



The Messenger



Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church
42 South Third Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837-1908
www.beavermethodist.org / 570-524-0809

Beaver's Mission: "To welcome, to nurture, to serve, to love in the name of Christ."

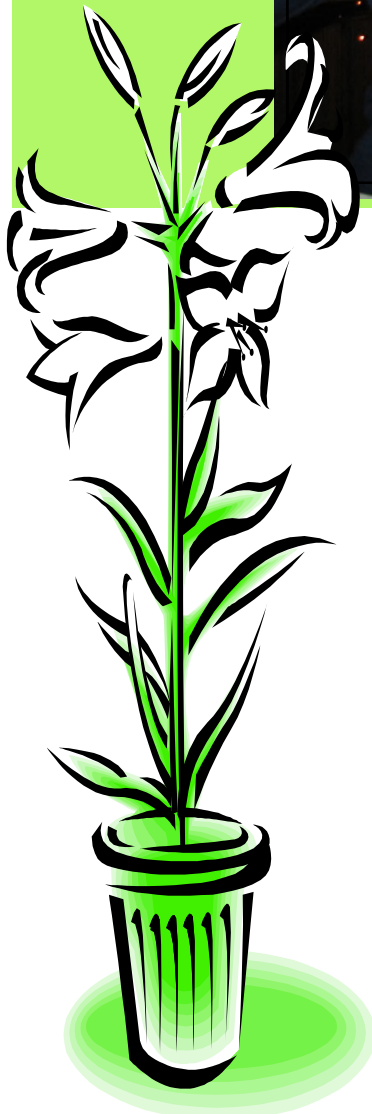
Monthly Newsletter

Volume 3

March 2011



Beaver's Got Talent!
Here, Honey Bun (r)
(Seneca Foote)
is serenaded by
Sergeant Billis
(Rev. Rebecca Foote)
sharing laughs,
great food and
camaraderie
while performing for
more than 130
members and friends
of Beaver Memorial
and raising nearly \$900
for Beaver's Mission
Outreach program.



March Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 6: 8:30 am/10:30 am
Pastor Timothy Hogan, preaching
Matthew 17; 1-9

Ash Wednesday, March 9, 7 pm
Reverend Rebecca Foote, preaching
Matthew 6, 1-6

Sunday, March 13: 8:30 am/10:30 am
Reverend Rebecca Foote, preaching
Matthew 4; 1-11

Sunday, March 20: 8:30 am/10:30 am
Reverend Rebecca Foote, preaching
Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-7

Sunday, March 27: 8:30 am/10:30 am
Reverend Rebecca Foote, preaching
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Inside This Issue

Foote Notes:	2
Sr. Pastor Rebecca Foote	
March Birthdays and	3
Anniversaries; Christian Ed	
Passionate Worship	4
Relating to God	
January - February Financials:	5
Assisting with Worship	
Beaver's Got Talent! Photos	6
Significant Faith-Forming	7
Relationships	
Christian Education;	8
Mission Outreach	
Tidings from Pastor Tim	9

Foot-Notes: Wake up, It's Lent!

Dear Church Family:

Let me begin by saying I am a pacifist, I do not condone violence. But... I have thought quite a bit about having a position as "The Slapper." Now, it isn't really a position to be *had*, but if there was such a job, I would truly want it.

In my mind, "The Slapper" does not involve abuse or violence at all. "The Slapper" merely uses the contact of hand to an upper portion of someone else's body as one would do to call that person back into consciousness when they were apparently in a comatose state of being. You know, a "Hey, snap out of it!" kind of action.

However, those needing this service would not really be unconscious in the medical sense of the word, but they would be oblivious as to what they were doing to cause others pain, worry or grief. And when just explaining to them that their actions, words, and attitude are harmful does not cause them to STOP their behavior, maybe, just maybe, that's when "The Slapper" could help to wake them up!



Senior Pastor Rebecca Foote

I am already in a profession where persons inform me about relationships in their lives that are destructive or abusive, and my opinion, my words, sometimes, do not help the situation all that much. So, I want to do more – and I witness a lot of the time people who continue to be either clueless as to their harmful behavior or they have no one who will hold them accountable.

See why I long to be "The Slapper"?

