

# Circuit Rider

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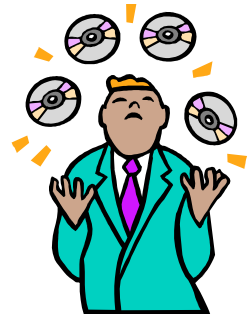
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## Pastor Nancy's Corner

It's the New Year; have you made any resolutions – already broke any resolutions? A few years ago I made a resolution and haven't broken one since. That resolution was to not make resolutions. Resolutions are made and broken as easily as pie crusts. Once broken it is hard to get back on target. We seem to feel defeated at the smallest hurdle, since resolutions can become an all or nothing perspective.

Maybe instead of resolutions we should be making goals, objectives and plans. Moving forward through the year this way allows us to change plans if one plan doesn't work and not feel defeated. In making goals we need to ask that all important question, "What are the greatest priorities in my life?" This is a question that needs to be prayerfully asked; a question that needs God's assistance in lifting up in our minds what we need to prioritize. Once we discern our priorities, we can start making goals within those priorities, objectives to meet the goals and plans to use and change as needed.



Bishop Minerva Carcaño is asking all congregations three questions: Who is Jesus Christ for you? Finish the following statement: My walk with Jesus could be immeasurably improved if the church would only . . . What is your hope for today and for future generations? Bishop Carcano would like to see the answers to her questions from all churches.

So I ask you, what are your priorities this year? What do you want to accomplish with God's help? What do you feel God wants to accomplish through you? How can God work with me through my church to accomplish these goals? These questions can be more intimidating than mere resolutions that can be easily broken. However, working through the year this way can be one of the most empowering ways of living imaginable. So have you talked to God yet about what this year can bring to you, with you, and through you? Have you and God set your priorities yet for the year? At the refreshment table you can find a basket with envelopes (for your confidentiality) to put your answers to Bishop Carcano's questions and mine. You can't miss the basket and envelopes; they have the label, "2014 Priorities" If you are comfortable include your name so the church can work with you in areas that we share the same priorities.

Happy New Year,  
Pastor Nancy

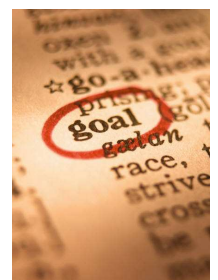


Bi-Monthly Newsletter of  
Big Bear United Methodist  
Church

Rev. Nancy Carlson  
Pastor

Robert Ludecke  
Lay Leader

Pat Hubby  
Secretary



# GriefShare Support Group

Lead by Lillian Hart



GriefShare will begin again in February while a 7 week session on HEAVEN will begin Jan. 9th. It meets in the Narthex on Thursdays at 2 pm. It will last about 2 hours depending on how much fun the participants are having learning about their new surroundings. For questions, call 584-2456.

Wishing you a very HAPPY New Year. Blessings, Lillian



## "Fun'raising-Committee Events

(Meetings are every Monday for the next 2 months)

### \* Sunday, Jan. 26

Church + Lunch = Fellowship  
Lunch hosted by Steve & Pam Walker  
Donations gratefully accepted  
Church Council Meeting following lunch



### \* Saturday, February 15

#### "Box Lunch Social"

Join us for an INDOOR Picnic @ high noon.  
We're asking for donated box lunches.  
These will be sold by our in-house auctioneer!  
Tickets are \$5 which includes beverages and a movie.  
Signups and ticket sales are happening now.



\* Would you like to host a Church + Lunch = Fellowship  
in March? Please contact Pam Walker @ [909-205-0912](tel:909-205-0912)



### \* April 20

Easter Sunrise Service - Easter Egg Hunt - Regular Service



### \* Saturday, May 3

Seeds of Faith May Day Fair  
Fun filled Booths + Food = A Fair Weather Day  
Saturday, May 3 @ 12:00 @BBUMC  
More details to come.



## Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

“It is a privilege to “stand” in the gap for someone in intercession.” - Bettie’s nuggets

John 14: 13-14 “Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”



**As an individual, we are invited and taught to pray. We gather as a church community every Sunday and pray. The prayer chain is an extension of our church community as a group of individuals who pray from prayer requests. Contact Susan Chaidez with your prayer requests 909-585-9733 and she will pass it onto our 5 team captains. Each captain will receive the request and then begin passing it through our prayer chain. We have the power in prayer! John Wesley once said, “God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it.”**

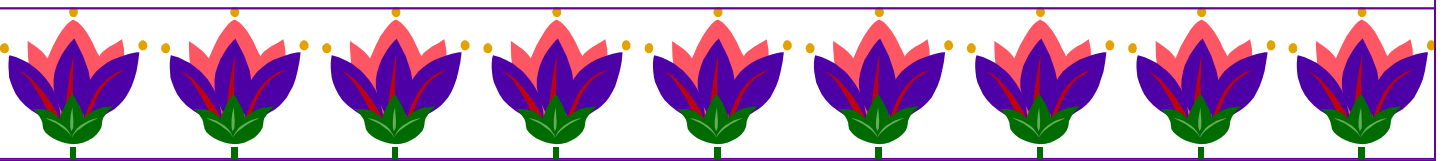
**For Health:** Steve Walker, Leonard Chaidez, Bill George—Organ Transplants. Scott Stevenson, Trent, Pat & all dealing with Cancer. Chuck Rose, Bill Douglas’ 1st wife & all who are dealing with the effects of Dementia.

**Life Issues:** Robert & John Drury, Kate, Jerry & David Meade.

**Improved Health:** Lorna Vernon, Amy Monscrip with Pneumonia, Jerry Macgill, Bill Evans, David Meade, Fred Jones & Jane Gaghagen.

**Loss of loved ones:** Families of Sally Hartsfield, Bill King & all who are experiencing Christmas without their loved one. Joanne Perry with fear of knee surgery.

**Other:** All unspoken prayer requests of a sensitive nature.

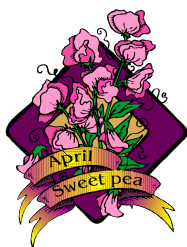


### United Methodist Women

By Sandy Clark

UMW will be taking a break until April.

Wishing you a blessed New Year!



### A Scripture for you:

“Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me **heavenward** in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3: 12-14

## Our January/February Birthdays at Big Bear United Methodist Church

Jan 3 Sara Bemisdarfer	Feb 13 Cheryl Butcher	If your birthday is missing, PLEASE, contact Pat at 909-585- 4089!! We don't want to miss the opportunity to honor your special day!
Jan 5 Tobey MacQuoid	Feb 15 Jan Bemisdarfer	
Jan 6 Rick Hackney	Feb 24 Joe Breuer	
Jan 6 Roland Harris	Feb 27 Danny Field	
Jan 6 Vicky Rose		
Jan 16 Joy Hoover		
Jan 21 Sherry Drury		



### SPRC CORNER

By Margaret de Guereña, SPRC Chair

The SPRC has been meeting sporadically as the need arises but with the new year, we hope to have more consistency in our meeting dates and times. We are so fortunate to have the staff we do and there is a piece of good news to report. Our treasurer, Jane Gaghagen, will be staying on board for another year. The health issues behind her, she will continue to serve as our treasurer. We could still use interested members on the Finance Committee, keeping in mind, the Treasurer position will need a replacement some day. Getting the knowledge of what is needed will be helpful for anyone interested in applying. This job does require a background check, fingerprinting, and a financial review for bonding purposes.

**FOCUS ON ANGELS.** Sound a "little out there?" We have so many volunteers in our congregation. People who work silently and diligently, never wanting attention placed on all they do. And yet, I'm going to take a little risk and thank you Mollie Wilson and Don Ekberg. There are a lot more of you. Some of you may even wonder why I will be mentioning you throughout the year. Mollie calls and sends cards before anyone even realizes how much they needed that from her. I'll bet she doesn't give a second thought to how much that gesture might mean to the recipient. I know she's called me and sent cards and I suddenly stop and think how much I needed her thoughtfulness at that time. Thank you Mollie, we love you, too. Don, you are there helping people all around, offering rides, support, and a great deal of heart. We hope you know we couldn't do it without you. We are very lucky. Our church family is small in numbers but its heart is huge!

Happy New Year, everyone! Stay safe and well..... As an added note, the flu is back. Make sure you get your flu shot. People have been complaining of a lot of abdominal issues, too. The H1N1 strain is one that has been identified and is also one that this year's vaccine is designed to protect against. There is also a respiratory ailment striking many of us and trying to knock us down. If we get through stage 1, there's the risk of bronchitis and pneumonia. Please take care of yourselves!



## News from North Shore Christian Preschool

Patrice Carlisle, Director

Happy New Year! With a new year there is always new beginnings; for the children returning from a 3 week break it can be difficult for them to start all over. I know after a few days the adjustment will be made and the fun will over take the separation anxiety.



