

Circuit Rider

Big Bear United Methodist Church

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Words from Pastor Nancy

Summer is here! It's the time that spring's sprouts grow into mature plants providing fruit, vegetables, grain and beauty in blooms. Summer is a time to reflect on our lives as Christians as well. Have we become stuck as sprouts in our early development of faith? Are we growing in faith to full maturity? If we are, how does that present itself?

Spring seeds have to work hard to push themselves out of their shell and reach the heights of breaking the ground. If they stopped there they would miss so much maturity and beauty. Like seeds we may have to work hard to push ourselves to come out of our shells just to come to church, but if we stop there we also miss so much growth and beauty. We would miss out on the small groups that enhance our understanding of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit alive in us, and our growth as Christians. We would miss out on the beauty of working together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Just poking our heads through the ground level denies us the opportunity to grow into our full potential.

Through the summer seedlings grow and feel the breeze move them and the rains (hopefully in Big Bear) patter down upon them giving them nourishment. When we continue to grow as Christians we too feel the Holy Spirit move us as we dance in the Sonshine. We grow as we drink in the living waters of God's word and share our experience with others. Let us grow into a beautiful garden lush and full of life in Christ.

We know that beautiful gardens need physical care to keep the grounds fruitful. Gardens need to be nurtured, supported and encouraged too. Some flowers reach out and spread while others scatter seeds to grow. And some flowers by their existence alone show the glory of the garden. In our church "garden" the physical care is done by Trustees, Finance committee, and the church council, led by Stan Wolcott and Bob Ludecke. If you are one who enjoys nurturing, supporting and encouraging others, contact Pastor Nancy



**Quarterly Newsletter of
Big Bear United Methodist
Church**

**Rev. Nancy Carlson
Pastor**

**Robert Ludecke
Lay Leader**

**Pat Hubby
Secretary**

about joining the Nurture committee. Pastor Nancy can also help you find the small group that would nourish your soul as you learn with others about your faith. Tammy Stevenson and the Outreach committee invite you to spread the love of God by being in mission to others in Big Bear and throughout the world. And if by your sheer existence you want to share the glory of God in your life and bring others into a relationship with Jesus Christ the Witness committee would welcome you.

We are well into summer. How are you growing?

Yours in His garden,

Pastor Nancy



Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!

July		August		September	
Trudy Brown	2nd	Timothy Dick	5th	Elizabeth Evans	2nd
Lena Acosta	7th	Fred Jones	8th	Julie Chamberlin	2nd
Sara Chatham	12th	Sam Jacoby	11th	Mark Uthus Jr.	4th
Alicia Uthus	15th	Pat Hutchens	13th	Travis Chamberlin	5th
Richard Acosta	18th	Kathy Ludecke	25th	Marlene Thurston	5th
Nancy Carlson	19th	Jim Frerking	26th	Mary Campbell	6th
Mollie Wilson	20th	Alaine Uthus	28th	Michael Chamberlin	17th
Jane Gaghagen	22nd			Sandy Clark	20th
Lillian Hart	22nd			Bob Ludecke	24th
Jean Kuchta	24th			Jane Rech	26th
Bill Douglas	25th			Shannon Clark	26th
Mark Uthus Sr.	25th			Terry Snell	28th



Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

"It is a privilege to 'stand' in the gap for someone in intercession." - Bettie's nuggets

OUR PRAYER NEEDS:

HEALTH:

- Mac McKee recovery from back surgery
- Fred Jones
- Elizabeth Evan's son, serious health concerns
- Mary Campbell
- Bobby Clark
- Sheryl Butcher
- Joy Wright & her baby, Peter Joseph
- Samantha Murray
- Steve Walker & Leonard Chaidez, need transplants.
- Jim Frerking's niece, Betty-Cancer battle
- Scott Stevenson-Cancer battle, now on Hospice
- Tammy Stevenson's Mother
- Lorna Vernon
- Amy Moscrip
- John & Dianne Guillen

DEATHS:

- Chuck Rose—Comfort for Vicky.
- Margaret deGuerena's nephew, Michael Ishida.
- Family of Debra Post. God's grace upon them.
- Pray for God's comfort.

