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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

By the time you read this, no doubt there will be many Christmas jingles on the radio and in the stores reminding you of good times and holiday cheer. This is ok, a bit early perhaps, but ok. In Christmas we remember the light that comes into the world through Christ and brings peace, hope, joy, and love. Right now as I write this, I could use a couple of these things. You see, the other text I am writing today is a eulogy. I have lost my last Betty here at the church. When I first got to Beaver church I had three Bettys, my Betty trio: Betty Brill, Betty Gilbert, and Betty Filson. All three were fantastic older women who had seen much and had much to share. All three were women of faith in their own way, and each inspired me. Tomorrow is Betty Filson's funeral, three months ago was Betty Gilbert's, and two years ago we lost Betty Brill. Despite all of the Christmas music around me, despite the plans for tree decorating, I have to say it sucks. I could try to sugar coat things, but sometimes life is hard, and anyone reading this knows that to be true.

Advent, a period of the church calendar, has that understanding built into it as well. We often skip past the season of Advent, certainly our malls and radio stations do, but it is an important season. When we sing songs such as "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus," we do so to acknowledge the difficulty of life. We don't plead for Jesus to come to us because he has a Tickle Me Elmo, or a life-sized Elsa doll; we cry out to Jesus because we need him. We need him to help with the sorrows of life, with the times when our faith is challenged, with the hardships that threaten to break apart our families and way of life. These difficulties are real, and, boy, do we need some help with them. Advent doesn't begin for another week or so, but I am certainly having that longing-for-Jesus feeling right now. Then again, Advent is only a representation, an allotted time period to explore and acknowledge feelings we have all the time.

Luckily, Christmas is merely a representation as well, a time to remember Christ in our lives, and we don't need to wait until December 25th to receive that light in the darkness. Each month, each week, each day of our life is likely an Advent and Christmas all wrapped together. Throughout our lives we face darkness and therefore it is important to know that the light is always there as well. So feel free to crank up that Christmas music, listen to it today, or in July if you want. Every day is a time to remember Christ, but in doing so understand what Christ does for us, understand that Christ is there for the pain and sorrow to give us that hope we often need. What a blessing that is, what a joy it brings, and what an awesome thing it is to celebrate on December 25th, or any other day of the year you need to. For me it's today.

Peace, Blessings, and Merry Christmas
Pastor Brian

Prayer List



Military:

Pray for our military and their family and friends.

- † Military families that are left behind
- † May they all come home safely
- † Our many veterans
- † Adam, Gail and Stuart Wells' grandson, stationed in Okinawa
- † Alex Deal, U.S.Navy, stationed in Japan
- † Dan, son-in-law of Brett & Kendal Landrum



To the family of Chris Hubbard, friend of Cathy Miller

To the family of Betty Filson, long-time member of Beaver Church

To the family of Juanita Beck, friend of Mary Owens

To the families of Howard and Alice, friends of Alan Nelson

CARD MINISTRY

Let Judy Hudson or Sharon Parkison 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. jpa-pajcik@aol.com or call 426 -7928 or in person.

Church News and Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOR JANUARY 18, 2015—ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER A CARRY-IN MEAL



IN NEED
OF PRAYER

Prayer List



- † Alex, age 5, has leukemia
- † Anne Sullivan
- † Arlene Velliquette
- † Art Townsend—friend of Bebe
- † Austin, Margaret Puckett's grandson—M.D.
- † Betty Barger—Pastor Brian's Family
- † Bill Benedict—Ellen's co-worker
- † Bill Newell—friend of Alan Nelson
- † Bob—Cathy Miller's uncle
- † Bob—Shirley Nelson's brother-in-law
- † Bob Jackson
- † Brenda—John Lyden's sister
- † Brittany— former student of Pat Ferguson
- † Cameron Neal
- † Carol—Janice Rice's former supervisor
- † Carolyn—Pat Ferguson's friend
- † Christina—John Lyden's friend
- † Chris—friend of Jean Ali
- † Chuck—friend of Tom Maloney
- † Cindy—sister-in-law of Janice Rice
- † Chris McFadden
- † Cramer family—friends of BeBe Bittner
- † Dale—Lisa Rauls' stepfather
- † Dave & Donna—friends of the Rauls
- † Debbie Runyon—friend of the Wells
- † Denise Burke—Trish's friend
- † Diane Neal—Alice's sister-in-law
- † Don—Alan Nelson's friend
- † Ed Jones—friend of John Lyden
- † Edna Mae Dietz
- † Evelyn Foreman—Aunt of John Lyden
- † Frank and Peggy—friends of Cathy Miller
- † Frank Ali & Viola Ali
- † Gary—Carol Landing's brother-in-law
- † George—Byron Kulander's cousin
- † Gilbert Lewis
- † Harry Morgan—friend of Alice Clausing
- † Ina McCormick,—friend of Jean Ali
- † Jack—friend of Susan Saddler
- † Jean—friend of Jeannette Papajcik
- † Jean Burke—Shirley Nelson's niece
- † Jerry Schufner
- † Jenni—Shirley Nelson's niece
- † Jill & family—friends of the Rauls
- † Jim—friend of Mark Freeze
- † Joe—Ellen Coleman's cousin
- † Joe—friend of Jean Harshman
- † Joan—Roger Saddler's sister
- † John—Ed & Jenny Rauch request
- † John Huntsbarger—friend of Tom Maloney
- † Karen—Amelia's friend