I always reflect on the blessings of the past year and the hopes and dreams of the coming year. I am so blessed to have a job that makes me laugh daily! I am blessed to have Tori and Denise as my teammates. I am blessed to have the support of the church; those who have donated their time, money and energy, thank you! Mr. Bobby Clark, thank you for your help painting the school. Susan, even with all of your challenges this year you still paid us on time. Thank you. Pastor Nancy and Vicky; thank you for your wisdom and generosity. Your weekly bible lessons will stay with the children for a lifetime.

So I ask you...what can you do to make a difference? Do you have 15 minutes? 30 minutes? Pick up a broom and sweep the parking lot, wipe down the bathroom counters, vacuum the church, take out the trash. Come read to the children. I promise you, you will be counting your blessings too.

Happy New Year,  
Patrice



## Nurture Committee News by Julie Chatham

The new year is off to a strong start. We now have two great Sunday School teachers, Diann and Rachel. In addition to teaching and doing the crafts with the children, they are working together on some great ideas for redecorating the nursery to give it an up dated and fun look. They are getting the ideas down to present to the Trustees for approval and we really appreciate their creative ideas and excitement. We have great hopes for an ever-growing program for the children of our church in the upcoming 2014. Our next meeting is on Jan. 15 at 7 pm.



## Trustee & Finance Report

**TRUSTEES' REPORT** Happy New Year to the UMC family! As I begin my term of office as the chair of the Trustees, I plan on several new initiatives for the Trustees.



First, we're going to take a very expansive view of our role in church governance, sort of a "executive committee" which formulates ideas and proposals and then brings them to the Church Council and the Charge Conference, as applicable, for approval and implementation.

Secondly, we're going to confront head on the primary concern facing UMC, namely increasing the size of the congregation. Doing this will address an equally pressing concern, namely UMC's financial resources for operations. While our recent fund raising activities have been very successful, we risk going to the "well too often" and burning out both contributors and the volunteers who organize these great events. Increasing our congregation's size will largely address this "bottom line" concern and, of course, increase UMC's energy and programs that it will be able to offer to its members.

Third, since I will also be wearing the hat of chair of the Finance Committee, I hope to integrate its planning closely with the Trustees' deliberations, since so much of what UMC can and cannot do will be dictated by its financial situation. In this process, we would like to invite members to attend the Trustees and Finance Committee meetings and bring your ideas and suggestions to our attention.



In 2014, I will attempt to hold monthly meetings of the Trustees on the first Monday of each month. Finance Committee meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month. In January, the Trustees will meet on Monday, January 13 at 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall or Kitchen, depending on attendance. Likewise, the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Thursday, January 16 at 4 PM at UMC. We invite all interested UMC members to attend these meetings and bring us your suggestions for action.

Working together, we can build a stronger, livelier UMC now and in the future. Please join with the Trustees in that exciting and important endeavor!

**Stan Wolcott**



## Outreach News

by Tammy Stevenson

The Outreach committee was once known as the Missions committee. As such, we reach out to persons outside the local church.

We do this by overseeing Simple Supper and the Good Samaritan Food Cupboard at our church. We also support UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) projects by supporting disaster relief efforts, and observing at least two special Sundays each year. Those Sundays are One Great Hour of Sharing, and Peace With Justice. More on those observances will be upcoming.

We also advocate Advance giving, which are projects that support various ministries of the greater United Methodist Church in the United States and worldwide. These type of projects include African Team Ministries, missionary support, scholarships, medical missions, and clean water.

We also periodically support other charitable programs, such as Habitat for Humanity, DOVES, Heifer Project, and the Moms/Dads Project.

We encourage all to participate whenever the committee brings a need to your attention.

We also encourage you to contact the church office at 909-585-4089 if you would like to help the committee with sponsoring and planning of these projects. You may talk to Tammy after church for more details.



## Simple Supper

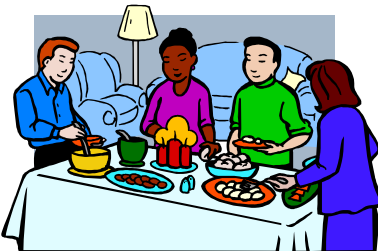
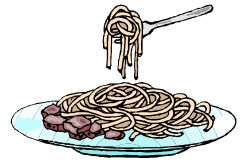
By Sandy Clark

Here we go again another year gone by. Hope your New Year was happy & safe! Simple Supper continues to serve dinner to the community on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month unless otherwise noted.

In the winter months, non daylight savings time, our hours are from 4:00 to 6:00pm. During Daylight Savings time, Simple Supper hours are from 5:00 to 7:00pm.