Contact Susan Chaidez for prayer requests:

909-585-9733

****Thank you to everyone who was so good to our family during this time of Chuck's transition to Heaven.**

**Much love,
Vicky**

A Commitment of Words

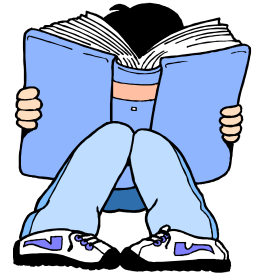
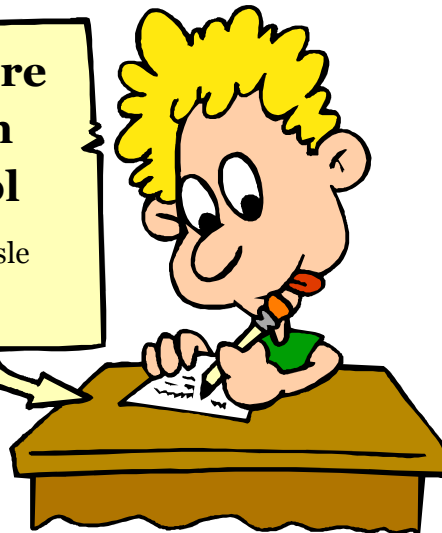
We commit to using our words
to defend and heal, not to harm.
We will not gossip. We will not belittle.
We will guard our sisters by always speaking
the best about them, encouraging them into all
God would have them to be,
and offering grace instead of condemnation.
We will be loyal and loving,
remembering that even if we disagree
we still fight on the same side—
never against each other.
We will use our words to build up not tear down,
to bring hope and not hurt.
We offer our words as a powerful weapon
to fight for each other on the side
of all that is good, right, and true.
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Don't say anything that would hurt another person. Instead, speak only what is good so that you can give help wherever it is needed. That way, what you say will help those who hear you.
Ephesians 4:29





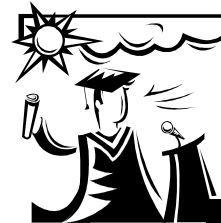
**North Shore
Christian
Preschool**
By Patrice Carlisle
Director



The school year let out on June 12th. The year passed by rapidly; it seems like time is on hyper speed. I ran into one of my prior student's parent and I listened with pride as the parent thanked me for her son's great start to school. She is convinced that her children had a great start at our school. Each of her kids has done wonderfully. Jacob, her son, was named a Valedictorian and received enough scholarships to attend college. It is my goal to have a Valedictorian every year. I am on year 5 and hope the pattern continues! I truly believe that the values we are teaching will carry a child through life.

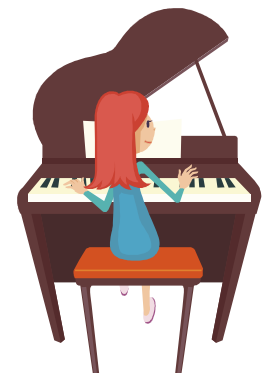
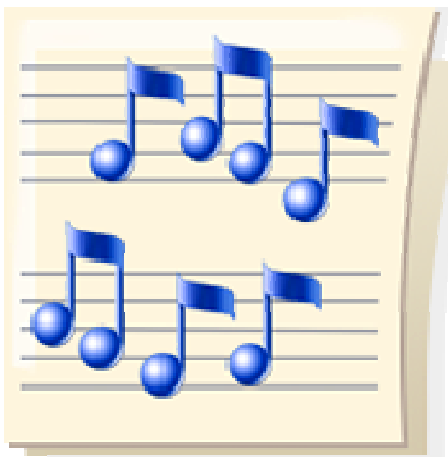
Our school year begins on **August 5th** and this year we are nearly full. Please pass the word that we have openings. Here's to another great school year!

Peace and love,
Patrice



We appreciate those who give and make music here at
Big Bear United Methodist Church!

Sherry Drury, Tammy Stevenson and Arlene Elder



Pastor Nancy's Message to the "Big Boys" of the Church

Gary Swint, Bobby Clark, Bob Ludecke, Al Woodward and Pastor Nancy

(Pictured from left to right)



Life Line Comes Again to Big Bear UMC, August 18, 2014

United Methodist Church of Big Bear Lake is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 8/18/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Also, we are happy to announce that Life Line Screening is

working with us to provide our members \$10 additional discounts off of a screening package ***in addition*** to a \$10 donation to United Methodist Church of Big Bear Lake. **Please note that you must sign up on either the provided registration sheet (available on the flyers) or by calling the special Helping Hands registration number, which is [1-800-324-9458](tel:1-800-324-9458), in order for us to receive our \$10 donation as well. If you prefer to visit the exclusive Helping Hands website to register, you may do so by visiting www.helpinghandsforhealth.com.**

You must sign up one of these three ways in order to get both the \$10 discount as well as the \$10 donation for our organization.