- † Karen—John Deal's co-worker
- † Katari—Marts' daughter
- † Kyle & Linda & Carl—Nelsons' relatives
- † Lloyd Rauls
- † Lydia—Jean Harshman's g-daughter
- † Marjorie Crawford
- † Mark—Tom Raul's brother
- † Melissa—Landrums' friend
- † Michael Burger—grandson of Bertine Dolkowski
- † Mike Leach—Pat Ferguson's friend
- † Mike Rauch—Pat Ferguson's brother
- † Mike Sheets—Tom Raul's stepfather
- † Mina—friend of Brenda Oppel
- † Nolan family—Lisa Rauls' request
- † Ossie, Tanya's mom—Rauls' friend
- † Pat—Shirley Nelson's sister
- † Pat Woodhull—Nelsons' friend
- † Paula McMahan—friend of Shirley
- † Peggy Pendleton-Mary Owens' friend
- † Roger Rowland
- † Ryan—Shirley Nelson's g-nephew
- † Sally—friend of Susan Saddler
- † Sharon Farmer—Judy's friend
- † Sheila—Alan Nelson's sister
- † Steve—Margaret Puckett's nephew
- † Steve—Shirley Nelson's brother
- † Stout family—requested by Tom Rauls
- † Sue—Jean Harshman's caregiver
- † Susie—Byron's relative
- † Tammy & Jerry—BeBe's friends
- † Tom—Saddlers' neighbor
- † William & Martha Stevens, continuing needs
- † Vicki—friend of Brenda Oppel
- † Virginia—Jeannette's aunt

The names on the prayer list will remain for two or three prayer 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

December 7 Communion		
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11 Mark 1:1-8	
Usher/Greeter	Gail Wells	
Lay Reader	Cathy Miller	
Altar Flowers	Given by Viola Matyas in honor of her son Les Matyas' birthday.	
Sunday School Teachers	Trish Rowland Patti King	Jenny Rauch

December 14		
Scripture	Psalms 126 1Thessalonians 5:16-24	
Usher/Greeter	Bill Conner	
Lay Reader	Carolyn Conner	
Altar Flowers	Given by Agnes Stanislo in honor of her grandson, John Baker's birthday.	
Sunday School Teachers	Trish Rowland Patti King	Brenda Oppel

December 21		
Scripture	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 Luke 1:26-38	
Usher/Greeter	Ed Rauch	
Lay Reader	Lori Wieland	
Altar Flowers	Given to the glory of God	
Sunday School Teachers	Trish Rowland Patti King	Volunteer

December 24		
Scripture	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1-20	
Usher/Greeter	Tom Maloney	
Lay Reader	Steve Williams	
Altar Flowers	Given by Annie & Byron Kulander in celebration of Jesus' birthday.	
Sunday School Teachers	Trish Rowland Patti King	Shirley Nelson

December 28		
Scripture	Isaiah 61:10 thru 62:3 Luke 2:22-40	
Usher/Greeter	Volunteer	
Lay Reader	Norma Jackson	
Altar Flowers	Given by Shirley & Alan Nelson.	
Sunday School Teachers	Trish Rowland Patti King	Shirley Nelson

Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
November 2	\$1758	67
November 9	\$2438	75
November 16	\$2169	67
November 23	\$2765	98

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Thank You: Volunteer Ushers, Lay Readers, and Sunday School Volunteers

Church News and Events

Hanging of the Greens December 14th

We will meet after church on December 14th 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; many hands make quick work.



