
BEARGRASS NEWS



Worship Regularly *Grow* Intentionally *Serve* Generously

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Palm/Passion Weekend

March 24/25: We will remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The services will be at the regular times. Palms will be distributed to all who attend.

Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7:00 pm: The word "Maundy" comes from the word "commandment." We will remember Jesus' commandment at the Last Supper—"to love others as he loves us."

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 30, 7:00 pm: This worship experience will feature scripture readings that tell the story of the Passion and special music from the Beargrass Choir. The sanctuary will gradually be darkened as the story is read.

Children's Easter Egg-stravaganza

March 31, 11:00 am: The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Brown Park (located next to Baptist Hospital East). All children ages two through 5th grade are invited to participate.

Easter Saturday Celebration

March 31, 5:30 pm: The Easter Saturday service will be held in the sanctuary rather than the chapel to accommodate what will be a larger-than-usual congregation.

Easter Sunday Celebrations

April 1, 9:00 and 11:00 am: The Easter services will include communion, music, baptisms, joyful music, and an inspiring message. Plan to be present—and invite your family and friends to join us as we share our joy and the Good News of Easter!

The Next Newcomers Class

By Leigh Bond

The Spring 2018 Newcomers Class will be Sunday, March 4, 11 and 18, at 10:00 am in Room 114. The class offers an introduction to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the mission and ministries of Beargrass Christian Church. I recommend the class to anyone who is looking for a church home and a supportive Christian community. Childcare is available. Please register for the class by calling the church office at 896-1161 or emailing me at leigh@beargrass.org.

Exploring Judaism

By John Hull

Would you like to know more about the faith that gave birth to Christianity? If so this is the series for you. Dr. Roy Fuller will return to Beargrass to help us understand Judaism. Many Christians assume we know something about Judaism because we share the same Scripture (Hebrew Bible) and we hear a lot about Judaism in the New Testament. In fact, many of our assumptions do not match the reality of Judaism as lived out by people of the Jewish faith.

Dr. Fuller has previously led sessions on Islam and Buddhism at Beargrass. He is adjunct professor of world religions at Baptist Seminary of Kentucky and also teaches world religions as an adjunct in the humanities department at the University of Louisville. Dr. Fuller holds a PhD in world religions from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will lead the sessions on March 11 and 18 and a practitioner of Judaism will

The Derbytown Quartet, March 10

We are glad to welcome "The Derbytown Quartet" back to Beargrass on Saturday, March 10. They will be sharing a "Sermon in Song" at our 5:30 pm worship service in the sanctuary. The group specializes in Celtic and Appalachian melodies. They play jigs and reels, airs and ballads, hymns and gospel songs.

"Spring Forward" March 10-11!

Please remember to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 10. Hopefully we will all be on time for worship and Sunday School on Sunday, March 11!

**In the Beginning: Genesis
Wednesday Bible Study
10:30 am, Room 202
By John Hull**

Genesis is a story of origins. *In the beginning*—Genesis begins with the universal context of the creation of the world (*the heavens and the earth*). Then Genesis narrows the focus to human origins and eventually to the origin of Israel (*the generations of Jacob*). The Genesis stories help establish Israel's identity. Join us Wednesday mornings as we reflect on

**Bible 101: A Basic & Simple Survey
Thursday Evening Bible Study
6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
By Daniel Spurlock**

This survey continues through April, meeting every other Thursday. The class begins with a light supper at 6:30. The study runs from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Please RSVP to the church office each week of the study so the light supper arrangements can be accurate. The class dates are: March 8, 22; April 5, 19.

**College Care Packages
By Tiffany DeTienne**

The Young Adult Committee along with the Children's Ministries Committee are working together to send out care packages to our freshmen and sophomore college students. We need your help in collecting items to send them. March 4th and 11th we will have a bin set up near the coffee bar outside of Chalice Hall to collect your donations. Items we are looking for include, oatmeal, cereal, granola bars, rice Krispy treats, peanut butter crackers, ramen noodles, popcorn, gum, candy or any other individually wrapped snack. We would also appreciate school supplies like post-its, flags, and highlighters.

If you have an undergraduate student who is a freshman or sophomore in college please verify with the church office that we have their address on file. Thank you so much for your help in this effort. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Tiffany DeTienne (tiffany@beargrass.org).



Book Clubs meet Thursday, March 15

1:30 pm. The Library Book Club will discuss: *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

6:30 in Youth Room. Disciples Women's Book Club will discuss *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman.

**Summer Dates 2018
By Steven Straub**

Junior Camp (for those who have completed 4th or 5th grade) – June 18-22, 2018

Mini Camp (for those who have completed 3rd grade) – June 1-3, 2018

Camp 101 (for those who have completed 1st or 2nd grade – parent/guardian attends as well)

Camp 101A – June 22-24, 2018

Camp 101B – July 20-22, 2018

Vacation Bible School – June 10-14, 2018

Mission Day Camp – July 16-20, 2018

Cub Scout Fundraiser

Pack 115, sponsored by Beargrass Christian Church, will be having a Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday, March 10 from 6:30-9:30 pm in Chalice Hall. The cost is \$10 per person which covers a spaghetti dinner and desserts. People can come as individuals or form teams of 6-8 people. The winning team will receive a prize, and door prizes will also be available. Childcare will be available on the ARK wing. Please RSVP to the church office at 896-1161 by Friday, March 9. If you have questions, please contact Steven Straub in the church office.

