

# Bear Fax



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## Four Efforts were focus of Ad Council retreat

On January 10 your Administrative Council met at the Barn, a meeting place in the Farm neighborhood, to pray, listen, and share thoughts and ideas about the church. The day began with muffins and coffee, paused for lunch organized by Jeannie Morris, and concluded with a shared communion service. In between, a series of opportunities gave those present time to reflect on the gifts, barriers and learnings they have experienced at Bear Creek UMC.

Jim Morris brought background and demographic data, and Terri Stewart and Sara Lambert led in prayer and song. Susan Jackson introduced the invitational method of sharing, which allowed each person present time to speak without interruption. Written input was also collected throughout the day. Updates on the Four Efforts were presented as the group worked through the meaning of discipleship and how best to listen to each other and the rest of the congregation. Although the retreat was intentionally designed by the Executive Committee of the Ad Council to end without coming to conclusions on direction, there were mixed feelings afterwards. This will be an ongoing conversation—listening, praying, considering—with each other and with God.

In the coming months, you will hear more about the Four Efforts. More importantly, you will be asked to share your thoughts, ideas and feelings as **we listen together for God's guidance** in exploring renewal at Bear Creek UMC.

Four Efforts Primer:  
Marketing/Communications  
E-Team  
Worship  
Children and Family Ministries

### Marketing/Communications

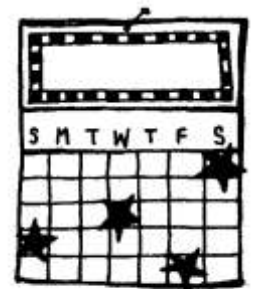
Led by John Lambert, also Chair of Ad Council, this group started by looking at how the church is represented in the community. In marketing terms, **this is called "positioning."** Discussions were held around who our current constituency is, who our target audience might be, and how to best use resources to spread the word about our mission and message. Our web site ([www.bcumc.org](http://www.bcumc.org)) has seen some restructuring; a tri-fold mailer was sent to the community; and Christmas Eve yard signs were printed and distributed. The group is also developing plans to improve communications **within the church, or with "internal customers."**

### E-Team

Terri Stewart has gathered a group to look at how Bear Creek thinks about and does evangelism, an active class formed for a book study and discussion on *Unbinding the Gospel, Real Life Evangelism*, by Martha Grace Reese. This study has sprouted experiments currently in process: continual prayer during worship, a newly forming youth choir, and suggestions for greeters and ushers. Having completed the book,

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

*Saturday, February 7*  
Amazing Grace Seminar  
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Wednesday, February 18*  
Midwinter Break—no  
midweek activities

*Sunday, February 22*  
Interfaith Choir Festival  
7:00 p.m.  
(LDS Bothell Stake)

*Wednesday, February 25*  
Shrove Pancake Supper  
6:00 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service  
7:30 p.m.

## PASTOR'S MUMBLINGS

Dear Bearcreekians,  
Every congregation has its sacred cows. And every member of every congregation has their sacred cows. In truth, every pastor has her or his sacred cows. Sacred cows are belief statements or ritual habits which we contradict or change only at our own peril. I am in favor of harmony and I dislike conflict, so I usually smile and give assurances when I meet a sacred cow.

As I have been re-studying the Gospel of Mark through January and now February (we will be with Mark as the source of our scripture all the way to Easter), I have become aware of how there are no sacred cows for Mark. He has one focus and one focus only; it is the ministry of Jesus in the world and is stated succinctly, **"The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and trust the good news."** That's it. Everything else is flexible, debatable, and negotiable.

Conflict comes when my sacred cow meets your sacred cow **and there doesn't seem to be** enough room for both cows in the room. The early church, for instance, begins in Judaism and,

therefore, the first Christians have dietary restrictions that are from their Jewish heritage, which are sacred cows.

But when the gospel moves into the non-Jewish world, the dietary restrictions become a source of conflict. Not eating meat offered to idols is a Jewish sacred cow, but it is not a Gentile sacred cow. How was the conflict resolved? The earlier church mothers and fathers decided that a sacred cow is not sacred.

So, if eating meat offered to idols is not offensive to anyone in the room, then eat it. But if there is someone in the room for whom eating such meat is a stumbling **block to faith in God, then don't** eat it. The resolution was not about my sacred cow trumping your sacred cow; it was about my caring for you more than I care for my cow.