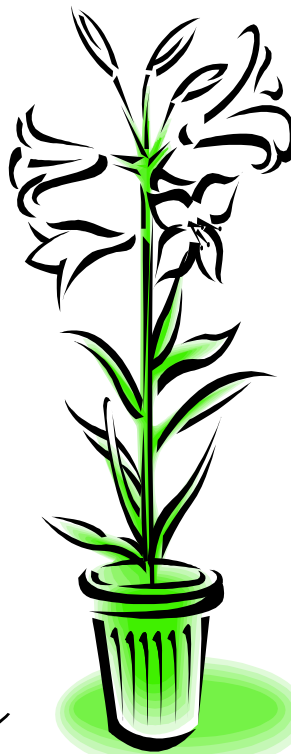
But I know that job would be quite risky, for many reasons, and I will just have to continue to do what is sensible and sanctioned in my office as pastor.

All this leads to LENT. Lent is really such an interesting time in our church year. It is a time that we are supposed to **WAKE UP** – be conscious of how we are conducting our lives, how we are relating to God and each other, how we are behaving and acting, what is our attitude, and are we really following Christ or just impersonating a Christian by our church attendance.

Ash Wednesday begins Lent. On Ash Wednesday we do a very odd ritual...we trace, with burnt ashes and oil, a cross on the forehead of all who participate in the service. Maybe it is in place of a "slap." The ashes are to remind us that we are mortal – *from dust and ashes we have come and to dust and ashes we shall return*. We have this one life on earth to do the very best we can, so we need to be reminded that we don't have long here, **GET BUSY!** And the cross reminds us of the One who was so concerned about us, about everyone, that he risked everything, his life even, for us to live and live abundantly. **DON'T WE GET IT!?!?**

Let's use this time of Lent to **WAKE UP** and follow the One who loves us so. Our Lord wants us to use our heads and hearts to be people that live instead of hate, forgive instead of harbor resentment, show compassion instead of apathy, do good instead of harm. Lent is our wake up call, and much better than a slap!

Rebecca



"Lent is really such an interesting time in our church year. It is a time that we are supposed to **WAKE UP** – be conscious of how we are conducting our lives..."

Rebecca



March Birthdays

March 1: Hilda Strong	March 2: Tucker Smith
March 4: Fran Halvorsen	March 5: Chris Thomas
March 7: Seneca Foote	March 8: Katie Weller
March 9: Andrea Murphy	March 13: Rachael Murphy
March 14: Angela Gockley	March 15: Alyssa Gockley
March 16: Donald Baumgartner	March 18: Doris Pottios, David Betsill
March 19: Mike Purcell	March 24: Charles Leitzel
March 25: Kali Lincicome	March 26: Kaden Wuerdeman
March 29: Stacey Fisher	March 30: Patrick Murphy
March 30: Coleton Fisher	March 31: Audrey Hibbs

March Wedding Anniversaries

March 1: Kristin & Troy Tyson March 16 - John & Barbara Dromazos
March 6: Dick & Sally Libby March 25 - Doris and Ray Pottios

Congregational Birthdays & Anniversaries

If your birthdate and/or anniversary has been missed, please contact the church office (524-0809 or bmumc@dejazzd.com)

Christian Education

Sunday School For All: 9:15am

- ~Nursery thru Pre-K: located in Parker Bldg., 1st floor (Nursery, Kinderfolk Rooms)
- ~K - 3rd grades: Parker Building, 2nd floor ~4th - 5th grades: Parker Building, 2nd floor
- ~Middle School and High School: Meet in the Parsonage, come be a part of the Confirmation Class and activities.

Adult Sunday School options include:

Seekers: Led by Rev. Emerson Abram, Richard Armstrong, Rev. Seneca Foote, Rev. Bill Marlow. A class for adults of any age who wish to participate in a collective journey to understand and discuss our unique personal relationship with God and the world.

Genesis Class: Led by Lois Huffines. This class seeks to explore Spiritual teachings through questioning, debate and application to everyday life.

Women's Discussion: Led by Rev. Bruce Smay. This is a biblical study and a time to share insights on scripture.

Seekers' Sunday Discussion Group

The Seekers' Group meets each Sunday morning on the 2nd floor of the Parker Education Building at 9:15am until 10:15am. Come have a cup of coffee or tea and share with us your Christian journey.