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all Beargrass Children! The church's annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 11:00 am at Brown Park (located next to Baptist Health Hospital in St. Matthew's). All children who can walk through fifth grade will have the opportunity to participate. Specific regions of the park will be divided for different age groups. A special visitor will be present! In case of inclement weather, the hunt will occur inside at Beargrass Christian Church.

Parents: The Easter Egg Hunt will start promptly at 11:00 am. Plan to arrive a few minutes early so that your child will not miss a minute of the action!

Parents: To help offset the cost of the hunt, we are asking parents to donate candy for the hunt. Please drop off individually wrapped candies in the church office any time from March 18-30. Eggs will be filled during the day on Friday, March 30 starting at 10:30 am. An egg-cleaning and counting party will also be held on Monday evening April 2 at 6 pm. Please let Steven Straub know if you can help with either preparation or cleanup from the event.

Youth: We always need help from the youth of the church with the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested in helping with the event, please meet at Brown Park at 9:30 am on March 31. You can receive service hours for your help. If you have any questions, please contact Steven Straub at 896-1161 or steven@beargrass.org.

Woodworking for Outreach By Rex Cox

'Hearts to God, Hands to Work' is a saying of the Shaker religious community. For nearly 15 years I have been making handcrafted furniture and other woodworking projects. The Shaker style of furniture and craftsmanship has appealed to me from beginning, both for its simplicity of form and function and for its inherent beauty.



Initially my projects were for home, church, or family and later for non-profit organizations' silent auction items. Yielding to requests, I do commission pieces, but with one stipulation, that 100% of the fee goes to Beargrass to support the outreach ministry. The first was to fund a 'Gift Ark' donation to the Heifer Project charity in Beargrass' name, completed in 2016. Now all commission fees go to support youth and adult mission trips and the outreach ministry of the Fellowship Sunday School class, split 50/50.

I enjoy doing tables, benches, cabinets, bookcases, and desks. I have also done accent pieces, beds, and chest of drawers – but no chairs. My favorite woods are cherry, walnut, maple ash, and honey locust. The finish is natural, no stains or paint. Examples of my work are viewable at Beargrass in the Sanctuary, Chapel, Gathering Space, and classrooms. I furnish all the materials and hardware.

I want to do more projects in the coming months. If you are in need of a 'one of a kind' wedding, graduation, or anniversary gift or just something of beauty for the home, please contact me by phone (551-0132) or e-mail (coxrex@bellsouth.net).

"Pedal Power" Keeps Rollin Matt Sperr, Director, Chestnut Street YMCA

The "Pedal Power" team donated ten bicycles to our inner city YMCA Branch last month. We are very grateful for the opportunity to share bicycles with kids that are not able to afford them. Some of the bikes will be given away at our community events and others may be used in our upcoming summer camps. Thank you so much for the donation—and for having such a great program.

Men's Group Schedule for March By Gerald Box

In March we will get back to our "normal" schedule and resume our study of "Inside the Heart of a Man." Here is a list of the upcoming weekly topics from our discussion of the book "Inside the Heart of a Man." All men are welcome to join us at 4:30 pm in room 201.

March 4	Chapter 4, The Wound, Part 1
March 11	Chapter 4, The Wound, Part 2
March 18	Chapter 5, The Battle for a Man's Heart, Part 1
March 25	Chapter 5, The Battle for a Man's Heart, Part 2
April 1	Easter (No Meeting)

Welcome to Michelle McGuffin By John Hull

I am delighted to introduce Michelle McGuffin as our new Communications Specialist at Beargrass. Michelle will oversee, coordinate and produce the various ways in which the congregation communicates with both members and the public. That will include bulletins, newsletters, beargrass.org and Facebook. Michelle holds a Bachelors of Business Administration from McKendree College and a Masters in Strategic Communications from Regent University, Virginia Beach. Her previous position was Director of Communication at Hendersonville First United Methodist in Hendersonville, Tennessee.

Michelle is working three days per week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) until March 5 when she begins a five-day schedule, Monday through Friday. Her email address is michelle@beargrass.org. Please give her a Beargrass welcome.

Donations to Beargrass By Marikeith Mercke



The Beargrass Christian Church Memorial Fund has received donations in memory of:

Sue Greenwell: Alan and Mary June Forsythe
Robert Gilewski

Mary Pitchford: Robert Gilewski

To the Music Fund
Sue Greenwell: Donna Lytle



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Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 11:00 am*

EASTER SUNDAY
April 1, 2018