



BEAVER BLESSINGS

September 2022



"Welcoming all with God's love, serving all in God's name as we all grow in faith together"

Beaver Memorial United Methodist Church · 42 South 3rd Street · Lewisburg · PA · 17837

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Sunday Morning Worship Services - 10:30 am
New Beginnings Adult Sunday School Class – 9:00 am

From the Pastor's Desk

One of my favorite church camp songs is "We Are One in the Spirit", and I love this verse the most:

"We will work with each other, we will work side by side; we will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride."

As a community of faith, we are called to work together to fulfill our mission and ministry to serve others and to make disciples for the transformation of the world. This seems overwhelming at times, so it often feels easier to focus on reaching out to and serving those in our local region. This does not mean that we ignore those beyond our local region, just that we need ways to collaborate with others to do so.

Thankfully, The United Methodist Church has in place persons and processes for us to positively impact people both near and far. A portion of our financial gifts are sent to the Susquehanna Conference and then distributed in ways that support the work of the Conference. A small portion of those funds, along with funds from all UM churches, are used to support our denominational work across the globe. We can also support specific projects when we designate gifts to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Our denominational structure makes possible ministries that no church could ever do on its own because we are what is often referred to as a Connectional Church.

Locally, Beaver collaborates with other Christian churches through participation in the Lewisburg Council of Churches. This group works to prevent duplication of efforts to help those in need and also fosters a spirit of oneness among us. We also work on an interfaith level when we have the opportunity to do so, and at times we partner with non-religious organizations who are working to help others in ways that align with our mission.

All of this is to say that we need to work together with those who have the same goals and priorities as Jesus taught us: to serve others and bring hope and healing to a broken world. And I end with some inspirational quotes about working together:

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”
Phil Jackson

“Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life.” Amy Poehler

“A team is not a group of people who work together but a team is a group of people who trust each other.” Simon Sinek

“The nicest thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.” Margaret Carty

“If you take out the team in teamwork, it’s just work. Now who wants that?” Matthew Stover

Thank you for sharing your talents, time and treasure as part of the Beaver Team! – Pastor Sue

SEPTEMBER FEATURES

➤ A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.
We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.

As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken,
we are reminded of the illusion of security.

In commemorating this tragedy,
we give you thanks for your presence
in our time of need
and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth,
our guide and our guardian. Amen.

The Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon is District Superintendent of the Pensacola District of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference.

➤ FAITH & FREEDOM COALITION

KNOWING THE LEGAL RULES FOR CHURCHES AND POLITICS

What a Church MAY DO

- Voter registration that does not endorse a particular political candidate or party.
- Distribute material that is educational but does not endorse a particular candidate or party
- Conduct candidate or issue forums where all candidates are given equal opportunity; the same applies to elected officials or candidates invited to address a church service.
- Lobby on potential legislation as long as the amount budgeted is not a substantial amount of its annual budget (5 percent or less is safe).
- Pastors may endorse candidates in their capacity as private citizens and may allow their title to be used in the endorsement.
- Pastors may participate in political committees that are independent of the church.

What a Church MAY NOT DO

- Pastors cannot endorse candidates on behalf of their church and should never do so from the pulpit or at any other church meeting, either directly or indirectly.
- Contribute funds or services directly to candidates or political committees.
- Distribute material that clearly favors any one candidate or political party.
- Pay fees for political events from church funds.
- Set up a political committee that contributes funds to any candidate.
- No campaign or political committee should allow a campaign or political committee to solicit funds while speaking at a church.

Note: Reflects current situation; please seek legal advice if uncertain. Regulations change.

➤ What was the first school started by Methodists?

Education is a core value of The United Methodist Church that dates back to the earliest days of the Methodist movement in 18th century England.

Founder John Wesley believed education was the key to a fuller, richer life. “Knowledge, for him, was not so much a purely intellectual attribute but rather a channel of self-understanding, which is crucial for salvation,” writes Richard Heitzenrater in a summary of Wesley’s educational principles.

Wesley believed everyone should have access to education regardless of gender or class. In 1748 he enlarged a school he had opened for the children of coal miners near Bristol and named it the Kingswood School. His goal for the school was to give young people a high quality education so they could aspire to Cambridge or Oxford and to the professions. He championed education as a way to assure that leaders would act ethically and responsibly.

As the Methodist movement took hold and spread in the United States, Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke demonstrated the same attitude in founding Cokesbury College, the first of many colleges started by the denomination. Russell Richey writes: “The General Conferences of 1820 and 1824 charged annual conferences with the establishment of schools, literary institutions, and colleges. By the Civil War, Methodism had established or was affiliated with some 200 such institutions.”