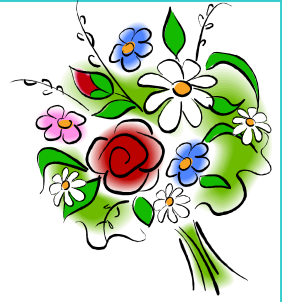
This year, daylight savings begins March 9 and ends November 2, 2014.

Please come and enjoy the food, friendship & fellowship at  
Big Bear United Methodist Church  
located 1001 Holden Avenue, on the corner of North Shore Drive & Holden.  
909-585-4089



# Witness Committee

By Donna Edmundson, new 2014 Chair



Our Witness Committee consists of Sandy Clark, Susan Chaidez, Evalyn Ellis and me. I wonder if anyone realizes that I make a better Indian than a Chief? Because of this, I plan to pedal and let God steer this important committee.

Before giving you any news, our committee has just one question? Would you consider becoming a member of this small yet mighty Witness Team?



Sandy Clark has formerly led the witness team in: Extending Christ's love to those who are sick and suffering; providing communion elements on the first Sunday of each month; placing the church banners at the appropriate church season; and graces the alter each Sunday with flowers.

Ahead for our team is an exciting program. The plan consists of a welcoming coffee cup placed at the home of our first-time church visitors during the week after their visit. We do not get into long conversation, just a token with a friendly hello if they are home. The object is to let the new visitor know that we noticed they were here. Our committee members are already wearing many hats so we need other folks to help me with this program.

Our thanks go to Margaret de Guerna for purchasing the coffee cups with our Church logo and address on them. This program has proven to be effective in other Methodist churches for encouraging visitors to return to the church.



You can reach me on my home or cell phone for any questions or comments.

909-867-3147/909-771-6729 or by email: [donna.edmundson@gmail.com](mailto:donna.edmundson@gmail.com)

Stay Well and May God Bless you abundantly.



## Newsletter Articles are due the 15th of the month prior to publication month.

Please make it easier on Pat & get your article in early! :-)

There are 6 publications per year.

- Jan/Feb
- Mar/Apr
- May/Jun
- July/Aug
- Sept/Oct
- Nov/Dec










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 \* If this newsletter did not have \*  
 \* information regarding an event or a \*  
 \* report you're interested in, contact the \*  
 \* person or the committee chair in \*  
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# January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6 Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 8am 	7	8	9 <b>Simple Supper 4pm</b>	10	11
12	13 Trustees Committee Meeting @ 7pm 	14	15 Nurture Committee Meeting @ 7pm 	16 Finance Committee Meeting @ 4pm 	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <b>Simple Supper 4pm</b>	24	25
26 12:00 Lunch Fellowship & Church Council Meeting following	27	28	29	30	31	

# February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 8am 	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Trustees Committee Meeting @ 7pm 	11	12	13 <b>Simple Supper 4pm</b>	14 	15 Indoor Picnic at BBUMC 12:00pm  PicnicTime
16	17	18	19 Nurture Committee Meeting @ 7pm 	20 Finance Committee Meeting @ 4pm 	21	22
23 <b>Church Council Meeting</b> 	24	25	26	13 <b>Simple Supper 4pm</b>	28	

## United Methodist Church of Big Bear Lake 2014 Church Family Survey

Dear Church Family Member:

The Church Council is embarking on a mission to grow and strengthen our church. Please take a few moments to give us your feedback by participating in this survey:

- 1) List three things that keep you coming back to our church.
  
- 2) Please share your best idea on how we can grow our membership.
  
- 3) What do you enjoy *most* about our church?
  
- 4) List three things that you would like to see changed, eliminated or added to our church.
  
- 5) How are you willing to serve the church in implementing these changes?
  
- 6) In addition to Sunday worship, how much time per month are you willing to commit in fellowship and work around our church?

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- 7) Would you be interested in attending a Bible study, family night or an evening worship service if it were available? What other types of faith or family based activities would be of interest to you?
- 8) If you were to write a simple one line slogan for our church, what would it be?
- 9) What special talents, interests or abilities do you have which the church should know about? Would you be willing to employ these gifts to strengthen our church?
10. What makes you happy?
11. Please tell us what other things you can think of which might help grow and strengthen our church:

Optional: Name, phone number, email:

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Thank you for taking the time and to give us your feedback and opinions. As a family of Christ and with God's help, we will continue to work on growing this church in our community. Please turn into church office. **Your survey will be confidential.**

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