound of dried apples.” He liked to repeat how a certain man, when he was married, said he did not have the Parson for the ceremony, as he charged a quarter, and that was too much. Another man, thinking to corner all the best marriages and run father out of business, put up a sign in his own yard which read: “Come to me to be married. Rev. Winters will marry you for a bag of rags.” Let me say here that father received all sums and amounts of money, from a quarter up to twenty-five dollars. All kinds of presents, valuable and otherwise. One man gave him a vacant lot in town for marrying him. A wide spread belief had taken hold of the people, to the effect that, if Parson Winters performed the ceremony the marriage would be prosperous.

“A woman saw father unite her sister in marriage. This woman made the remark that she would never have him perform the ceremony for her, because he didn’t make it very long. She said she wanted a longer speech than that. Many years afterward, father was called to where the lady lived to perform the marriage ceremony for her. When he reached the house, he asked to see the woman, and they sent him upstairs. He went upstairs and the bride-to-be was shaking and trembling like a leaf. She met him with the exclamation, “Oh, Parson, make it as short as possible. Get it over with as quick as you can.” Father told her he would not prolong it a minute longer than was necessary, but of course, she would understand that he must perform it as prescribed by law, which would entail a certain amount of time.

“Father married a very poor young man to a very rich young woman. When the bride’s parents heard of it, they were very angry and said that Winters would marry anybody for a quarter. The sequel to the story was: In later years the parents lost all their fortune and had to be taken care of by the prosperous, but once very poor, young man.

“ One time father married a couple out in the country. The bride and groom slipped away to the neighbor’s, and the Parson was put in the bed that the newly married couple were supposed to be already occupying. It was the custom in those days to have a dance after the wedding. Some of the dancers decided they would tie a bell on one of the groom’s toes, and came running upstairs into the room where father was and jerked up the covers. Meanwhile, he had to snatch the covers from under his chin and stick them in his mouth to keep from laughing. When the jokers undertook to tie the bell on his toe, they discovered their mistake, and one of them shouted, “That’s the d#%\$ preacher, let him alone.”

“Father was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, December 24, 1801. Died May 9, 1885 and was buried near the chapel in Woodland Cemetery. My mother was Mary A. Huffman. Nine children were born to them: David, Elizabeth, Mary Jane, Lydia Ann, Charles Huffman, Edward Thomas, William Huffman, Emma Virginia, and Flora. Father and Mother died just four weeks apart. Mother always said she did not want to go first because father was so fine looking all the ladies would be after him. Mother had her wish.”



April 2020



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 <i>Please pray for our service men and women.</i>	2 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	3	4
5 Palm Sunday 10:30 Facebook Worship & Communion <i>A.A. 8 pm</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	10 Good Friday	11 <i>Need a lift? Read John 3:16!</i>
12 Easter 10:30 Facebook Worship & Communion <i>A.A. 8 pm</i>	13	14	15 6:30 pm *NO* Church Planning Committee	16 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	17	18
19 10:30 Facebook Worship/ Question Sunday <i>A.A. 8 pm</i>	20	21	22 Earth Day 7 pm *NO* Consistory	23 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>	24	25
26 10:30 Facebook Worship <i>A.A. 8 pm</i>	27 <i>Make this a great Monday!</i>	28	29	30 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i>		

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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.
 Ask any time.