Passionate Worship Relating to God

SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

“**Soup and Scripture**” will again be held on Wednesdays during the Lenten season at Christ Lutheran Church. The theme this year is “Something Old/Something New”. Come from Noon until 1 pm, and grow in your faith as we fellowship with our neighbors:

Mar 9 - “OT Wisdom and Jesus’ Use and Application”;
Rev. William Henderson, Christ Lutheran:

Mar 16 – “The Chosen People at Sinai and Christians Posture toward God,” Rev. Gregory Davidson, Faith Lutheran:

Mar 23 – “Moses and Jesus as Lawgiver”
Rev. Rebecca Foote, Beaver Memorial

Mar 30 – “Food and Drink”

Rev. James King, First Presbyterian

Apr 6 – “The Bronze Serpent and Jesus Lifted Up”

Rev. Judi Dunkelberger, St. Paul’s United Methodist

Apr 13 – “First Adam, Second Adam”

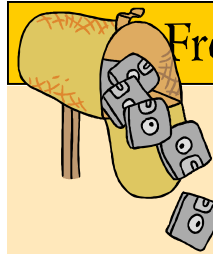
Rev. Peter Harer, St. Andrew’s Episcopal

Apr 20 – “Wisdom Becomes Word Which Is God’s Agent of Creation”

Rev. MacKenzie Scott, First Baptist

Ecumenical Good Friday Service

Friday, April 22 from noon until 1 pm – First Baptist Church, 51 S. 3rd St., Lewisburg.

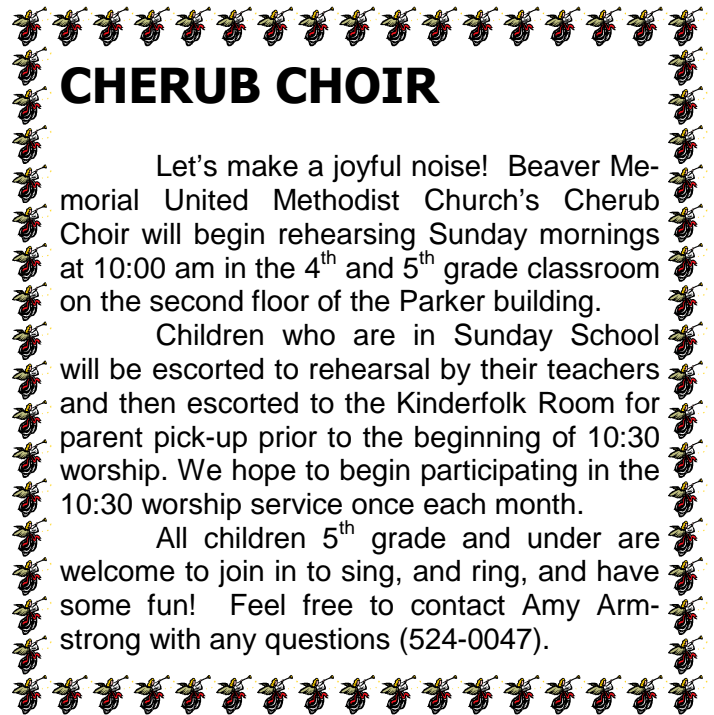


From the Mailbox

Dear Beaver Memorial:

Thank you for your help and all the kindness extended to our family during Pap’s service. It was truly a pleasure meeting (many of) you. The memories of the time together with the church members will be with us forever.

Sincerely,
Dave Foresman



CHERUB CHOIR

Let’s make a joyful noise! Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church’s Cherub Choir will begin rehearsing Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the 4th and 5th grade classroom on the second floor of the Parker building.

Children who are in Sunday School will be escorted to rehearsal by their teachers and then escorted to the Kinderfolk Room for parent pick-up prior to the beginning of 10:30 worship. We hope to begin participating in the 10:30 worship service once each month.

All children 5th grade and under are welcome to join in to sing, and ring, and have some fun! Feel free to contact Amy Armstrong with any questions (524-0047).