I began to wonder: am I as focused and flexible as Mark, Luke and Paul? Do I have sacred cows that are not about proclaiming the kingdom of God but about what I prefer, what I like, what I want. Am I so convinced by *ME* that I am not listening to the needs of others? Sometimes my sacred

**cows moo so loudly I can't hear** the voice of the Spirit and I get lost in the herd (or not heard). I am praying to listen with a cowless mind and heart for what God would have me be for you, and would have us be for each other.

With this I am clear that our future is about our faith in God; it is about our following Jesus; it is about healing the world; and it is about what is good for each other and not so much me. I am beginning to see with the Executive Committee of the Ad Council that it is about renewal of the gospel among us, about doing better what we do well and better, and about reaching to visitors and neighbors with the healing faith and deeds of Jesus.

In our discernment and listening process, we listen to hear God guide us into the future. I am impressed with how so many I have contact with have taken a selfless road and are willing to sacrifice their sacred cows for the sake of the newest or youngest among us. As usual you are way ahead of me. I thank you for that.

Shalom,  
Dave O

## New midweek class of Jesus and the Gospels starts Wednesday, February 4

By the miracle of DVD, the noted New Testament scholar, Luke Timothy Johnson, Ph.D., (do an online search of him and you will be very impressed), will be our lecturer for an in-depth study of Jesus as he is revealed in the gospels of the Bible and in early writings about Jesus not included, such as the Gospel of Thomas, the Infancy Gospel of James, the Gospel of Peter, and more. Dr. Johnson will early on challenge our notion that the best

way to know Jesus is to know the historical Jesus (all you Marcus Borg fans will want to get the other side).

The breadth of the material will take us 36 weeks, so we will be doing this for the foreseeable future. Though drop-ins are always welcome, this is a series you will want to be present for as often as possible. The class will be facilitated by Dave O beginning Wednesday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m.

This would be a great class to invite friends and neighbors, especially since you can offer a meal as well as childcare for the little **ones and a very fun children's** program led by Marge and Ted Kuykendall.



## STEWARDSHIP

It seems as though we are living in some uneasy times. Wars, the economy, unemployment—the list goes on and on. And yet, we live in abundance in many ways. *Abundance*: an extremely plentiful or over-sufficient quantity or supply; overflowing fullness.

Who fills us more abundantly than God? God calls us to be good stewards—to serve and preserve his abundance so that all may share in it.



How do we translate that into our daily lives here at BCUMC? Our church has many needs: maintenance (leaky roof), electricity (so we can hear about Jesus' light with the lights on!), staff (so they can help guide us in our spiritual journey), mortgage (we are fortunate to have a well-lit, leaky-roofed place for us to gather!!), to name just a few. The point here is that even in tough times, needs **continue. God's house needs work** just like our own!

Stewardship takes on many forms. Serving others with our time, talent, gifts and service

helps us realize we really do live abundantly. And when we set our **minds and hearts on sharing God's abundance, we're sometimes surprised** by the results!

So the world may be uneasy, **but God's abundant love always** has and always will be here. **Supporting BCUMC, God's household,** is a great way to share in this **"extremely plentiful, over-sufficient quantity"** of God's love.

Barb Wilson  
Stewardship Committee

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

### S.S. mission focus for this year—kids and critters

This year the children attending Sunday School at Bear Creek UMC chose two areas of focus. Both are subjects close to their hearts—other children and animals.

Already they have decorated bags of Christmas treats and, through Tracie Rakus, delivered them to Matthew House.

**The children's weekly offering** will go to help animals at Home-ward Pets. Please help your students to remember to bring their

offering to Sunday School each week. At the end of the school year we will be able to make a contribution to help local critters find loving homes.

The students also want to hold a stuffed animal drive for the children of Matthew House. During Lent you can participate by bringing a new or gently-loved stuffed animal to worship. These will be left in the chairs to be snuggled and filled with love during the weeks before Easter.

**The students will 'tag' each** animal with a special note of encouragement, telling of the love that is being sent on. The stuffed animal will be delivered to Matthew House the week before Easter to be distributed to children as they visit throughout the year.

Our children are Living BIG through the stories and teachings of Jesus and putting their faith in action.

Ruthann Litchford  
Sunday School Superintendent

## Tent City 4 returns to Woodinville February 1

Tent City 4 is returning to Woodinville Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, February 1. Bear Creek UMC is continuing to serve a hot meal once a month.

If you've considered helping serve a meal, now is an excellent opportunity since they are so close in proximity. We can really use your help.

We will be serving dinner on Friday, February 6; Monday, March 16; and Monday, April 20. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.

