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Study is pivotal at Bear Creek

Study is one of three essential legs for "growing in love with God and neighbor" at Bear Creek. There are multiple opportunities for children, youth and adults to grow in faith through study.

On Sunday, September 11, we will focus in worship on Study and you will have an opportunity to learn more about study opportunities. **Classes for all ages will begin on September 18.**

Children

Children's Church—a child-friendly lesson about the Bible or sermon topic held during the Sunday worship service.

Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Through Godly Play, learn about God through rich storytelling and manipulatives.

Midweek 7:00 p.m. More Godly Play, curriculum written by Terri Stewart!

Youth

Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Youth Group 6:30 p.m.

Adults—Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Prayer and Share—a time to gather, share life experiences and prayers with Susan Jackson

Sermon/Scripture Discussion—a time to reflect on the sermon and scripture of the morning's worship with Robert Stewart

Book Discussion Group—a time to discuss a stimulating book with Debra McKnight.

Faith and the Earth (title under con-

struction)—a time to discover, with John Lambert, how our faith and the care of the earth are closely related.

Parent Group (*watch for new name*)—a time for parents to connect and support each other. We share joys, concerns, ideas and knowledge in regard to children and everyday life. If you would like more information, please contact Heather Nelson at 425.844.9883.

Midweek at Bear Creek—meets every Wednesday except holidays and school breaks.

Midweek Dinner 6:00 p.m. (free-will offering accepted)

Midweek Activities 7:00 p.m.

+ **Pastor's Bible Study**

+ **Alcoholics Anonymous**

+ **Community Programs**—various topics including parenting, finance, aging, etc.

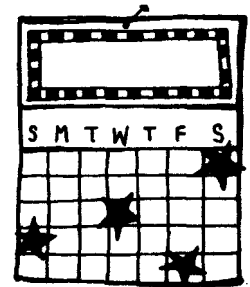
Other Opportunities

Disciple Bible Study—an in-depth survey of the Bible and its call to discipleship with Ruthann Litchford (425.844.9625 or r.litchford@comcast.net)

Walk to Emmaus—a three-day retreat for deepening Christian Discipleship. For information contact Joan Pierce (360.668.9691 or jpierce622@frontier.com)

Covenant Groups—these groups meet once or twice a month for prayer, study and mutual support. For information contact Joan Pierce (360.668.9691 or jpierce622@frontier.com)

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, September 6
Interfaith Blood Drive
(Cottage Lake Pres)
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 7
Midweek at Bear Creek resumes

Sunday, September 11
Kick-Off Sunday/BBQ

Thursday, September 16
Celebration Choir resumes

Sunday, September 18
Sunday School resumes

Sunday, September 25
Ministry Fair

Pastor's Mumblings

Dear Bearcreekians,
Our program year begins with September. You will see on the Worship Calendar that we will be focusing this month on our mission, "Growing in love with God and neighbor through worship, study and service."

We will explore "Why Worship," "Why Study" and "Why Serve," and you will be given many opportunities to do all three so that you might know more deeply and live more fully the love of God.

I have to tell you I am very proud and pleased that I am being appointed to serve you again this year. 2011 has been a great year for Bear Creek, with increases in worship attendance, participation in study, and gifts of service.

Please read this newsletter, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in your following of Jesus for the healing of the world.

Shalom, Dave O



Worship

Join us Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Make worship a regular part of your life of discipleship. Whether the music is loud or soft, the sermon good or bad, our worship of God with our brother and sister disciples of Jesus will be just right.

September 4—12th Sunday after Pentecost
"Persistent in Love"

Matthew 18:15-20

September 18—14th Sunday after Pentecost
"Why Study"

Mission Moment—A Blessing of the Teachers

Luke 2:41-52

September 11—13th Sunday after Pentecost
"Why Worship"

Mission Moment—A Blessing of the Worship Team



Exodus 3:1-12

September 25—15th Sunday after Pentecost
Ministry Fair
"On the Third Day"

Mission Moment—A Blessing of Those Serving

1 John 4:7-12

Coming soon: ways to get involved in BCUMC

On Kick-Off Sunday, September 11, pick up your copy of "50 (or so) Ways to Become Active at BCUMC" and learn more about how you can get in the game and support our church!

Science for lunch?

Science Club at Cottage Lake Elementary is coming!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays in October volunteers from BCUMC and Cottage Lake PTA will be exploring some concepts in physics with the children during lunch recess.

If you're interested in how things work, sign up to play with us!

Contact Tresje Seeley at tresje@comcast.net.



It's a BIG Sunday!

It's "Kick Off" Sunday—September 11

Get in the Game! Get in the Spirit!

"Let's cheer to the Lord"
as we come and worship 9:30

Wear your favorite sport team shirt or sports attire.
No worries if you haven't been to church for awhile--
God "has your bases covered!"

A tailgate BBQ lunch at 11:00 will be provided with plenty of food-

*BBQ beef sandwiches

*Coleslaw

*Baked beans

*Chips

*Veggies and dip

*Watermelon

*Texas cake

*Lemonade

Games and activities for all ages.

Make it a "goal" to come to Bear Creek on Sunday, September 11!

Is it time to join the choir?

Do you hear the people sing? While we may not be starring in Les Miserables this month at the 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle, we are actively hearing the call to share our faith through music.