SPRC CORNER

By Margaret de Guerena



Spotlight on Pat Hubby, our Church Secretary, with many thanks for the hours she spends correcting our errors and covering for us. For those who may not know Pat, she is a part time employee who is generally here on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 3:00, but only for **12 hours** each week. She has a multitude of tasks within her job description and somehow, in spite of us, gets the job done. I thought this would be an opportune time to review what she needs to complete for us. As always, I'm calling out for

volunteers if anyone else wants to help share skills and time. I'm sure many of us would like to know who creates posters, flyers, or tickets. (Did you see the "Seeds of Faith" decorations on the walls of the Sanctuary?) Others may want to help with events. Just let us know, or join us at Church Council and bring your ideas.

All Committee Chairs take note:

Fred Jones has graciously offered to help with flyers, tickets, etc. if you can give him **10 days notice**. He does an awesome job and when able, is more than willing to help.

Thanks Fred!!



PAT'S JOB DESCRIPTION LIST:

- 1) Manage the Church Calendar all events are on the master sheet.
- 2) Prepare and Provide Weekly Bulletin (Sunday Services).
- 3) Quarterly Newsletter (needs to set up and print ready for publication)
- 4) Keep all events on the church calendar.
- 5) Church records and all documents must be maintained and properly filed
- 6) Phone messages must be distributed, handled, and calls to be returned.
- 7) All correspondence via mail, email, texts are completed in the morning.
- 8) Must stay within her designated 12 hours per week.

BBUMC TASK LIST:

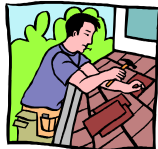
- 1) Make sure to check with Pat for availability of a date you want to have an activity or event on.
- 2) Get notices in by the preceding Monday for Sunday's bulletin.
- 3) Send Newsletter articles in by the **15th** of the month prior to press time. If deadline is missed, the article may be left out.
- 4) Committees do & prepare tickets, flyers & advertising in community. All committee's are responsible for everything being ready the day of there event.
- 5) If you create anything that is considered part of our records, be sure Pat has a master copy.
- 6) Keep messages brief (leave name and phone number twice with short description of what is needed).
- 7) Limit e-mails and texts to get in contact with her. Keep correspondence brief. If necessary, pick up the phone and call.
- 8) Try to find members or someone in your committee to help with tasks. It can be lots of fun!

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

July—September 2014 by Stan Wolcott



Greetings from your Trustees and the Finance Committee!

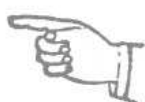


TRUSTEES' REPORT: The Pre-school roof has been re-shingled in the last few months. The property tax exemption application for the parsonage only needs one additional certificate from the State Board of Equalization to be approved by the SB County Assessor for the 2014-15 tax/fiscal year beginning July 1st. The Memorial Day Rummage Sale, which was organized by Bobby Clark, was a huge success **THANKS BE TO BOBBY!** The polling place for the County Election Dept. was in our Fellowship Hall. We hope to be a positive presence in our community through these events. The Trustees decided that we would have quarterly “cleaning parties” to clean the church, and clean the carpets with a pot luck dinner to follow.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The amount of time Pat hubby was spending on the *Circuit Rider* was discussed and an idea was floated to discontinue publication until a volunteer was found to act as the “editor”. We will be publishing quarterly Newsletters at this time. During the discussion, it was decided to temporarily discontinue Stater Bros. scrip sales until a replacement for Donna Edmundson could be found. We love our script, please contact Stan if you can help. The next meeting of the committee would be held on the regular meeting date of June 19th.



As always, all church members are invited and welcome to attend either the Trustees or Finance Committee meetings and give us your input and ideas. We appreciate and encourage your vital support of UMC!



Filing Your Complaint



Grumbling - No

Accusation against God's Character and Goodness

Expressing a Demand

Focused on What We Want

Leads to Discouragement

Causes Bitterness

Isolates Us from God and Others

Displeases God

Ex: Israelites in the Desert

Lamenting - Yes

Affirmation of Who God Is— No Matter What

Expressing a Desire

Focused on What God Will

Leads to Healing and Courage

Helps Us Get to Breakthroughs

Draws Us Closer to God and Others

Honors God

Ex: David in Psalms

www.holleygeth.com



Looking for Reports from...

- Outreach
- Nurture
- Simple Supper
- Witness
- UMW

No News Reported this period!