If you can help prepare a dish and/or serve the meal or for more details, please contact Chris Aakre at caakre@atg.com or 425.883.9260.

### How will that help?

During the first day at Sunday school, the teacher informed all of the students that if they had to use the restroom, they should raise the hands.

**"How's that going to help?"** asked one small lad.

## TRUSTEES CORNER

# 2009 church projects outlined

The year 2008 is now behind us. The BCUMC Board of Trustees (the legal entity of our church), led by Carla Woodworth, has been busy as usual doing what is necessary to keep our beautiful facility in the best possible condition within the limitation of finances and other resources.

### Change in Church Cleaning Services:

During the last quarter, the trustees evaluated the needs for cleaning at BCUMC. For the last two or more years, we contracted to have the church interior cleaned five days a week. The price of these services had mushroomed over the years and would have been a significant drain on **the trustees' budget (and, of course, the church budget)**.

As a result, we felt that, in general, cleaning the office area, sanctuary/celebration space, and education wing could be significantly reduced while still maintaining an attractive, clean environment. The trustees entertained bids from four different companies that offer commercial cleaning services. As part of that process, we chose Environmental Control to serve our facility for 2009 at a cost savings of over \$12,000 compared to last year.

In order to make this reduced cleaning service work, we would ask the congregation and other groups that use our church facility to make a special effort to clean up after ourselves, such as returning chairs and tables to where they belong, picking up trash and putting it in the wastebaskets, sorting recyclable and/or compostable materials from garbage, etc. This will reduce labor for the cleaning service as well as reduce the disposal costs that we must

pay.

### Microsoft Parking at BCUMC:

In April of 2008, we contracted with Microsoft for the use of our parking lot during the day time hours. This was an opportunity for us to help the environment by reducing the number of cars and the resulting cost to all of us, from vehicle emissions, fossil fuel consumption, and traffic congestion. It brought convenient and direct transportation for Microsoft employees to their place of work with wireless service and other opportunities for the daily commute.

In return, BCUMC receives revenue. These moneys have been used to allow parking lot improvements without direct impact to our already stressed church budget. The initial intent, approved by the Administrative Council, was that this money would primarily be allocated to church property improvement. However, due to a decrease in offerings, much of the income from the Microsoft parking lease has been re-dedicated to 2009 general operations rather than the intended capital improvements/repairs.

### Roof Leaks:

As many of you know, we have had a continuing problem with the flat roofs at BCUMC. During early 2008 the first major leak manifested itself in the kitchen area. Chuck McKee and his crew at Joyful Contracting did an admirable job of temporarily securing the offending area by putting up a **"tarp tent."** No permanent fix is in place yet. As part of researching the best solution to our two flat roofs (one over the kitchen area, the other over the education wing), we have taken the following action:

- KPFF Consulting Engineers evaluated the roof structure and design criteria (at no cost).

- Solicited bids to remove the mechanical units (heating and air conditioning) from the roof using a crane, securing the HVAC units until roof repair is complete, replacing the mechanical units back on the roof, and then re-wiring, providing sheet metal work/flashing, etc.

- Received bids for redoing the flat roof using a membrane sealant rather than hot melt tar. See below.

To add insult to injury, as a result of the extended snows during the Christmas season, we are also experiencing roof leaks on the other flat roof over the education wing.

From an economic standpoint, both flat roofs should be fixed at the same time as the cost for the contractors will be less, and we will have a better, more secure roofing picture for the coming years. A temporary patch may be possible over the education wing.

The question as always is, **"Where are the funds to pay for this?"** With the current state of the economy, the decrease in offerings (we have already required the use of the Microsoft parking proceeds to balance the general budget), the Trustees would appeal to our congregation to give toward this critical need as you are able.

Total costs for roof repairs are expected to exceed \$40,000. Here is the scope of work to be done:

Mechanical Work (heating/cooling equipment on the roof)  
Mechanical work on the main roof over office/kitchen area:

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## Trustees projects

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- Move both units off the roof, then back on when finished
- Raise the EF, curb and associated ducting
- Move and cap the gas line, then reinstall when finished
- Raise the duct from the smaller unit up off of the roof and tie into the top of the supply duct

Crane rental  
\$12,532.00 + tax

Mechanical work on the education wing:

- Move the unit off the roof, then back on when finished

Crane rental  
\$5,279 + tax

### Roofing Costs:

Roofing for the kitchen/office flat roof: Following all HVAC units being lifted off the roof deck:

- Remove existing roofing down to roof deck, dispose of old roofing. Dump fee included.
- Pound or pull all existing fasteners. Clear off roof deck and inspect for structural sound-

ness. If any dry rot is discovered, replace (time and material cost).

