



"THE CALL"

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS

November! The year is drawing to a close and it's time for some serious pondering about the year to date. Webster's dictionary says that means some "deliberate meditation, thinking." There have been many changes and challenges. As I pondered these things I was reminded of how I used to do my "pondering." One of my favorite ways was walking in the woods which was one of the things Jane and I used to do together until age has restricted that activity. I especially like doing it in the fall and winter when the bugs are absent.

As I pondered I was reminded of a walk Jane and I had in the woods north of our home in Vestaburg. It was in a large tract of woods, almost a square mile without roads and the Pine River ran through it. We walked through the woods a little over a half-a-mile and came to the river. We followed it a ways, stopping often to listen to the water, look at the wild flowers, and watch a couple snakes enjoying the sun. When we turned to go back to the truck the direction I usually took was flooded, so we had some very long detours to stay out of the water and muck. The walk ended up being much farther than I had planned. We were quite glad to see the truck when we finally got there.

The first part of our walk we saw and heard many things and enjoyed it. The latter part was more a question of endurance. Through our encouragement of one another, we persisted. We didn't see many things of interest, and the only sound we cared to hear was the cars on the road that told us we were getting closer to the truck.

The fact that the latter part of our walk wasn't necessarily enjoyable didn't mean that we didn't go on any more walks. We didn't stop walking in the woods because one experience wasn't as enjoyable as we wished.

There is an analogy between our walk in the woods and our Christian pilgrimage. Sometimes, usually when the pilgrimage is first begun, it's

a wonderful experience. The Word is revealed to us and we find great excitement in what we read. Prayer is a new and wonderful experience, and worship is fresh and exciting. The joy of the Lord is readily on our lips. Then there are also times when the pilgrimage is more about simply enduring than about enjoying the pilgrimage.

Those times come to us all. God seems far away, and it seems as though our prayers fail to reach Him. We get weary, frustrated, and wonder if we will ever see the "truck." In these times we must remember that a detour, a trial, in the path will not mean that the pilgrimage will never again be joyful. And it's very helpful when those times come, and they will come, for the body of Christ to encourage, edify, and walk with those who find the path difficult.

Our pilgrimage is with God, and it's also with the body of Christ, the Church. Be sensitive to our fellow pilgrims as we all walk with God. Upholding, encouraging, walking together in the easy parts, and most of all in the difficult ones.

***"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."
(Galatians 6:2) "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another..." (I Thessalonians 5:11)***

May God bless us on our pilgrimage together!

Pastor Bill

What are your prayer requests?

gathering of friends

time for instruction

prayer for each other



Join Us

Sunday

November 4

7:00 p.m.



"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever. Psalm 107:1



GROWING
HOPE
GLOBALLY

FOODS RESOURCE BANK

NOW

“GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY”

The Church corn field is now harvested and proceeds from the sale of the corn will be donated to “Growing Hope Globally.” This organization is the former Foods Resource Bank with a new name. The goal of “Growing Hope Globally” is to educate and equip farmers in poor nations to increase yields, modernize techniques, and grow food more efficiently for themselves and their neighbors. Ultimately, ending world hunger. It is a blessing to be involved in this worthy endeavor.

FARMING

By Bonnie Morh



*Farming is a PASSION—a devoted and HONORABLE way of life.
It is a heritage and a LEGACY that connects one GENERATION to the next and
the force that feeds the world.*

*Farming requires a STRONG MIND, BIG HEART, and PROFOUND PATIENCE to
weather long hours, harsh conditions, and unpredictable prices. There is a spiritual presence on
the farm and in the land. Here, FAITH, COMMITMENT, AND INTEGRITY provide strength
for the unwavering labor that is the foundation of life itself.*

*It is where roots run as deep in the house as they do in the field – where FAMILIES
are bound strong because of shared experiences, and are grown with LOVE
and TENDERNESS. It is where examples speak louder than words, and where thanksgiving happens
more than once a year.*

Thank you God for agriculture and the life of farming.

Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth;” and it was so.

Genesis 1:11



HEIFER, INTERNATIONAL-----

“CHALLENGE”

The Women’s Fellowship is challenging the rest of the church to raise \$5,000 for Heifer, International. \$5,000 will buy an “ark” filled with animals to benefit people in 3rd world countries. Small plastic “ark banks” are available to take home for loose change. Place your donation in the outreach cup or in the offering plate, designated for Heifer; and most importantly, pray for the donors and those who will receive the gifts.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 18, 7:00 p.m., at the Presbyterian Church. Plan now to attend.



Women’s Fellowship

The women held their monthly meeting on Wednesday October 3rd. The October outing included lunch at the Pepper Mill and grocery shopping at Sav-A-Lot. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7th at 10:30. Watch for news of the next trip/lunch. Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. All women are welcome.....a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!



Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together

FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Family fun night

Corn hole Tournament

***Sloppy joes
Snacks***



November 10th, Saturday night, 6:00 p.m.

******* IT'S A MYSTERY *******

WATCH FOR A CHURCH DINNER ON DECEMBER 1ST AT 6:00 P.M.

You will make choices.
You will be served.
You may give a free-will offering to Camp Brethren Heights.

Come along and have some fun!!



ITEMS OF INTEREST: *****

***** Outreach cup offerings for Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. are designated for Heifer, International

***** Birthday Sunday, November 4, worship service

***** Prayer meeting, Sunday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

***** Council Meeting, Monday, November 12, 7:00 p.m.

***** Board Meeting, Cancelled for October

***** Women's outing, Wednesday, November 14, to be determined

***** Vet's dinner, Sunday, November 18, 6:00 p.m.

Worship Leadership November

Date: November 4

Worship Leader: Sandy Sprague
 Music Leader: Glen Blades
 Special Gift: Choir
 Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth
 Greeters: Eric and Peg Hillman
 Deacons: Joanne Fassett & Dan Whitmer
 Closer: Bob Phillips

Date: November 11

Worship Leader: Dan Whitmer
 Music Leader: Amy Burns
 Special Gift: Nancy Shaffer
 Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth
 Greeters: Ruth McDonald
 Deacons: Claudia Whitmer & Rick Painter
 Closer: Bob Phillips

Date: November 18

Worship Leader: Glen Blades
 Music Leader: Sherm Fassett
 Special Gift: Puppets
 Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth
 Greeters: Lila Hannahs
 Deacons: Leta Painter & Glen Blades
 Closer: Bob Phillips

Date: November 25

Worship Leader: Matt McKimmy
 Music Leader: Becky Phillips
 Special Gift: Dan Bergman
 Nursery Care: 1 Adult & 1 Youth
 Greeters: Darby McKimmy, Grace Hoag
 Deacons: Lana Blades & Bob Phillips
 Closer: Bob Phillips



MAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL PART OF YOUR REGULAR WORSHIP

Sunday School News

Sunday School classes begin at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings with “Get your worship on,” music and a short message. There are several classes available, and everyone, young and old, is encouraged to attend.

Preschool - Kindergarten – Teacher, Becky Phillips

1st - 7th grades - Teacher, Joanne Fassett

Adult – Teacher, Tom Prager – Study of 1 and 2 Timothy

Adult/Teen – Frances Chan’s book Forgotten God

***FUNERAL DINNERS**—a ministry of this church.*

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~~~~ “When you forgive, you Heal.

And when you let go, you Grow.~~~~

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