Holiday Service of Remembrance: December 17th



This year we will again be holding a special service to honor those who will not be with us this holiday season. The service will take place on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's celebrations can be some of the happiest times of the year; they can also be a sad reminder of those we have lost. We will acknowledge our grief and seek comfort in God. We are here for each other, here to give comfort, here to provide support, and here to be a community of God together. Please come and share in this special service where we will remember our loved ones and remember that we are not alone.

Sunday School Winter Break

We will be having a winter break for our normal Sunday school classes starting on December 21st and lasting until January 11th. The normal Sunday school classes will start back up on January 18th. During the break the Nursery will continue to meet, as will the Teen/Adult class that happens at 9:30am on Sundays. The older "Children's Sunday School" group that normally meets with Patti, will stay in service for those four weeks. The middle "Young Learners" group that meets with Trish will have the choice of either staying in service, or going to the Nursery and working on special projects. Keep a lookout for December 28th when we will have our Impromptu Christmas Pageant, and all the kids will want to be there for that.

Christmas Caroling December 19th

We will be Christmas caroling again this year, and we hope you can join us. The youth are making some special treats for those members who can't get to church that often, and we will be helping the youth deliver them with song and holiday cheer. If you want to make some cookies to share as well, please bring them to church on the 19th at 6:00 PM, at which time we will put together the treat packages. For those that are coming to carol, we will meet at 6:30 PM at the church and split into two groups to deliver the goodies and sing some carols.



CONGRATULATIONS to Kristine Petrick, the winner of the 2nd Annual Volunteer of the Year Award! Her name will be added to the special plaque of yearly winners.

Christmas Raffle

Attention all crafters and donators of choice items. Bring in your Christmas raffle items anytime between now and December 21st. The items will be on display in the fellowship hall with a basket in front of each item (or group of items). Buy tickets and place them in the basket in front of that item for a chance to win it. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00 or 15 tickets for \$10.00. The Raffle will be Sunday, December 21st after Sunday Service. See Melissa Baumbarger for raffle tickets.

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New Holiday Charity Programs

(Washington UCC Christmas Drive):

We are still collecting new toys and children's clothing for our sister church in Cincinnati. 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, including an opportunity for parents in the community to come and "shop" for Christmas gifts at the free event offered by the church and stocked by donations from area churches. The donation box is in the "cry/comfort-room" of the church. We will collect toys and clothes until December 7th. One note on toys— they have requested no toy guns, due to the environment of the neighborhood. Please do not wrap your donations.

(Heifer Project):

Heifer Project is an international project that helps people in impoverished countries to become more self-sufficient. Many years ago the church began participating in this project during the Christmas season and we continue to support this project year round by collecting spare change. Change and donations are collected in a container labeled "Pennies from Heaven" which is located in the foyer between the sanctuary and the offices. The donations help purchase items such as chickens, goats, cows and other items that help these people live a viable life. For more information go to www.heifer.org.

(Dayton Area Food Bank):

From now through December 14th we will be collecting non-perishable food items that we will donate to the Food Bank. The donation container is in the "cry/comfort-room" of the church.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Beaver Church welcomed five new members this month: Patti King, Anne Kulander, Andrew and Lindsey Lingenfelter, and Bertha Buttner. Congratulations to all of you. Our church family is uplifted by your support.

Silent Auction

We have some donated items that we are auctioning in a silent auction. The items (or a picture of the item) will be displayed with the Raffle items. An auction sheet will be in front of each item with a minimum starting bid. To bid write your name and the amount you are bidding on the sheet. The items will go to the highest bidder on Sunday December 21st after the Christmas Raffle.

KAYWOS CLOTHS

These wonderful cleaning cloths are still on sale for \$5 each. Follow the directions on the package about washing them before use—then clean windows, shower doors, mirrors, windshields, etc. using only water. When soiled, toss it in the washing machine. No need for commercial window cleaners ever again! Martha has been using a single cloth for 2 years! Great for a Christmas gift!

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New Christmas Season Services

This year we are trying something different! We will not be having the Cantata on Christmas Eve, but rather on the Sunday before Christmas during the service. Our Christmas Eve service will be a more traditional one with hymns, communion, music, and "Silent Night" by candlelight.



Sunday December 21st: Cantata, 10:30am

We will perform our Cantata this year during our 10:30 Sunday service.

