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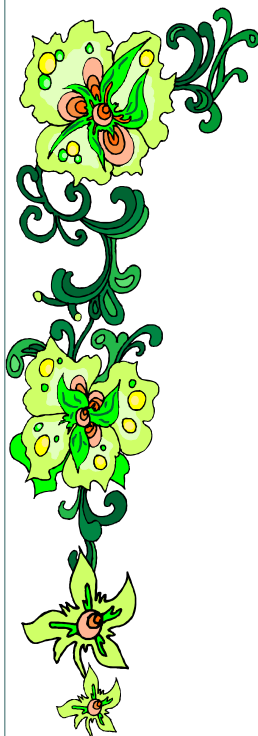


Monthly Newsletter of
Big Bear Lake
United Methodist Church

Rev. Nancy Carlson
Pastor

Robert Ludecke
Lay Leader

Pat Hubby
Secretary



A Word From Our Pastor Nancy

They say confession is good for the soul so here it goes. Yes, I was also one who was late with their newsletter article. I could say I was waiting for the

Supreme Court ruling about California's Prop. 8 and the constitutional rights of gays, but that wouldn't be true. Like many of you, I was sidetracked, way-laid and just plain didn't get it done on time. Forgive me Pat and I will make it a priority for the next time. That being said I do want to talk about how Christians respond to controversial decisions made by our governmental bodies, specifically the recent decision about Prop 8 and constitutional rights of homosexuals.

We respond in love.

We may or may not agree with governing decisions made by others, but it is the process of our country. Those who agree and are joyful, remember that others may have deeply seated beliefs that disagree with the decision. Those who disagree and are unhappy, remember that there are people who have been hurt by discriminating remarks and policies. Try for a moment to step into the mind, body, and soul or the "other side" and understand how they feel. Be kind and empathetic.

Situations such as these have divided churches and crushed members. That should not be the case. Let's remember that we are Christians first and liberal, conservative, moderate, libertarian, heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, trans-gendered, or whatever, next. But first we are Christians. In John 13:35 Jesus said "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." So as I've said so many times before, leave your political agendas and controversies at home when you come to church and just plain love one another.

Yours in Christ's love, Pastor Nancy

Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

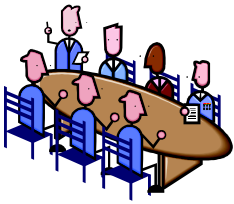
- 1) Pray for church growth and for the leaders as they work out the church business & plan for the future.
- 2) Pray for those needing recovery, those facing Cancer & those dealing with family issues.
- 3) Keep Walt & Mary Campbell's little granddaughter's future in your prayers.
- 4) Pray for Sherry Drury & her sons, Robert & John's health concerns.
- 5) Please pray for Jamie Peterson for God's peace.
- 6) Steve Walker to have a healthy heart and Christina Widemer battling cancer.
- 7) Pray for Tammy Stevenson's brother, Scott, Elizabeth Evans, Leonard Chaidez, Pat Hutchens & Douglas Lamb's health issues.
- 8) Condolences to Mark Uthus & Carol Pettyjohn in the recent loss of their loved ones.
- 9) Pray for our local hospital & its employees as reorganization occurs.
- 10) Remember Fred & Peg Jones health concerns in your prayers.
- 11) Pray for Barbara Ciaravino to have God's strength in dealing with all the family struggles.
- 12) Praise God for His Miraculous Protection for Sarah Chatham who was in a car accident recently.



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

 * If this newsletter did not have *
 * information regarding an event or a *
 * report you're pizza interested in, contact *
 * the person or the committee chair in *
 * charge of it to determine why it is *
 * missing. *

5:00pm, at The Jones' home*,
 10 learning sessions on,
"SPIRITUAL GIFTS"
 Contact Fred Jones, phone
 584-1732 for more information. If the time
 doesn't meet your need contact Pastor
 Nancy. She will try to accommodate with
 additional sessions.
 *Please note this study is postponed until
 July 14 or later.



REPORT OF THE SPRC

The SPRC has not had a meeting so this is the perfect opportunity to address the function of the SPRC. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is the Human Resources department of the Church. We serve as the liaison between the Pastor, Church, its employees, our volunteers, our Congregation, and the District Conference. We address staffing issues and recognize the importance of defining employee job descriptions. Our Church has been fortunate in having people on board who are willing to accept part-time positions and monitor their hours. Per California Labor Law regulations, an employee may not volunteer to do any work that may fall under the guidelines of that employee's job description. That means we are responsible for being cognizant of whatever demands we place on our staff. We are going through rough times and many of us are overwhelmed by the obligations looming over us. But we also need to be considerate of others around us.