SEEKERS ADULT CLASS

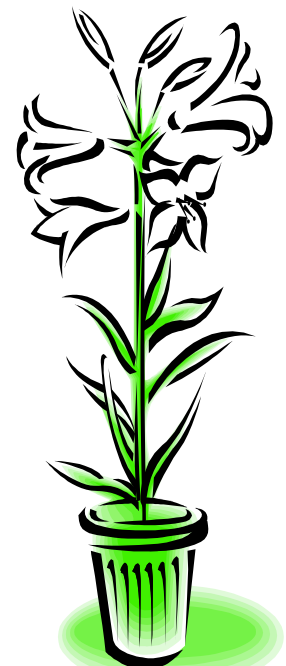
led by Rev. Emerson Abram

A Lenten Study/Discussion opportunity for Lent and preparation for Easter in 2011:

“24 Hours That Change the World.”

In his inspiring book “24 Hours That Changed the World”, Adam Hamilton will guide us, step by step, through the last days of Jesus’ life. With a companion DVD we will travel to the Holy Land with Hamilton to visit the sites where those events took place.

Beginning Sunday, March 6, you are invited to come at 9:15am (each Sunday morning) to our class room on the second floor of the Parker Education Building, to have a cup of coffee or tea and be part of a growing experience through a presentation, discussion and fellowship. Rev. Emerson Abram will be leading this presentation.



Assisting with March Worship

March Lectors	
March 6	Quinn Black
March 13	Nancy Nickles
March 20	Seneca Foote
March 27	Chuck Root
March Ushers	
March 6	Jo Vogt, Ken Moore, Carol Danner, Judy Albright, Addie Lopes, Bryana Lopes
March 13	Jo Vogt, Ken Moore, Carol Danner, Judy Albright, Addie Lopes, Bryana Lopes
March 20	Jo Vogt, Ken Moore, Carol Danner, Bob and Sandy George
March 27	Jo Vogt, Ken Moore, Carol Danner, Bob and Sandy George
March Greeters	
March 6	Bill and Betty Marlow
March 13	Loella Bishop and Karen Nicholson
March 20	Ray and Doris Pottios
March 27	Addie and Bryana Lopes
March Nursery Attendants	
March 6	Nancy Nickles
March 13	Retta Lincicome
March 20	Pam Garrett
March 27	Amy Armstrong
March Acolytes	
March 6	Evan Armstrong
March 13	Tucker Black
March 20	Bryana Lopes
March 27	Eric Nickles

March Counters & Recorders

Date	Recorder	Counter	Counter
3/6	C. Root	A. Zuch	B. Adams
3/13	A. Armstrong	K. McKibben	L. Roberson
3/20	A. Armstrong	K. McKibben	J. Albright
3/27	C. Root	B. Wagner	C. Schworer

January Financials

Below is a report from the Trustees. Please note, parentheses indicate a negative balance.

	ORGAN FUND	BOILER FUND
Beginning Balance	(\$2,228.70)	(\$77,753.55)
Income	\$ 480.00	\$ 250.00
Expense	\$.00	\$ 280.59
Ending Balance	(\$1,748.70)	(\$77,784.14)

Unified Budget Summary Report February 28, 2011

Income	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Over (Under)
Total Income	\$17,602	\$37,604	\$34,542	\$3,062
Expenses	Current Month	Year to Date	YTD Budget	Over (Under)
Total Expenses	\$19,450	\$40,489	\$34,429	\$6,059

Beaver Flowers: Beautify Beaver in the name of someone you love

If you've ever thought about sponsoring flowers or a live plant for the Beaver Memorial altar in honor of a loved one's birthday or the memory of one who has passed, now is your chance. The flower arrangement or plant you sponsor may be picked-up after the 10:30 am service - or donated to a shut-in or someone special in your life. Call the Office at 524-0809 and choose a Sunday that is special for you and for someone you love.



Beaver: Flowers for March

Date	Flowers given by	In Honor of
3/6	Available	Available
3/13	Pastor Tim Hogan Chip Palazzo	Mrs. Betty Palazzo's 88th Birthday
3/20	Available	Available
3/27	Carolyn Wuerdeman	

Beaver's Got Talent! Raises nearly \$900 for Beaver Mission Trip

1st Annual Talent Show and pasta dinner draws 130 guests

More than 130 Beaver Memorial members, family and friends turned-out Sunday evening, Feb. 20, to savor a home-cooked spaghetti dinner, relish home-baked desserts and take-in more than a dozen of Beaver's own homegrown performing acts.

