

Our Administrative Team:

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Lay Leader – Patty Johnston
Nursery Attendant - Open
Church Administrator – Marcia Thomas (office@beavermethodist.org)

Sunday School 9:15 am for All Ages

Infants – 2 years – Parker Room 103

3 years – Pre K – Parker Room 101

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade – Parker Room 205

3rd – 5th Grades – Parker Room 204

6th – 8th Grades – Church Library

9th – 12th Grades – Fireplace Room

Young Adults Class – Asbury Room

Adult Discussion Class – Ginny Beck Room

Seekers Adult Class – Parker Room 201

Genesis Class – Parker Hall of All People

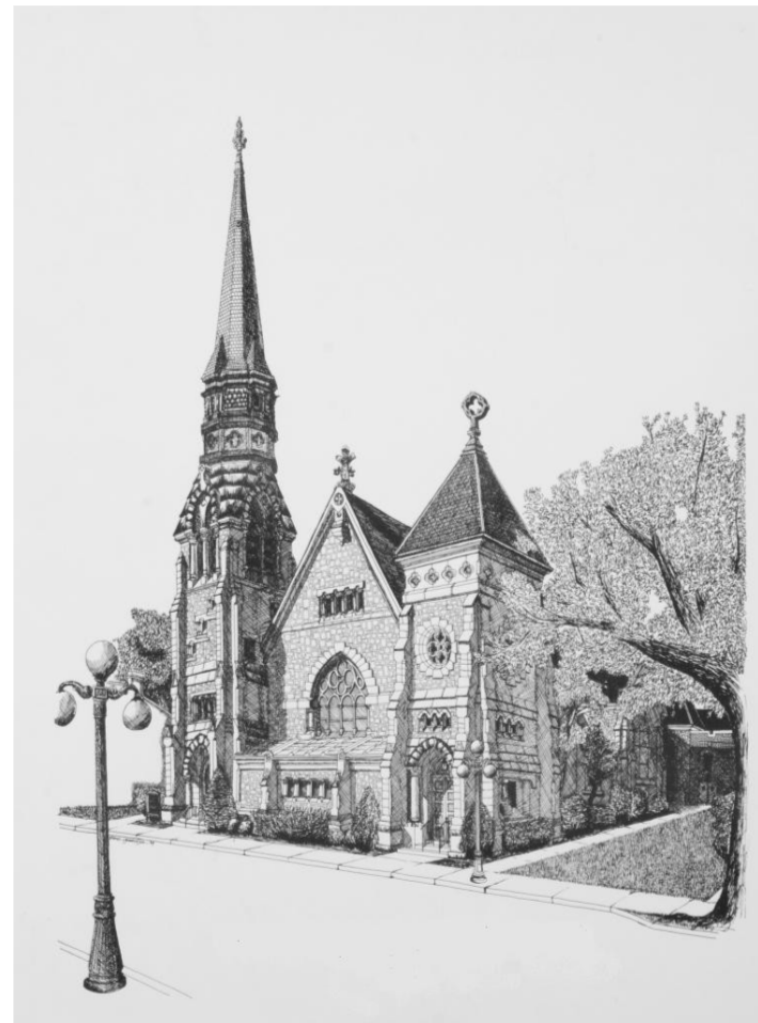
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Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church



December 11, 2011
10:30 AM

Third Sunday of Advent

“To Welcome, to Nurture, to Serve, to Love, in the name of Christ”
Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church is a place where all are welcome.

**BEAVER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent
Liturgical Color: Purple

10:30 a.m.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Upon entering, speak to God; while worshipping, let God speak to you; as you leave, speak to others.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND CALENDAR

Pastor Timothy Hogan

INTROIT

LIGHTING OF THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Addie, Bryanna, and Xavier Lopes
“Advent Song”
Adult Choir

*A candle we light, a candle of **PEACE**; a candle to signal that conflict must cease.
For Jesus is coming to show us the way; a message of **PEACE** humbly lay in the hay.*

**HYMN OF PRAISE* “Blessed Be the God of Israel” No. 209
(hymn tune: “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

God of glory, you call on us to prepare the way for Jesus’ birth. Forgive us when we put all our time and energy into making all sorts of material preparations for Christmas; buying gifts, decorating, baking cakes, writing cards—all important, but preparations which give temporary pleasure compared to the lasting peace which Christ gives.

You call on us to prepare the way for Jesus’ birth by helping to make smooth the rough places in people’s lives, by seeking to reduce the mountainous problems some people experience. Forgive us when we fail to become involved with the pain of other people by pleading seasonal busy-ness.

You call on us to prepare the way for Jesus’ birth by being agents of comfort and mercy. Forgive us for all the times we put our own personal comfort before that of others--for confusing being comfortable with being comforting.

We confess that all too often we spend more time on making preparations for our own pleasure than preparing for Jesus to be born anew in our hearts and lives—in our families, our communities, our nation, our world. Help us to prepare ourselves faithfully to receive your gift to us and share that gift with others. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE: “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER:

****Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

***May use name familiar to your understanding of God.*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Away in the Manger”
Children’s Choir

(After the message, the children may return to their seats. Busy Bags are in the back of the sanctuary. Nursery is provided for infants and younger children.)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE Micah 5:2-5a (O.T., p. 865) Rev. Emerson Abram
*Luke 1:30-33, 46-55 (N.T., p. 57)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “A *WAY* in the Manger” Rev. Foote

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GOD’S GIFTS

Offertory

*Doxology: (hymn-tune “Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow,” p. 95)

Praise God whose dawn transfigures night,

Whose Daystar shines for us on high,

Whose Spirit brings into our sight

The peace which to our world draws nigh. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

**CLOSING HYMN* “Who Is He in Yonder Stall” No. 190

**BENEDICTION*

*RESPONSE

“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”

No. 204

*POSTLUDE

**Congregation stands.*

If you are interested in joining the church, please contact Rev. Foote.