I am guilty, and I often forget how my apathy can burden another.

Example: I should have had my SPRC Report completed and sent to the Church Secretary for submission into the newsletter. Did I? No. When the reminder came (after the due date), I thought I would be considerate and not submit something late. I was not being considerate. In reality, I was making her job tougher. She had only one timely article, not much of a newsletter. By the way, the newsletter was completed despite my failures and despite the non-compliance of a number of us who for one reason or another, neglected to complete one of the responsibilities of our positions. While I'm on my bandwagon and confessing my sins, I'm also guilty of not submitting my pledge to Jane Gaghagen. It took two reminders and two stamps before I finally mailed my pledge with my own stamp on the envelope.

So.....I am making this my report.

I am also asking that all of us prepare our articles, reports, announcements and submit them to Pat Hubby. Please get all events on her master calendar so she knows what's happening when and when there is availability. Help her to be the best 12 hour per week secretary, ever. We know she's the best but we've made her job more difficult. Keep your eyes and ears open to find help for our treasurer. How long has Jane been asking for help? Is it three or four years? That's the official count....but I know she's been asking longer than that. Let's remember to be available for Tammy when she needs us to pitch in and help. Her service as chair of Outreach has been stretched further by her work as our "webpage" person, and part-time Choir Director. And then we have all the committees and chairmen.

I definitely know everyone is tired. Some of you have been doing these jobs for more years than we have fingers and toes. You are appreciated! This Church owes you a load of thanks, I know this hasn't been an easy road but let's all try to stick in here just a little longer. Honestly, I have to go home and immediately start my minutes and reports before I forget or get sidetracked by all the other tasks I have overcommitted myself into accepting. I'm here, right along side of all you and I thank you one hundred times over. So, do you think we can just get through this year without falling behind? Start looking now for someone to be your assistant or replacement.

God bless you allMargaret de Guereña, Church Council Secretary
SPRC Chairman, Committee for Lay Leadership and Nominating Committee, and FRIEND



News from N.S.X.P.S.



Another school year has come to an end. I, along with our staff, will be refueling our batteries during the summer.

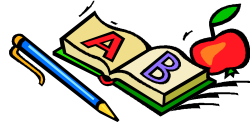
I would like to thank the School Board members, Peg Jones, Pastor Nancy, Susan Chaidez, Sandy Clark and Chris Cox for their support and dedication. We appreciate the members of the church who donated cookies and helped with monetary support. The school year would not be the same without Vicky Rose along with Chuck who volunteer weekly to teach songs to the children. Pastor Nancy took time out of her busy schedule to join Vicky reading bible stories to the children in the Sanctuary. Pat, thank you for all you do in the office, your help is appreciated. I also want to thank all of those wonderful people that help keep the church running. It does take a village to raise a child, thank you for being N.S. Preschool 's village.



Our school year will start back up on August 1st. I will be in and out through the summer preparing for the next group of little ones.

Have a great summer!

Patrice



Happy Birthday

Trudy Brown	July 2
Lena Acosta	July 7
Sara Chatham	July 12
Alicia Uthus	July 15
Richard Acosta	July 18
Nancy Carlson	July 19
Nic Carlson	July 20
Mollie Wilson	July 20
Jane Gaghagen	July 22
Jean Kuchta	July 24
Bill Douglas	July 25
Mark Uthus, Sr.	July 25





We Are Looking for You!



We are looking for the next year slate of involved Christians to do the work of the Lord in our church and congregation. The following are ways you can serve, contact the church office if you are interested in any of these listed 909-585-4089:

Trustees: Supervise and maintain all property belonging to the congregation (church and parsonage); report to charge conference annually on the state of the property, equipment etc.; work with Finance to receive & administer all gifts and trust funds made to the congregation and be sure adequate insurance is in place; insure that all articles of incorporation are up to date, work with the Pastor for all use of the church buildings and grounds; submit to Finance Committee and Church Council requests for insurance, and maintenance projects. Current leader is Mark Uthus.

Finance: Manage the finance system in the process of raising, managing, and dispersing the finances for the mission and vision of the church. Finance team counts & deposits all funds; makes reports of contributions to members for tax purposes; supports treasurer, financial secretary, Finance Chairman and Pastor in all financial decisions of the church. Current leader is Bob Ludecke.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Basically the human relations department of the church. Supports and trains staff, supplies leadership training, etc. Current leader is Margaret de-Guerena

Nurture: Nurture involves the spiritual nurturance of our church in areas such as Sunday School and education, Youth Group, worship, Christian formation, membership care, small groups, Church parties, children's celebrations, prayer chains, etc. Current leader is Julie Chatham.