From a stunning piano solo at the hands of Anna Jordan to a rendition of "Honey Bun" from Sr. Pastor Rebecca Foote and her own 'honey bun' - spouse Seneca Foote - the evening gathered good friends and collected nearly \$900 in support Beaver's 2011 summer mission trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky.

But what really helped the event's fundraising success? An anonymous benefactor contributed virtually the entire dinner for the evening which allowed the money given in the spirit of the event to go directly to the Mission's Committee..

"Beaver is blessed with committee members and others who understand the mission of this congregation," said Pastor Tim. "I'm especially proud of everyone who came together to make this happen."



Steve and Susan Jordan sing a romantic ballad to a full house.



Amy Armstrong and Pastor Tim perform the duet, "People Will Say We're In Love."



Nevin and Nick Garrett perform on brass.



Bryana Lopes channels Louis Armstrong on trumpet.



Beaver's Little Cherub's Bell Choir takes the stage.



Brian Gockley (L) and Chip Palazzo serve as the evening's Emcees...



The Big Finish! A finale everyone was proud to participate in.

Significant Faith-Forming Relationships

LENTEN LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY AT BEAVER

The Word at the Woods
Mar. 15-Apr 12:

Tuesdays, from 11 am-noon, there will be a Lenten Lectionary Bible Study for anyone who would like to participate during this church season of reflection and spiritual growth.

This will take place on the campus of RiverWoods, in the Creative Arts Room across from the dining room. Eating together in the dining room afterwards is an option.

Lectionary by Date

- **March 15:** Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-7
- **March 22:** Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
- **March 29:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
- **April 5:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45
- **April 12:** Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Pub, Grub and Lectionary
Mar. 15-Apr. 12:

If you are unavailable during the day, try the Lenten Lectionary Bible Study on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm.

The lectionary will include eating and discussion at Bull Run Tavern. No preparation other than perusing the scriptures cited for that week is necessary for either group.

JANE JORDAN
AND THE
WILLIAMSPORT SYMPHONY YOUTH
ORCHESTRA PLAY

One of Beaver's own, the musically-talented Jane Jordan, daughter of Steve and Susan Jordan, along with the Williamsport Symphony Youth Orchestra, will be performing at the **Williamsport Community Arts Center on Mon., Mar. 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** On Sunday, Apr. 3, Jane and the youth orchestra will perform beginning at 3 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church in Sunbury.

Both performances are free; the program is listed below:

- ♦ **Antonin Dvorak Symphony No. 8, 1st movement**
- ♦ **Edward MacDowell/Charles Woodhouse, Woodland Sketches;**
- ♦ **Alan Hovhaness, Fantasy on Japanese Woodprints; and**
- ♦ **Antonin Dvorak, Symphony No. 8, 4th movement.**

All Church Luncheon: March 27

You are invited...The Membership and Nurture Team will sponsor an all church potluck luncheon on Sunday, March 27, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 am Worship service. During this meal we will honor new members, birthdays, and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship. The main course, drinks, and place settings will be provided. We ask each family to bring a dish to share.

Need a suggestion of what to bring? If your last name begins with A— H, bring a salad or appetizer. If your last name begins I-O, please bring a side dish. If your last name starts with P-Z, please bring a dessert (these are just suggestions, if what you want to bring doesn't fall in these categories that's fine too). Drop off your dishes prior to worship and bring your appetite the 27th. See you there.

Christian Education

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING AT BMUMC

Safe Sanctuaries training will be offered three additional times in the next few months. Adults who are interested in volunteering to work with children or youth in any capacity are required to have this training as a part of their volunteer efforts.

In addition, any adults who would like to go on a Mission Trip, such as the one in July, are also required to attend this training. Sessions currently scheduled are all on **Saturdays: March 19th, April 9th and May 14th** and run from 9am to 12noon. This training is an important part of our commitment to the safety and well being of all of the children of Beaver Memorial United Methodist

Beaver now on Facebook!

Keep up with Beaver Memorial on Facebook! Join other fans who receive event calendar updates as well as news and information about our faith community. Do you Facebook? Go to www.facebook.com

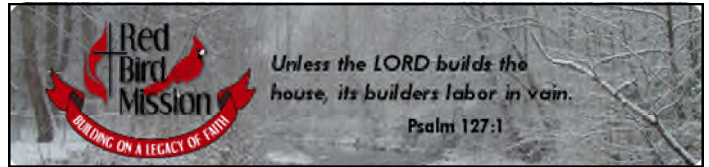


**Know your story.
Confirm your faith.
Live your commitment.**

Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church will begin its 2011 Confirmation Classes in March during the Sunday School hour.