- Build curbs to four connections from HVAC to roof.
- Install FR 10 underlayment
- Install Duro-Last 40 mil PVC single-ply membrane system with all associated trims and accessories with a 20-year material/labor warranty for commercial application (Colors: white, gray, and tan)
- Install new composition to tie into existing. Install remaining flashings and detail.
- The current estimate for fixing the roof over the office/kitchen area is \$8,500.

Roofing for the Education wing:

No estimates have been received for the education wing, but the area is substantially larger, so an estimate of \$12,000 may not be unreasonable.

Before this last snow, the trustees felt that temporary repairs and covering until the end of the "rainy/snowy" season was the best approach. In light of the latest leaks in the narthex (men's bathroom) and kindergarten room,

this may need to be re-evaluated. The negative impact is no heat while the work is in-progress. Not a place we would like to go with the pre-school in session. In addition, the question of a flat roof versus adding a minimal slope is being discussed.

Thank you to the following:

Thanks to Chuck McKee and his crew (Joyful Contracting), we **have been able to "patch" our roofing to date.** Without his work and guidance, the above roofing problems would have been "critical" with no time to properly research solutions.

Thanks to Rod Leveridge who **has taken on the task as "moss removal" specialist for the trustees.** A really special thanks to Doug Woodworth who did a **yeoman's job of shoveling snow off the flat roof over the education wing,** and Carla for extracting water from the wet floor in the nursery from the water leaks.

Many thanks for the countless hours by trustees Norm Broome and Randy Holt who have been repairing/replacing exit signs, light bulbs, outdoor lighting, etc.

Karl Brackmann  
Board of Trustees

## Sign up for Amazing Grace on February 7

The next Amazing Grace Seminar will be held on Saturday, February 7, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This class is the foundation study on being a United Methodist. We begin with God Is Love and end with a healing process as taught by Christ and supported by the Holy Spirit. This class is designed for the curious (who have no desire to join the church as this time), regular attendees and current members. It is also one of the first steps for those seeking membership into BCUMC.

A continental breakfast, lunch and childcare (as requested) are provided. Mark your interest on your Sunday Presence Slip or contact the church office to sign up.

For the grace  
of God  
that bringeth  
salvation  
hath appeared  
to all.

Titus 2:11



## 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 and with our brother and sister disciples of Jesus will be just right.

February 1—4th Sunday after the Epiphany

### "Demons in My Church?"

It is no accident that the first miracle of Jesus is the casting out of demons of a man in church. Nor is it any accident that the demons make the first public announcement of who Jesus is—the Holy One of God.

*Mark 1:21-28*

8:00 p.m. *Vespers*      *Matthew 8:28-34*

A half hour of music, scripture, meditation and prayer.

February 8—5th Sunday after the Epiphany  
Baptism of the Lord

### "Demons in My Family? In My Neighbors?"

Jesus teaches and heals in ever-widening circles, first in the family of Peter and then to the villagers of Capernaum. What began in Jesus at his baptism and was refined in the wilderness is now growing in the world—the Spirit is making the kingdom of God present and to be trusted.

*Mark 1:29-39*

February 15—6th Sunday after the Epiphany

### "Does God Love the Filthy?"

For the first time, someone comes to Jesus instead of Jesus going to him. But the one who comes is a leper, by every rule in the book someone God has obviously cursed for his sins. Is the kingdom of God even for lepers?

*Mark 1:40-45*

February 22—Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Transfiguration of the Lord

### "Now It's Our Turn"

Over the past two months we have explored the early beginnings and early ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Now Jesus calls the 12, who represent all 12 tribes, which is all the disciples, to teach and heal. Are we ready? No, but we go anyway.

*Mark 6:6b-13*



## Bill Hoppe CD "Blaze Away" for sale now

Bill Hoppe, BCUMC music coordinator, is excited to announce the release of "Blaze Away," by his band, BrokenWorks. BrokenWorks is the rebirth of the veteran cutting-edge Christian rock band, Aslan.

What began as a reunion became their debut album. With a signature eclectic style that has always defied classification, they approach their writing and arrangements with imagination

and invention to create atmospheric songs with memorable hooks and engaging lyrics that speak equally to the heart and to the head.