Outreach: Identify with the Pastor and team the Outreach and Missions the church will be doing throughout the year. Mission projects can be international, national, or local. Our current local Outreach projects are our Food Pantry and Simple Supper. Nationally, we are working with the District team to send people to work on Hurricane Sandy. Currently 3 people from our church are going. Internationally we help through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) with their efforts and African Ministries. Current leader is Tammy Stevenson.

Witness: Working with the Pastor and team for healthy growth in membership and spirituality; working with the way new people are received into the congregation, following up on attendance trends; empowering people for ministry; planning and working with the Pastor and team to reach out to people and help them grow in their relationship with God. Current leader is Sandy Clark.

United Methodist Women (UMW) Fellowship of women in service and faith who support each other in their Christian walk. Current leader is Sandy Clark.



Looking Ahead 2013



August TBA Fundraiser

August 30 & 31 Rummage Sale???????????

September 7 Heritage Potluck

Dinner (UMW sponsored fundraiser)

October 6 World Communion

October 24th Set Up for Halloween
Carnival 7pm

October 25 Halloween Carnival
5:30-8:00

October 31 Set Up Craft Fair

November 1 & 2 Craft Fair

November 3 Share the Harvest Food Collection
Kick Off

November 24 Share the Harvest Food Collection
Dedication

December 8 & 15 Alternative Christmas

December 14 Breakfast with Santa 9:00

From the Finance Committee: Bob Ludecke, Chairman

From the Finance Committee:

Things are holding fairly steady in the area of church finance these days. We still need more revenues in order to close the budget gap but there are a couple of good fundraising opportunities that some of our members are working on which should give us some much needed relief.

I want to extend a special thanks to Bobby and Sandy Clark and the whole crew who pulled off another tremendous yard sale over the Memorial Day weekend. That really helped the checkbook as usual.

A couple of things that we desperately need though are a couple of folks to help poor Jane out with the treasurer duties - she's begging for help - and someone to spearhead an annual audit which is a fairly simple routine task thanks to all of the work put in by Fred Jones and Shirley Hartwick the last time around.

Taking good care of our finances is our duty to the church and its members. And helping to relieve the burden on our hard workers is our Christian duty to each other.

You can find me at 909-633-7790 or bkludecke@msn.com if you want to help or have any questions.

Shalom,

Bob

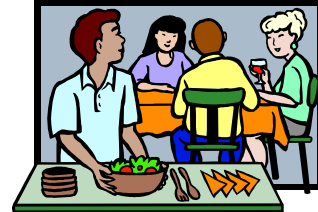


Simple Supper News

By Susan Chaidez & Sandy Clark

Simple Supper is on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 5pm. We are now serving over 50 people with the help of food provided by Pine Summit and Big Bear Donuts. The Guillen family made some of their specialties for our recent supper. Susan and I would like to thank our regular helpers: Al, Arlene, Jim, Vicky, Chuck, Evelyn, Jack, Betty, Jean, Peg, and Fred. Your dedication to this ministry is appreciated. Thanks to all,

Sandy & Susan.

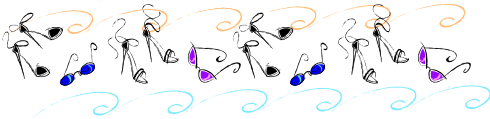
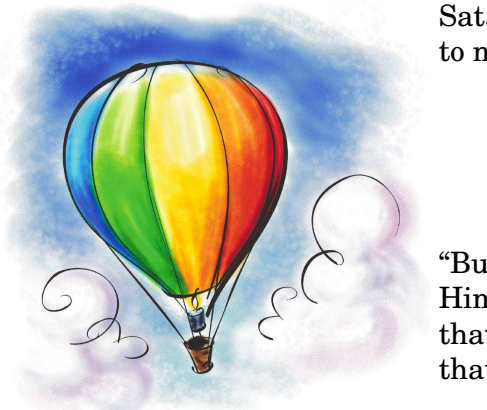
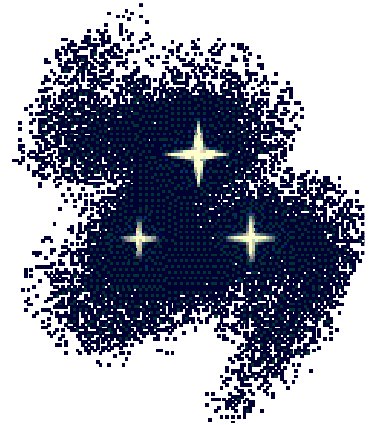


“Satan wants the worst, God wants the best!
Satan wants to make us stumble, God wants
to make us soar heavenward!!”