Rehearsals for our Celebration Choir are on Thursday nights beginning September 15, at 7:45 p.m. in the sanctuary. If your heart, mind and voice have been thinking about responding to the call to serve in this way, we

encourage you to join us. Experienced singers and new singers are welcome.

New to our choir this year is the opportunity for our youth 7th grade and up to join us. We would love to have you! Let me know how I can support your participation. Contact Arianna Giaroli at arianna0621@yahoo.com.



Join the Choir...

**You'll Be Glad
You Did!**

Our Selves, Our World, and Our Hopes for Tomorrow: An interfaith discussion in commemoration of 9/11

What: An interfaith panel discussion series in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Who: Pastor David Orendorff
Rabbi Mark Glickman, Congregation Kol Ami
Shaykh Qasim Hatem, Mihraab Foundation

When: Tuesdays, September 7, 14, 21
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: Bear Creek United Methodist Church

The Northshore Interfaith Council will be hosting this three-week interfaith panel discussion in commemoration of the 10-year anniversary of the events of 9/11.

September 7: *Our Selves:* What Does our Religion Demand of Us?

September 14: *Others:* How Does Our Religion Call upon Us to Interact with Those of Other Faiths?

September 21: *Our Hopes for Tomorrow:* Our Religion's Vision of a World Redeemed



Northshore Interfaith Council Congregations:

- Atamayarama Buddhist Monastery
- Bear Creek United Methodist Church
- Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church
- Cottage Lake Presbyterian Church
- Congregation Kol Ami—Jewish Reform
- Northshore United Church of Christ
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Wooden Cross Lutheran Church
- Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church

The series is free and open to the public. Come for dinner at 6:00 and stay for a meaningful discussion. For further information, please contact Rev. Lois Van Leer. Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church, 425.788.6044.

BCUMC Women's Group Brunch and Laughter!

Brunch will be served by the Planning Committee

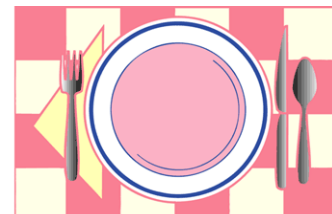
Date: Saturday, September 24

Time: 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock

Entertainment: Comedy

Presentation: Anita Renfroe

Place: Church Narthex



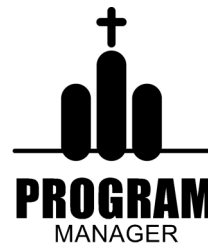
BRUNCH

Help get the word out—Bear Creek is now seeking a Program Manager

Bear Creek United Methodist Church is seeking a Program Manager. This position is located in Woodinville, Washington. The position is full time with an option for a benefit package. Applicant must be a faith-based, dependable self starter with strong demonstrated skills in written/verbal communications, high ethics and confidentiality.

Time management skills, with the ability to handle multiple initiatives at the same time, are required. Regular office hours as well as weekend work will be required. Demonstrated interpersonal skills will be important. Minimum requirements are a B.S. degree in a related discipline or five years of experience in a similar nonprofit organization.

Send resume to resumes@bcumc.org. A complete job description is available on the church website at www.bcumc.org.



Seek and ye shall find—a program manager!

Here's a quick update on the hiring process for the recently approved Program Manager position at BCUMC:

The Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) has finalized the job description and has started "seeking" the right person for this important new position. We have developed a recruitment subgroup, responsible for advertising,

responding to questions and gathering resumes. The position has been posted on several targeted websites as well as local resources.

The recruitment group will do an initial screening of the applicants and pass the finalists along to the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee, comprised of a couple members of SPRC and

several members of the congregation, will interview the finalists, get to know them a bit, and make a recommendation to hire.

Please remember these groups and potential candidates in your prayers as we go through this process. It's a big step for our church! For more information, ask any of the SPRC members (Randy Garrett, Chair) or Pastor Dave.



New Addresses

Marcena Brook

1321 N. Easy Street
Payson, AZ 85541
206.659.2451

Debbie Brown

2612 North Pines Road
Apt. D-40
Spokane Valley, WA
99206

Help rebuild home destroyed in fire

The Foursquare Church of White Swan, which meets in the Wilbur Memorial UMC's grange building, is organizing a Building Blitz for September 3–17. The event is to replace a home destroyed in last winter's fire.

If you are interested in helping, please call Brian Campfield at 509.910.8233 before heading over. They are particularly interested in help from those with specialized skills.

Couches wanted for youth

Do you have an extra couch or comfortable chair that needs a home? The youth are looking for new furniture in the youth room.

If you have something that you can donate, please contact Jamie Wilson at youthdir@bcumc.org to schedule a drop-off or pick-up time. Thank you!

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



On the Horizon

Sunday, October 9

Amazing Grace Seminar 11:00 a.m.
Emergency Preparedness

Saturday, October 22

Women's Group Hats and Tea Auction
(Mercer Island Presbyterian) 1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28

Women's Group Zentangle and Dessert
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1

Interfaith Blood Drive 1:00-7:00 p.m.
(Woodinville Unitarian)

Saturday, November 12

Women's Group BUNCO

Sunday, November 27

Advent Festival

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
11:00 a.m.
(all ages)

Midweek at Bear Creek
Wednesdays
6:00 p.m.
(September-May)

All are welcome!

Office hours
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday
Closed Fridays