Contact Senior Pastor Rebecca Foote or the Church Office for further information or to enroll.

Mission Outreach



Coming the week of July 3, 2011, members from Beaver Memorial UMC and St. Paul's UMC will join together and head to Henderson, Kentucky, to participate in this year's Mission Trip.

All are welcome to participate in this mission trip and there is truly a way for everyone to take part. To defray cost and allow all to attend this wonderful experience, congregation members will be hosting a series of fundraisers, first for BMUMC members and then two joint fund raising ventures for both Beaver and St. Paul's.

On February 20, Beaver Memorial hosted its "Beaver's Got Talent!" Talent show and spaghetti dinner and raised nearly \$1,000 toward Beaver's Mission Outreach.

This month, watch for a Mardi Gras celebration with St. Paul's UMC on March 6. Then on April 30, bring your appetite to the food concession booth at the Lewisburg Arts Festival.

If you are unable to join us on this trip, your assistance is certainly welcome. Feel free to participate in any or all of the fundraisers. Or, if you are planning to go or want to learn more about the trip please contact the church office or attend one of the informational meetings scheduled.

Evening of Indulgence at St. Paul's

Join us at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 6, beginning at 6 p.m. to raise money for this summer's Mission Trip at Henderson Settlement, Kentucky.

St. Paul's and Beaver Memorial are joining together this summer to bring aid to those less fortunate in Appalachia. This fund raiser, along with "Beaver's Got Talent!" and the upcoming Lewisburg Arts Festival are opportunities to raise funding to help send our Mission Outreach teams to Kentucky this summer.

Join us there for food, fun and laughter, knowing it's all for a good cause.

Tidings from Pastor Tim : One Year Later...

Dear Church Family:

Last March, Chip and I visited Beaver Memorial for the first time as part of an assignment for a school project: an exegetical study of the congregation and community. We came, we worshipped, we met Nancy and Walt Everett and I spent time interviewing Patty Johnston for my paper. The assignment was to explore a congregation I did not know anything about and discover everything I could about the people, the history, the traditions, the community and write about my findings.

At that time, what I heard was a story about a community with a great history, rich traditions and a community filled with possibilities. I also heard a story of uncertainty about the future of this community from the various folks we spoke to in the congregation. Unbeknownst to us or unrecognized by us at the time, God had a great plan; Beaver Memorial had a great future ahead, full of opportunities – and we were deep in the mix.



**Associate Pastor
Timothy Hogan**

It is one year later. The faith and determination of this congregation are like embers which have been fanned – bursting into the flames of fellowship and activity. This community is abuzz with activity and I believe it is all because the spirit of God is moving in our midst. We have a new senior pastor who I respect beyond words as a mentor and a friend. I learn daily from a community full of tradition and people full of passion in their beliefs. I hear from new families often how they are enjoying the fellowship and seeing their children playing and learning as they did in church as children.

It is now Lent one year later and we are preparing for weekly Bible studies. We've launched four adult Sunday school classes, small group studies program, Sunday school for children of all ages, a confirmation class starting March 13 of which *any* community of faith would be proud – not to mention that we're planning a mission trip with over twenty participants registered from Beaver Memorial.

To say God is moving and things are happening here is an understatement. We are excited to be in this place at this time, yet there is still so much work to do. We are charged to welcome, nurture, serve and love in the name of Christ: that means we work together as a community. We work to invite and welcome all those around us, to nurture those who sit beside us in the pews through, celebrations, sadness and everyday journeys. We are called to serve God, one another and the community in which we live, work, play and go to school; we show the love of Christ to all those we encounter each and every day; we have much work to do.

During this Lenten season may we each make a commitment to live out our mission - our minds cannot imagine what glorious work God has in store for us in one more year from now. Thanks be to God for you and for God's inviting us all to be a part of this great plan and community!

Amen.

Pastor Tim

“To say God is moving and things are happening here is an understatement. We are excited to be in this place at this time, yet there is still so much work to do.”