John Wesley's vision of making higher education accessible to all has inspired the founding of many educational institutions by the church. Nineteenth century church leaders established colleges that granted degrees to women and African Americans. Beginning in the 1860s and continuing today, the church initiated robust programs of scholarships and loans to provide financial support to students. The denomination's commitment to education accessibility was reaffirmed in the 1970s with the creation of the Black College Fund and the HANA Scholars program, and again in the 1990s with the establishment of Africa University.

Today The United Methodist Church supports a network of 117 outstanding United Methodist-related schools, colleges, and universities in the United States, including 13 schools of theology, and relates to more than 700 institutions in the Methodist tradition globally.

➤ **What does the church teach about tithing?**

Tithing is commonly understood as the giving of one-tenth of one's income for God. This standard of giving comes from several passages in Scripture (e.g. Genesis 28:10-22).

The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, offered an even higher standard for giving, and for our entire approach to living. It's found in Wesley's sermon, "The Use of Money," which is among the Standard Sermons included in our doctrinal standards.

Here is Wesley's own brief summary which is the foundation of our teaching: "Gain all you can.... save all you can... give all you can." As he develops each of these points in his sermon, his message is plain. We are to seek to earn all we can in ways that are helpful to ourselves and others, never harmful. We are to "save all we can" by being frugal in our expenses. And then having earned all we can and spent only what we must to care for our own basic needs and those of our family (which we are never to neglect!), we are to give everything else away.

Indeed, Wesley says, "Render unto God, not a tenth, not a third, not half, but all that is God's." For some of us, after earning and saving all we can, while caring for our family's basic needs, there may not be much left over. For others, there may be much, indeed. Whatever that is, we say, give it all!

The United Methodist Church, in its Book of Discipline, emphasizes tithing as a "minimum goal of giving" and encourages local churches to find creative ways to become "tithing congregations with an attitude of generosity." The church asks all those being ordained to "teach and model generous Christian giving with a focus on tithing as God's standard of giving."

United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe our giving should be both more challenging and more gracious to the whole world than simply trying to give a tithe of our income. We also believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy.

Adaptation of an article by Rev. Ken Sloane, director of Stewardship & Generosity, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

➤ **Girls on the Run®** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization designed to enhance participants' social, emotional and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences. Their fun, interactive lessons meet the unique needs of participants of all abilities and backgrounds.

Mission: We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running.

Vision: We envision a world where every girl knows and activates her limitless potential and is free to boldly pursue her dreams.

Girls on the Run Capital Area is a council of Girls on the Run International, proudly serving the Capital area and central PA. Since our council's inception, we have unlocked the power and potential of our participants and made a lasting impact on our community through participant-led service projects.

Inclusion & Diversity: Girls on the Run has a long-standing and unwavering commitment to building a world where every girl can know and activate their limitless potential. From coast to coast, Girls on the Run is dedicated to inclusion, diversity, equity and access at all levels of our organization.

Core Values

- Recognize our power and responsibility to be intentional in our decision making
- Embrace our differences and find strength in our connectedness
- Express joy, optimism and gratitude through our words, thoughts and actions
- Nurture our physical, emotional and spiritual health
- Lead with an open heart and assume positive intent
- Stand up for ourselves and others

Did You Know? Learn more at www.caparealgirlsonthrun.org, 717.763.4879

- Girls on the Run was founded in 1996 with 13 participants and has now served over 2 million from coast to coast.
- Each season, program participants in 3rd-8th grade develop essential emotional, social and physical skills to successfully navigate life experiences.
- Participants positively impact their communities.
- Our programs, Girls on the Run and Heart & Sole, end each season with a celebratory 5K event.
- Girls on the Run hosts hundreds of 5Ks per year across the United States and Canada, making it one of the largest 5K series in the world.
- The National Afterschool Association (NAA) recognized Girls on the Run as one of the most influential after-school programs in health and wellness.
- Because of its evidence-based impact, Girls on the Run has been featured in numerous publications and academic journals.

Rachael Murphy is a participant in the program.

BEAVER MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Beacon Free Shop:

Clara* seeks help with personal hygiene items from Beacon Shop each month for her family since her husband suffered a 'widow maker' heart attack and can no longer work. They also have custody of their granddaughter. She is always very appreciative of the assistance offered by the Beacon Shop.

However, this past month, Clara turned the tables - - and she provided two carloads of adult diapers, underwear pads, and sheet protectors to Beacon! These items were sent to her parents during their last year of life and are no longer needed. Beacon helped Clara's family - and in return, she is helping others. Isn't that how God wants us to live together?

Beacon Ministries Free Shop will change dates to the THIRD SATURDAY of the month, from 10:00am-Noon starting in October. With this change, we anticipate an increase in the number of people who will show up to request help. Please remember Beacon in your church offerings (indicate BEACON in the memo), or drop items in the basket near the Church Office. Questions can be directed to Christy Brouse at 570-238-5707 or beacon@beavermethodist.org.

*name has been changed

United Youth Group

United Youth group had a fun summer. We talked, ate and watched movies. It was lovely.