The maturity of their experience and craft is realized in each of these 11 new songs on "Blaze Away," as well as their revisits of two Aslan classics, and marks the re-emergence of a familiar, yet unique, new voice.

For more information, please visit the BrokenWorks website at [theband.brokenworks.com](http://theband.brokenworks.com). To see how BrokenWorks began as Aslan in the 1970s, visit [www.aslan.cc](http://www.aslan.cc). Bill will have "Blaze Away" CDs available for purchase in the narthex after Sunday services for \$10.00 each; you may also purchase copies online via the band's website and opt for local delivery/pickup at the church to save on shipping.

## Save these Dates

Chili Smackdown	February 4	6:00 p.m.
Amazing Grace Seminar	February 7	8:30-4:00
Interfaith Choir Festival (LDS Bothell Stake)	February 22	7:00 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service/Shrove Pancake Supper	February 25	6:00 p.m.
<b>Seder/Lord's Supper Tableau</b>	April 9	6:00 p.m.
Newborn Class	April 15	7:00 p.m.
<b>Women's Retreat (with Amazing Grace)</b>	April 17-19	
Baccalaureate (Wooden Cross Lutheran)	May 17	7:00 p.m.
Babysitting Class	May 31	
Recognition Sunday	June 7	
Vacation Bible School	July 13-17	
Evening Family Bible School	August 2-6	
Honduras Mission Trip	August 16	

# What I've Learned in Life

By Sergio Bambaren

If I had only 500 words to leave to humanity, sharing the most important things I've learned in life, what would I say?

That the most important things in life are free. That as long as I never forget that my spiritual life comes before my material life, I will be okay. That I should never judge a person for the color of his skin, her faith, the car he drives, or the clothes she wears: who knows, maybe he or she is just a victim of circumstances. That when you speak to someone, always do it looking him straight to his eyes.

That fear is just a state of mind, and nothing else. That I should be aware of how I see the world, because the world will be exactly as I see it. That a problem is not a problem, just an opportunity to learn the lesson and become wiser, stronger.

That everything in life is borrowed, only my dreams and my life belongs to me. That when the day comes to leave this beautiful

planet called Earth, the only things I will be able to take with me are the memories of the things and dreams I achieved, and the only things I will be able to leave are the good or bad things I did to make of this world a better or worse place. That nobody owns the whole truth.

That as a human being I am condemned to make mistakes; that will keep me humble. That the best present I can receive in life is giving love to others, without asking anything in return. That I should learn to respect others for what they are and not for what I would like them to be.

That turning my life into a song of joy is a responsibility; life doesn't owe me anything. That the past is the past; tomorrow is just a dream, so I must live today! That traveling around the world and discovering new places is the only way to see the world as it really is. That watching a shooting star and asking for a wish will keep alive the child that will

always dwell inside of me, no matter how young or old I am.

That I should never follow where the path may lead, just build my own trail. That spending time with nature will bring me closer to God, whatever God means to me. That I should thank life for every new day that I live. That I should live a life based on principles, not traditions. That I should talk less, and listen more. That once in a while I should stop and do nothing—what "important" people call wasting time.

That the only person I should compete with is with myself. That finding the true purpose of my life is the most important mission of my life. That there is no creature small or big enough that doesn't have something good to give to the world. That every morning, when I wake up, I should tell to myself: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

BCUMC Midweek at Bear Creek  
presents its first annual

# Chili *SMACK-* *DOWN!*

Wednesday, February 4  
6:00 p.m.

The Community Programs Committee  
challenges  
the Missions Committee  
and the Marketing Committee  
to an awesome Chili Cookoff.

Come eat your fill and cast a vote for the tastiest chili  
and all bragging rights between these fearsome com-

## IT'S A PARTY!

We're having a painting party  
every Monday  
at the church  
beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Call Chuck McKee  
at 425.822.0822  
if you can help!



Prayers for Vickie Orendorff as she continues to be tested for the possible return of breast cancer.

Prayers for Debbie Brown as she continues to struggle with health issues while going to school.

## Four Efforts

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the E-Team will continue to pray, study and encourage others to listen with them. They are currently recommending a longer study and listening time before making major changes in church structure, mission or format.

### Worship

The worship group, with Sara Lambert organizing, started with the book *How to Start a New Service* by Charles Arn. Markers for deciding whether a church is ready to add a service have been dis-

cussed. A timeline for beginning a possible second service reaches a year into the future. For now they are focusing on gathering information and listening to your thoughts. We connect most often in worship—with God, with each other, with our spiritual and emotional lives. You can help create a sense of renewal as this group develops experiments based on your input.