With Love,
Bettie's Nuggets

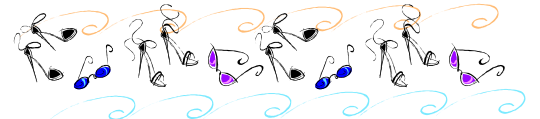
Hebrews 11:6

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”



UMW News

By Sandy Clark



Our annual summer Ladies Tea was one of the best ever! CarolMarie Smith did a first rate job as our guest speaker. We thank her so very much. We had over 40 ladies attend this event.

Thanks to all,
Sandy



September 7

Heritage Potluck Dinner (bring a sample of food from your heritage.

November 1 & 2 (Oct. 31 Set Up)

Craft Fair

Pres. Sandy Clark

Secretary Evalyn Ellis

Treasurer Susan Chaidez

****We are looking for a Vice President.**

Want to join our team?? Call 585-4089

UMW Pot Luck Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:30.



“Heaven/Grief Group Support”

Lead by Lillian Hart

Lillian Hart has been ministering to those who have lost loved ones. Throughout the year, she offers a Grief Share group that is 12 weeks long. This is a wonderful way to walk through the difficult journey of grief with others who are going through this same journey. Also, Lillian offers a 7 week study on “Heaven” by author Randy Alcorn. This is an extensive study full of scripture and open discussion. Many have found this book extremely comforting. Lillian’s current group on Grief started April 4—June 27. For questions, contact her at 909-584-2456.



Message from the Church Council Chairman

Tobey and I leave our church and Big Bear with mixed emotions. While we will miss our friends and spiritual support we look forward to our new adventure. We will join the ranks of the RV (recreational vehicle) world and hit the road to see more of our wonderful country.

The recent years have seen dramatic changes in our local economy as well as shifts in demographics. Both of these have had an impact on our church and have presented us with interesting challenges.

Our church has survived these challenges and looks forward to robust growth, not only in finances, but also in active membership.

I am pleased to have served four different pastors during my terms as chairman of the Church Council and am particularly proud to have assisted our present pastor, Nancy Carlson. Nancy is not only a wonderful pastor, but also a dedicated mother, mentor and friend for many.

Our church is blessed with wonderful leaders. I thank them for guiding me and leading us in our quest for stability.

Our prayers will be with our friends and our church; and we ask for yours as we start our new adventure.

Shalom, Alan MacQuoid

*****Alan & Tobey, your church family thanks you for your faithfulness and leadership as Chairman of Church Council, SPRC Chair and the many other committees, projects & service here at BBUMC. You both will be missed!! God’s love & blessings go with you both.**




Way to go, Nic! Congratulations!! Graduation 2013



Note: Committee Meetings are listed as regularly scheduled since Committee Chairs have not indicated otherwise.

July 2013


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Outreach Committee 7pm	2	3	4 th Happy 4th 	5	6

5th Annual Big Bear Summer Tent Event July 7-12 @ 6:30 pm 1st Baptist & Summit Christian Fellowship

7 All church picnic 	8 Trustees Committee 7pm	9	10	11 Witness meeting @ 1pm	12	13 Mountain Comm. Health Fair 9 to 3pm Elks Lodge 40611 Village Dr.
14	15 Nurture Committee 7pm	16	17	18	19 Pastor Nancy's Birthday 	20 Nic Carlson's Birthday 
21	22 Witness Committee 4:30pm	23	24	25 Finance Committee 5pm	26	27
28 Church Council Meeting @ Noon	29	30	31			

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August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Outreach Committee Meeting 7pm	6	7	8 Witness Committee Meeting 1:00pm	9	10
11	12 Trustees Committee Meeting 7pm	13	14	15 Finance Committee Meeting 5pm	16	17
18	19 COAD BBQ @ 5:30 Nurture Committee Meeting 7pm	20	21	22	23	24
25 Church Council Meeting @ noon	26	27 Rummage Sale Set Up 	28 Rummage Sale Set Up 	29 Rummage Sale Set Up 	30 Rummage Sale 8 to 4 	31 Rummage Sale 8 to 4 



“Pennys, Nickles & Dimes”

Sure do count!! Year to date we have collected \$119.00. Thanks Don for your faithfulness to “the cause”.



