

## **Community Programs Committee Profile**

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as in heaven. --Luke 11:2

### **Mission**

The mission of Bear Creek UMC Community Programs is to develop community by offering worthwhile and enriching programs and activities to all persons as well as supporting the benevolences as described below. It shall meet the nurturing community description as published in the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church. (see below)

### **THE NURTURING COMMUNITY**

*From The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church - 2004.*

*“The community provides the potential for nurturing human beings into the fullness of their humanity. We believe we have a responsibility to innovate, sponsor, and evaluate new forms of community that will encourage development of the fullest potential in individuals. Primary for us is the gospel understanding that all persons are important—because they are human beings created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ and not because they have merited significance. We therefore support social climates in which human communities are maintained and strengthened for the sake of all persons and their growth.”*

### **Primary Function**

The Bear Creek UMC Community Programs committee participates with the Council on Ministries and other programs within the church but has a unique and specific focus. Its job is to identify and prioritize the needs of the local, regional, national and worldwide communities and provide ongoing community service programs that are *secular* in nature and open to all persons.

### **Responsibilities**

This committee is restricted to providing community programs that are secular in nature due to the source of their funding. Funding will include materials to support the various programs and any necessary publicity to reach the community at large. Funding considerations will be made based on the following criteria (and in the following order of priority);

1. Subsidize cost of providing permanent office and/or meeting space to organizations such as Samaritan Counseling, Alcoholics Anonymous, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.
2. Open door events of local interest such as Love & Logic parenting course, Woodinville Fire & Life Safety C.E.R.T. training, personal finance classes, theatrical performances, concerts, etc.
3. Local benevolences such as Hopelink, Mathew House, Share/Wheel (Tent City), Church of Mary Magdalene, Habitat for Humanity, etc.
4. National benevolences such UMCOR, Red Cross, etc.
5. International benevolences