### Children and Family Ministries

Marge Kuykendall is gathering families to discuss the possibilities and promise of young people at

Bear Creek. They are exploring the needs of kids and their families, the make-up and diversity of current church families, feelings about current programs, and program suggestions for the future. With the addition of paid nursery staff, more possibilities may be developed and acted on. There seems to be a strong feeling that children are important at Bear Creek and a renewed willingness to explore opportunities to encourage young people.

# On My Journey

by Terri Stewart

*This monthly article chronicles the journey that I am taking through Seattle University's Master's of Divinity program and the ordination process. Since Bear Creek is the community that is making this possible, I feel that all of you are journeying with me! Please join me in this very simple way, on my journey.*

The most incredible thing happened last week. It was the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This is sponsored by the World Council of Churches. The general idea is that if we **Christians can't get our act** together, what chance does the world have? Different denominations lead Morning and Midday Prayers across the week. I participated in all of them as a sacristan; however, I suggested that perhaps the United Methodist students could lead one of the Prayer liturgies! Our liturgical coordinator, Rev. Dr. Beryl Ingram of Bellevue First UMC, encouraged us to develop the Midday Prayer for Thursday.

The students took up the challenge! I developed the outline of Midday Prayer based on the United Methodist Book of Worship. We used some ecumenical text and I

wrote a call and response based on Psalm 133. Meredith Dodd, of Lake Washington UMC, chose our hymns, and we were good to go!

Then the time came for us to choose roles. The UM students chose me to preside. Then came the slightly unnerving news that Bishop Jack Tuell would be attending, along with Michael Kinnamon. The Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon is the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches—and he is the author of a textbook we use in one of our classes. No pressure there!

**I wasn't really sure I wanted** to preside, but did not argue. Waiting on everybody to arrive in the Chapel of St. Ignatius, I was sitting and centering myself in prayer. Bishop Tuell came in and sat next to me. Then I stood and led the assembly in a Midday Prayer. It was a wonderful experience. Once I started leading, I was peaceful and focused on leading the assembly through a worshipful experience. Lesson learned? Prayer is a radical experience in community.

**I'd like to share the Call and Response** that I wrote based on Psalm 133 (bold words read by those assembled):

*How very good and pleasant it is*

*when kindred live together in unity!*

*It is like being anointed with oil flowing down our heads:*

*Like oil flowing down the heads of Aaron and Miriam, down onto their clothing.*

*How very good and pleasant it is*

*when kindred live together in unity!*

*It is like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion:*


*There the Holy One of Israel ordains blessing and life forevermore.*

*How very good and pleasant it is*

*when kindred live together in unity!*

How very good it is, indeed, when we are united through radical prayer and radical community.


In Peace,  
Terri Stewart

 <b>2009 FINANCE REPORT</b>	
Amount budgeted for 2009	\$329,368
2009 Offerings <i>to date</i>	\$24,640 97.3%
2009 ahead/(behind)	(\$696) 2.7%

Tuesdays 6:00 a.m.

**Shari's Restaurant**  
in Kirkland

All are welcome!



**MEN'S PRAYER  
♦ BREAKFAST ♦**



Did you know that the Pastor Dave's sermons are now available via iTunes on [www.bcumc.org](http://www.bcumc.org)? You can also read the printed version, get the latest calendar dates, and lots more! Check it out today!

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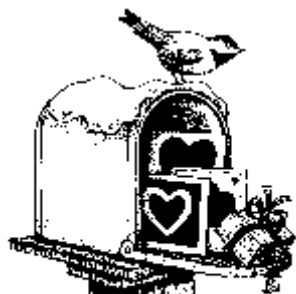
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## On the Horizon



*Tuesday, March 3*  
Community Blood Drive 1-7 p.m.  
(Wooden Cross Lutheran)

*Thursday, April 9*  
Lord's Supper Tableau

*Friday, April 10*  
Good Friday Tenebrae Service

*Easter Sunday, April 12*  
Worship 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*April 17-19*  
Women's Retreat at Indianola  
with Amazing Grace Seminar

*Sunday, May 17*  
Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m.  
(Wooden Cross Lutheran)

Sunday Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.

Sunday Vespers  
8:00 p.m.  
(first Sunday)

All are welcome!

Office hours  
9:00-3:00  
Monday-Thursday  
Closed Fridays

*The mission of Bear Creek United Methodist Church is to create a diverse family  
place of belonging for all people and to reach out and make disciples of Christ.*