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*This is to benefit
our church.*

August 30 & 31 ????

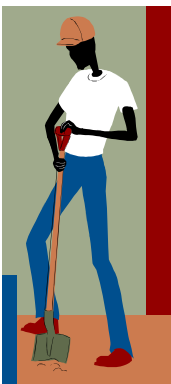
Friday & Saturday
8 to 4pm

It takes a church to make this happen! For this event to benefit our church, we need all hands on deck!!

Mac McKee will be in charge. Contact him to lend a hand at 530-524-1182 Cell

The Trustees Chairman, Mark Uthus

Trustee report:



- 1) We continue to clean up the juniper bushes around the church.
- 2) Preparation is underway to work on the church sign.
- 3) We are clearing out the remaining wood from the singing Christmas Tree. (4ft. lengths can go in the dumpster). All long boards need to be cut up.
- 4) Continued Pine Needle cleanup.
- 5) The Sprinklers are up and running.
- 6) Church Work Day will be in September. Time TBA.

Your help with these projects is greatly appreciated.
Mark



Outreach News By Tammy Stevenson



A work team from our area is heading back east in September to assist with the recovery from Hurricane Sandy. Several members from Big Bear United Methodist Church will be going along.

They will spend eight days at the project site.

The team members will each pay their own expenses - room, board and transportation. It will cost each member at least \$800 to participate.

If you would like to help them with their expenses, you may put a gift in the offering plate. Indicate "Sandy Relief" on your check or envelope.

This is a great way to support our church in mission.



Nurture Committee News



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If this looks like something dear to your heart and would like to become involved with our children, please contact the church office at 909-585-4089.



Witness Committee News

By Sandy Clark



The goal of Witness is to share the love of Christ with those who are unable to be with us on Sunday. We haven't met as often as we would have liked lately. The plan is to be more consistent in the coming months. Please come join us at our next meeting on July 11 in the church kitchen at 1:00 pm. Meetings are every 2nd Thursday of the month. Members include Vicky Rose, Susan Chaidez, Margo Ferking, Evalyn Ellis and Sandy Clark. Contact Sandy Clark or the church office at 909-585-4089 for more information.

“COST OF FREEDOM TRIBUTE”

Coming to Big Bear Lake
September 26, 27, 28 & 29 2013



The City of Big Bear is hosting “American Veterans Traveling Tribute” largest display – the outdoor Cost of Freedom Tribute – honors all who defend and protect our freedoms. All conflicts the United States of America has been involved in are represented. This one of a kind outdoor tribute pays respect to veterans, active duty military, law enforcement and firefighters; anyone whose daily job is to put themselves in harm’s way, to protect and defend our way of life, in locations around the world or here on the home front. It creates a great forum for communities to raise local awareness, educate the public and the chance to host an event that can raise funds that stay within the community to help local causes. AVTT is committed to helping and honoring our nation’s heroes, one community at a time.

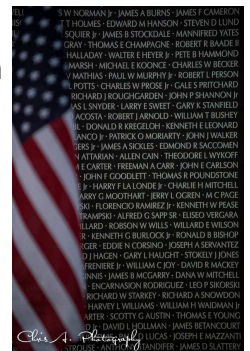
While the "Traveling Wall" is the center piece of our tribute, the total "Cost of Freedom" exhibit includes:

- * The Traveling Wall – an 80% replica Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall (360ft long/8ft tall at apex) with flag display flown over the Wall (14 flags total)
- * 190ft of additional stand up displays honoring all veterans and those serving today.



The Cost of Freedom Tribute will be on display in Big Bear Lake from September 26-29th of this year. On Wednesday September 25th, there will be an honor escort that will lead the Cost of Freedom Tribute into town. The Cost of Freedom Tribute will be set up on Thursday morning, on display from midday Thursday thru Sunday afternoon and then disassembled on Sunday at 3PM honoring all veterans and those serving today.

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Food Pantry Distribution Day is the **second Tuesday of every month** from **10 to 11 am**. Please call in advance to give us your name, address & family size. On day of pick up, bring your drivers license. Any questions, call the church office at 909-585-4089 and leave a message.

Volunteers are needed on distribution day. Contact Chris Smith or call the church office.



Our Food
Pantry
Needs:
Cereal
Peanut Butter
Spaghetti Sauce
Fruit Juices

“Confession”

Explaining how we have failed so that God will not be blamed for the consequences.”

Josh. 7:19