Wednesday December 24th: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00pm

Please join us December 24th at 7:00 PM for our new Christmas Eve service. Pastor Brian will offer a Christmas message, and we will sing even more of your favorite traditional Christmas hymns. We will have communion and end with "Silent Night" by candlelight. It is truly a special night at Beaver Church and we hope you can join us.



Sunday December 28th: Impromptu Christmas Pageant, 10:30am

During our Sunday service on December 28th we will be having our Impromptu Christmas Pageant. We will have some hymns and other aspects of the usual Sunday service; however, the children will remain downstairs and the majority of the service will be the pageant. We will hand out parts to people as they come to church, and there will be costumes available for anyone who wants them. It should be a bunch of fun and will help get everyone into the spirit of Christmas.



Christmas Fund Offering

This year we have participated in all of our denomination's special mission offerings. The last of the four is called the Christmas Fund, and we will be taking up that offering during service on December 21st. This is a fund that helps retired clergy and other church employees, and, like all the causes we give to, it is a worthy one. Below is some information about the mission:

"For 109 years, the Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund has been a means by which we, as members of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor bodies, live out the mandate to be Christ's Body in the world. The Christmas Fund, one of four Special Mission Offerings received annually in the United Church of Christ, is a ministry of compassion and care to those who serve our church."

Annual 12th Night Party at Pastor Brian's House

Amelia and I would like to invite the church to come to our home on the evening of Monday, January 5th for our traditional 12th night party. For those who are not familiar, the eve of Epiphany was traditionally celebrated with a big feast and party. We will be having such a party at our house starting at 7:00PM till 9:30PM. We will have king cake, wassail, and other traditional 12th night things to nosh on. Bring something to drink or something sweet to share if you wish. Our address is 236 Green St. Dayton, OH 45402. It should be a good time, and, who knows, maybe you will be crowned king or queen.

Christmas Blessings,
Pastor Brian and Amelia



DECEMBER 2014

at Beaver Church

Our Mission:
To love and to serve

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Beaver United Christ Church of 1960 Dayton— Xenia Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45434 469-1383 Pastor Brian Eastman</p> <p><i>CHILD CARE is available during worship services for ages infant to kindergarten.</i></p> <p><i>Beaver Church is wheelchair accessible with elevators. We also have sound devices for those with hearing impairments. Please ask any time.</i></p> <p><i>To add calendar items, call Alice Clausing at 427-0849 or send email to treasurer@beaverucc.org</i></p>	<p>7 9:30 Adult Stu. 10:30 Worship 12:15 Choir <i>A.A. 8 pm</i></p>	<p>8 </p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>11 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i></p>	<p>12 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>13 Wedding at Beaver</p>
	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i></p>	<p>5 Did you order your Christmas Poinsettias?</p>	<p>6</p>	
	<p>14 9:30 Adult Stu. 10:30 Worship Noon Hang Greens 12:15 Choir <i>A.A. 8 pm</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Please pray for our church family this season</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <i>7 pm Service of Remembrance</i></p>	<p>18 <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i></p>	<p>19 6:30 pm Christmas Caroling</p>	<p>20</p>
	<p>21 9:30 Adult Stu. 10:30 Worship & Christmas Cantata 12:15 Choir <i>A.A. 8 pm</i></p>	<p>22 </p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve <i>7 pm Christmas Eve Service</i></p>	<p>25 Christmas Day <i>A.A. 8:30 pm</i></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 </p>
	<p>28 9:30 Adult Stu. 10:30 Worship & Christmas Pageant 12:15 Choir <i>A.A. 8 pm</i></p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p>	<p>Happy Anniversary to: Ruth Tobias.</p>	<p>Happy Birthday in December to: 12/2 Chuck Durnbaugh; 12/4 Sarah Stewart; 12/5 Robert White; 12/6 Jim Marts; 12/9 Annette Bender; 12/10 Bertine Dolkowski & Lauri McCutcheon; 12/11 Pati-Ann King; 12/16 David Crawford; 12/18 Matthew Conner & Will McCutcheon; 12/21 Don Parkison; 12/24 Edna Mae Dietz & Elizabeth Hawkins; 12/27 Mary Owens; 12/28 John Marshall; 12/30 Arlene Velliquette; 12/31 Jean Lee Harshman, Cindy Stewart & Wanda Durnbaugh.</p>	

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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 \$10.00 each.

Please include the appropriate amount in the offering by December 14, 2014.

Red____, White____, Marble____, Pink_____

Donated by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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