For the 2022-2023 school year we will be going back to The Basics. We will be using a curriculum from Sparkhouse called Animate. The topics we will cover are The Bible, Faith and Practices.

The youth group is open to 6th-12th graders. If your youth is interested in hanging out with us or if you have any questions, please let me know. Our email is unitedyouthlbg@gmail.com.

Mindy Moore, Youth Director

Union County Giving Closet

This is a new ministry being housed at First Presbyterian Church, providing new and gently used clothing for children aged newborn through Grade 12, whose families are enrolled in the Eastern Union County Food Bank Program. They are looking for monetary contributions and donations of clothing/shoes/reusable bags/gift cards to local stores and also need volunteers. You can email them at ucgivingcloset@gmail.com or call 570-524-4419.

Join Our Tech Team!

If you would be willing to learn how to use the cameras on Sunday mornings, please let one of the tech team (Nick Persing, Todd Fogle, Nate Morgan or Tim Taylor) know. They will train you and promise it is not difficult. Help us keep connected with those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday mornings.

Musicians/Vocalists Wanted!

If you would be willing to provide special music on occasion for Sunday worship, please let Pastor Sue or Brooke Persing know. We want to have a nice variety: vocal, instrumental, and combinations of those – we know there is talent among us. We are also looking for additional choir members! Choir rehearsal begins on Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:00PM in the Choir Room on the lower level.

We Have Convenient Methods of Giving!

Mail to Beaver Memorial at 42 S. 3rd St. Lewisburg, 17837
drop into our Drop Box outside the office door or
go to our website: www.beavermethodist.org and click on “Giving”.

Thank you!

EVENTS

JENNA MAMMINA AND ROLF STURM (September 22nd, St. Andrew's)

Vocalist Jenna Mammina has performed with Rickie Lee Jones, Bobby McFerrin, Al Jarreau, David Sanborn, Phish, and Rosemary Clooney. Guitarist (and Lewisburg native) Rolf Sturm has performed and/or appeared on recordings with: Eddy Arnold, Tony Trischka, Loudon Wainwright, David Johansen, Archie Shepp, Heather Masse, Billy Martin, John Medeski, Ethan Iverson (Bad Plus), and Roswell Rudd.

This special acoustic duo performs compositions from the 1920's to tunes made up on the spot with help from their audiences. They have released two recordings and have toured throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico, performing at festivals, conferences, Lincoln Center, clubs, cafes, and house concerts. Their CDs, "Spark" & "Begin To Dance", have received rave reviews and nation-wide radio airplay.

WESLEY FOREST RETREATS: Wanderwomen: Backpacking - Adventure

This is a backpacking trip led by women, for women. An event for the first-time backpacker and the novice adventurer. Gain confidence as you learn lessons in Leave No Trace, tips on gear, and how to confidently prepare for an outdoor adventure in God's inspiring creation. This trip will take place in the Loyalsock State Forest with a night of base camping at a State Forest cabin, followed by an overnight on the trail. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Leaders: Beth Jones & Emily Sliski

September 9-11 Female Ages 12+ \$115* (*includes all backpacking gear and food) no early bird

Starts: Friday 7:00 pm; Ends: Sunday 3:00 pm

AT BEAVER MEMORIAL UMC			
Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
New Beginnings Adult Sunday School	Sundays	9:00 AM	Parsonage dining room
NA Meeting	Mondays / Wednesday s	7:00 PM	2 nd Floor Parker Bldg.
Leadership Team Meetings	3 rd Tuesdays of the month	6:00 PM	Parsonage dining room
AA Meeting	Saturdays	7:00 PM	2 nd Floor Parker Bldg.
IN THE COMMUNITY			
Event	Day/Date	Time	Location
Pub Theology	3 rd Thursdays of the month	6:00 PM	Bull Run Tap House

BMUMC Staff includes:

Position	Individual	Position	Individual
Administrative Assistant	Mindy Moore	Treasurer	Shirley Brough
Custodian	Greyson Leshar	Youth Group Director	Mindy Moore
Choir Director	Brooke Persing	Pianist	Ryan Hill
Busy Beaver Day Care Director	Charlene Reigle	Kinderfolk Preschool Director	Julia Umstead
Video Team	Nick Persing, Todd Fogle, Nate Morgan, Timothy Taylor		
Leadership Team	Martha Root - croot@bucknell.edu Rev. Sue Jamison - sjamison@susumc.org Ralph Hibbs - rhibbs@windstream.net Larry Shinn - shinnl@berea.edu Nancy Shinn - shinnn@berea.edu Patty Johnston - hoodj1973@ptd.net David Deibler-Gorman - dgorman@windstream.net Gabrielle Taylor - taylorfamily@ptd.net Heidi Gilmore - heidiegilmore@gmail.com Travis Curry - travise Curry@yahoo.com		

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