Pastor Tim

Beaver News

Weis Shopping Cards

Weis Shopping Cards may be purchased in the lobby of the Parker Building every Sunday morning, 15 minutes after 8:30 am worship and 15 minutes before and after 10:30 am worship. Cards may be purchased anytime in the office.



Young Parents Class

A new Sunday School Class begins at Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church. Young Parents Class was a class requested by some of you and after our four week introduction, the class will now move to full-time.

The class will continue to meet weekly in the Francis Asbury Room (2nd floor above church office) and will be led by Rev. Seneca Foote during the 9:15am Sunday School hour. We look forward to the class growing and evolving to meet your spiritual needs.

You embody the mission to welcome, to nurture, to serve and to love in the name of Christ.

Soup & Scripture at Beaver

Beaver Memorial is hosting Soup & Scripture on Wednesday, March 23 – Pastor Rebecca will be preaching that day.

We are responsible for making sandwiches, heating soup and providing a dessert (cupcakes). Anyone who would like to help can contact the church office (524-0809) or Retta Lincicome (522-0088).

Youth Confirmation

Starts March 6, and goes until June 5 with Confirmation Sunday to be celebrated on June 12 (Pentecost).

If you know of a youth who would like to explore confirmation further please contact Rev. Foote.

Souper Bowl Sunday: Beaver collects 197 items

Thanks to the generosity of members of Beaver Memorial, 197 items of food were collected on Sunday, February 6, "Souper Bowl Sunday."

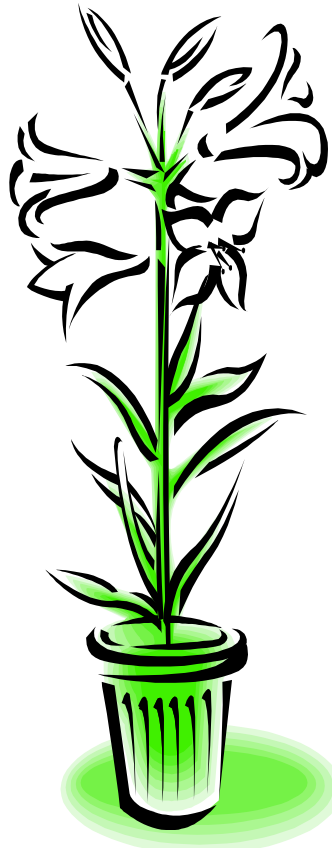
The food was delivered to the local food pantry, which was delighted to receive it. In addition, \$142.39 was given following worship service. This, too, will be donated to the Food Pantry.



What a display of caring!! As a result, we are going to continue this collection. (People are hungry not only in February!) Each month, on the first Sunday, we will invite worshippers to bring non-perishable food to the church, where it will again be presented to God along with our money offerings. As Pastor Rebecca reminds us,

when we receive communion (on the first Sunday) we are experiencing a gift from God; thus our food donations are a way of passing on that gift to those in need.

Out next food collection will be Sunday, March 6! Again, thanks to all who gave, and to the members of our youth group who staffed the soup pots on February 6.



Or Current Resident

Beaver Memorial Messenger - March 2011 Newsletter



March Meeting and Deadline Schedule

Tues., Mar. 8, Trustees Meeting, 7 pm

Weds., Mar. 9, Social Concerns Team, 7 pm

Thurs., Mar. 10, Mission Outreach Team, 7 pm

Tues., Mar. 15, Membership and Nurture Team, 7 pm

Thurs., Mar. 17, Property Team, 7 pm

Sat., Mar. 19, Christian Education Team, 7 pm

Mon., Mar. 21, Finance Team, 7 pm

Tues., Mar. 22, Newsletter Deadline

Thurs., Mar. 24, Worship Team, 7 pm

The Creed of Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church

We believe the Church is people. We believe our purpose is to love God and one another. We show our love for God through worship and prayer. We study the Bible, striving to interpret and relate its message to ourselves and others. We believe the basis of our faith and work is our commitment to God in Jesus Christ continuing through the Holy Spirit. To express our love for others, we work at sharing ourselves, accepting each other and ourselves. We seek to meet the self-defined spiritual and physical needs of people in our congregation, community and through the world. We seek to grow in our faith and to bring others to share in the experience of the love of God and companionship with fellow Christians.