Our Prayers...

George Wright	Holly Root
Tim Yust & Steve Yust	Lynn Shaw
Grandparents of Steve Leuber	Loren Amacher
Heather Loughley-Graham	Claire Alpert
Cassi Choplick (friend of Judy Albright)	Military personnel and their families
Dave Guyton (friend of Myrtle Hogan)	Chris Crooks – (friend of Tim Hogan)
Chrissy (Connie Cammer’s granddaughter)	Jared Reed (grandson of Jan Bender)
Candy Morgan (Retta Lincicome’s niece)	Pat Leonard (Kali Lincicome’s grandmother)
Jonny Forest (cousin of Rachel Smith)	Alice Hellyer (Patty Johnston’s
Margaret (Carol Peterson’s mother)	Mackenzie Bertram
Dylan Petersen (family member of Audrey Zuch)	
Ron Walters (friend of Carrie Rampp & Heidi Schuerger)	
Caroline Bailes (Retta Lincicome’s sister-in-law)	

(To add to the prayer list please contact the church office at 524-0809 or email office@beavermethodist.org)

We would like to thank:

Lector: Rev. Emerson Abram
 Lighting of the third Advent Candle: Addie, Bryanna, and Xavier Lopes
 Greeters/Ushers: Chip Palazzo, Addie Lopes, Bob & Sandy George, Mark Hausmann,
 Karen Nicholson, Christy Brouse, Judy Rampp, Sophia Peterson
 Nursery: Eustacia Muir, Nicki Hockenbrock, Anna Jordan
 Acolyte: Rebecca Brown
 Counters: Chuck Root, Barb Wagner, Judy Albright

Sermon Copies

Copies of the weekly sermon are now available on the back table in the sanctuary and on-line. CD’s of Sunday Worship are available through the Church Office.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of Harriet Bloemeke, Walt’s sister, presented by Walt & Nancy Everett.

Date	Event
Sun. 12/11	Worship 8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Pageant Rehearsal 4 PM
Mon. 12/12	MB Volleyball 6:30 – 8:30 PM
Thur. 12/15	Riverwoods Grand Illumination Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Next Sun. 12/18	Worship 8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Christmas Pageant 4 PM Pot Luck Dinner

Attendance Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011:

(8:30 am –24) (Sunday School –33) (10:30 am – 136)

Offering Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011:

Unified Budget\$6,644.00
 Loose Plate Offering.....\$ 110.01
 Church School Offering. .\$ 42.75
 Miscellaneous.....\$1,027.00

Total: \$7,823.76

(Weekly budgeted income: \$4,032)

Nursery

Nursery is provided weekly for infants through Kindergarten. The nursery is located in the Parker Building, Room 103 of our education wing [from Parker Building lobby, up ramp, straight down hallway on your right] and childcare Room 101 also Parker Building 1st floor.

Directories: Our Church Pictorial Directories are here and may be picked up in the back of the Sanctuary where they are in alphabetical order. Thanks to Kerry Shirk for a beautiful Directory. Additional Directory Inserts are available on the Directory Table and are included in the present Directory Packets.

Christmas Pageant: Children of all ages are invited to join our Christmas Pageant to be presented on December 18th at 4:00 PM, followed by a pot-luck dinner. Rehearsal is this afternoon from 4-5 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA

All poinsettias will be ordered tomorrow, so we need your order this morning.

Christmas Offering: Next Sunday an envelope will be included in your bulletin for our Annual Christmas Offering for the Benevolent Homes of the Susquehanna Conference of the UMC.

E-Mail: Do we have your e-mail address. We are updating all of our records and want to make certain that we have your information up-to-date. If you are uncertain, just drop a note in the Offering Plate with your name and e-mail address for the Church Office.

Christmas Fair: THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all who volunteered time, labor, food, crafts, used items and a myriad of other things to support the Christmas Fair. And not to mention all the folks who came out and bought all of our treats and treasures. THANK YOU! Our Fair was a HUGE success! We were able to raise just shy of \$1700.00 for Beaver this year from all of our offerings, a record for sure! And all thanks to you!

Volleyball: The Mighty Beaver Volleyball Team just ended a “perfect” season full of pratfalls and bellylaughs. Come join in the fun as our next indoor co-ed volleyball session begins January 16th. We play Monday evenings at varying times (6:20 or 7:20) through mid-March right here in Lewisburg. The cost is \$30 per person. Registration deadline is January 9th. Please contact Amy Armstrong at 524-0047 or rakearm@dejazzd.com if interested.

Youth Reminder: Riverwoods’ Grand Illumination set-up on Thursday, Dec. 15th.

<p>Christmas Eve Service: December 24, 6:30 PM Candlelight Service Christmas Day Service: December 25, 10:30 AM Lessons & Carols</p>
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