

Welcome to the December, 2021 Edition of the Beaver Island Christian Church Newsletter



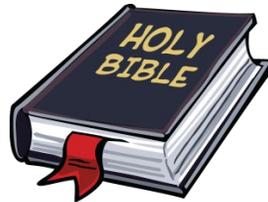
10 a.m. SUNDAY SERVICE

VISITING PASTORS

December 5 – Pastor Dave Martin
December 12 – Pastor Gene Drenth
December 19 – Pastor Andrew Pomerville
December 26 – TBD

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Luke 2 : 10-11



FAITH STEP : While the world celebrates the birth of our Savior, take a moment to explain the miracle of Christ's birth to a child.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Women's Bible Study in the Sanctuary – Thursday 10 a.m.

Men's Coffee – Thursdays at 8:30 - Dalwhinnie's



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all announcements to be included in the Sunday bulletin by Thursday evening to beaverislandchristianchurch@gmail.com

THANKSGIVING DINNER

A Message from Beaver Island Christian Church

“At our board meeting on Monday, November 8, we made the difficult decision not to host a Community Thanksgiving Dinner in 2021. Although Beaver Island is relatively COVID-free, uncertainty about what impact visitors might have on our population leads us to feel that it would be risky to gather together this year. We are hopeful that November 2022 will allow us to celebrate Thanksgiving together in the tradition we have enjoyed for many years.”

Beaver Island Christian Church is joining with other Island churches to offer you the gift of a Thanksgiving dinner to enjoy in your home with your family and/or friends. We will provide the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner: turkey, stuffing mix, potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetable, rolls, and frozen pumpkin pie. Distribution for these boxes will be on Monday, November 22. You will be given a time-frame for pick-up.”

Eighteen families responded to this invitation and a very efficient crew of Maria Lodico, Kitty McNamara, Chris Heikka, Kathy Speck, Sue Oole and Judi Meister packed boxes on Monday morning, November 22. It was rewarding to all of us to hear the appreciative comments as people picked up their boxes.

A big shout out to the guys in the meat department at McDonough’s Market who went above and beyond in accommodating 18 different meat orders!!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Christmas bazaar in the Fellowship Center on November 14 was well attended. 20 vendors offered a wide variety of crafts and food options. The Food Pantry operated a soup kitchen (for donations) and the drawing table. Narhyn Johnson’s booth “Thelma’s” featuring baked goods, sandwiches, and soup was a very good fund raiser for the Food Pantry. Quite a few unwrapped presents for Island kids were placed under the Christmas tree.

The table rent went to the Church’s Building Fund.

It was a great afternoon for both buyers and sellers.

THE CHRISTMAS CANTATA IS RETURNING!

**Mark December 5 on your calendar.
To be held at BICC at 3 p.m.**

COOKIE CARNIVAL



**Cookie Carnival
2021**

Cookie Carnival
2021 will be
pre-order only!

You can pick up an order sheet/price list
inside the double doors of the Christian Church,
at McDonough's Market
or download at bichristianchurch.com

Call Kathy Speck (2393) with your order
or drop the order off at her home.

All orders are due by the end of the day
on Friday, December 10.

Pick-up is Saturday December 18
11:00-2:00

**'TIS
THE
SEASON**

a winter
treat
just for you!

COFFEE AND COOKIES

All of us at BICC are cookie people!
We love our cookies, coffee, and fellowship following the Church service.

Problem is, not enough of us are signing up to bring cookies and host the coffee fellowship.

If you've thought about it, but weren't sure what's involved, please prayerfully consider assisting a

It's a simple gesture that involves a minimal amount of time, and it's a great way to meet your fellow Churchgoers.

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 10:00 am - 11:00 am Pastor Dave Martin	29	30 8:30 am - 10:00 am ☺ Men's Coffee	1	2 10:00 am - 11:00 am ☺ Women's Bible Study	3	4
5 10:00 am - 11:00 am Pastor Dave Martin 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Christmas Cantata	6	7 8:30 am - 10:00 am ☺ Men's Coffee	8	9 10:00 am - 11:00 am ☺ Women's Bible Study	10	11
12 Happy Birthda... ☺ 10:00 am - 11:00 am Video Message From Pastor Angel Abshear	13 Happy Birthda... ☺	14 8:30 am - 10:00 am ☺ Men's Coffee	15	16 10:00 am - 11:00 am ☺ Women's Bible Study	17	18 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Cookie Carnival
19 10:00 am - 11:00 am Pastor Andrew Pomerville, Chaplain at Alma College	20	21 8:30 am - 10:00 am ☺ Men's Coffee	22	23 10:00 am - 11:00 am ☺ Women's Bible Study	24	25
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JOYS, SORROWS, CONCERNS

Our thoughts and prayers for the family of Joe Moore, Lil and Ruthie Gregg.
 Also for the families of the victims of the tragic air crash on Beaver Island, and the Island Airways staff.

HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAYS TO LIL GREGG ON DECEMBER 13

As we enter this magical Christmas season, may you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

A REMINDER THAT BICC WELCOME BAGS ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEW ISLAND RESIDENTS

The bags contain a welcome letter, information on our Church, and other miscellaneous items (and feel free to add cookies or a baked gift).
This is a nice welcome package for newcomers. Please see Judi or any member of the Board if you know of someone who you would like to welcome to our Church and the community.

ENDOWMENT FUND

As you plan your annual giving, please prayerfully consider a donation to the Church Endowment Fund.

We are simplifying the process by asking that you write your check directly to the church with "Endowment Fund" on the memo line.

Please send directly to the Church, and Rick Speck will write one check for the combined donations.

Church address: 38215 Kenwabikise Ln, Beaver Island 49782

FOR THOSE LEAVING FOR THE WINTER SEASON,

"GOD BE WITH YOU, 'TILL WE MEET AGAIN."

If you have usable food items (canned goods, etc.) and plan to leave your cottage for the winter, please consider donating them to the food pantry.

FINAL NOTES:

For additional information about the Church and current events click here to go to: bichristianchurch.com

We are now including bios for each visiting pastor on the church web site. If you click on a particular pastor's name on their appointed Sunday, their bio (if available) will appear.