PEG'S SEEDS OF FAITH PROJECT:
SHRIMP on the BIG BEAR BARBIE
 DINING IN PEG'S PATIO GARDEN

MENU

SNACKS, GRILLED SHRIMP, PASTA, CORN RELISH, GARLIC BREAD,

GRILLED PINEAPPLE,

COFFEE, ICED TEA OR LEMONADE

Tuesday, July 15, 5:30 pm

\$10.00 per person

VERY LIMITED SEATING

See Fred (or call him at 584-1732) for reservations



Is it a stroke? Check these signs **FAST!**

Face



Does the face look uneven?

Arm



OR
Does one arm drift down?

Speech



OR
Does their speech sound strange?

Time



THEN
It's time to call 9-1-1!

CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

By Bob Ludecke

Greetings all from the Church Council –

The various committees of the church are all working hard to keep our church running efficiently and providing our members and community with the best we have to offer.

One little problem keeps coming up though – there is much more work to do than the current group of workers can handle. This means that if you are sitting back enjoying what the church has to offer, it's time to jump out of the cart and start helping to pull it. There is something for you to do around here regardless of your physical, financial or other limitations.

“All Hands On Deck”

We need people to help keep the building and grounds clean and in good repair – see Stan Wolcott for the list.



We need people to help with the Fun' Raising programs – see Pam Walker for the list.

We need people to help with Sunday-School and child care – see Pastor Nancy for the list.

We need people to help out by pledging more or helping to raise more funds – see Stan Wolcott for the list.

We need people to attend Sunday services and all of the other fun and important activities around the church.

We need someone to take over the Scrip Sales Program – See Jane Gagahan for the list.

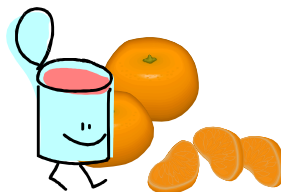
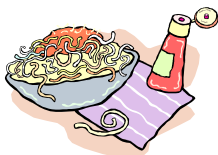
Are you starting to see a trend here? WE NEED YOU! PLEASE.

Shalom, Bob Ludecke

Come Join the
Fun!

The Food Pantry Needs:

- ~ Pasta
- ~ Peanut Butter
- ~ Canned Fruit





Fun' Raising Committee

By Pam Walker

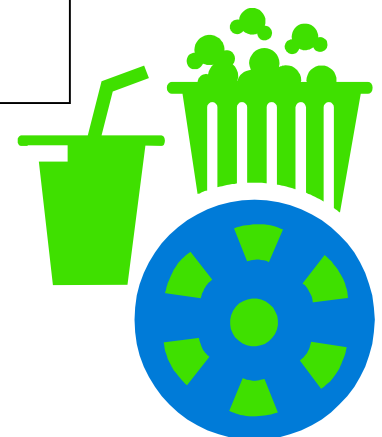
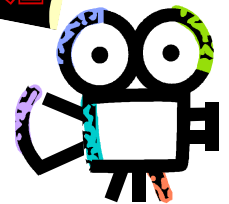
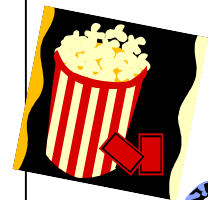


The Fun' Raising committee has been busy with Holey Hot Dogs, Seeds of Faith and our "dress rehearsal" for Pizza and a Movie. I call our first Pizza and a Movie a dress rehearsal because we did have a few glitches in the evening which were easily resolved. We plan on having a free movie evening every quarter and would love to see more people come out for it. My personal goal is to have to frantically race to pick up more pizza because everyone is enjoying a great evening at our church. We'll let you know the date of the next movie night as soon as we know, please plan on attending and bring friends.

Looking forward we have the Bad Poetry Dinner Saturday **August 16th** here at the church. Our poetry may be bad but the entertainment, food, silent auction and just good old fashioned fun are phenomenal. The Fun' Raisers are selling tickets now for \$20 each, this includes an amazing meal and an evening of unbelievable entertainment. This event is open to everyone in the valley so buy your tickets soon as we are limited to 80 people.

Labor Day weekend we will be serving our succulent mesquite barbequed Holey Hot Dogs once again. You may pick up nachos, soda and a chili dog or hot dog to enjoy as you shop our rummage sale or take a break in our shady al fresco bistro.

We do have fun planning events. If you think you may enjoy this type of service to our church, please join us. We usually meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the church kitchen, however, we'll be meeting every Tuesday from now until the poetry dinner. May God bless each of you, until we meet again.



July 2014

Big Bear United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm	4	5
6 Independence Day Celebration Picnic @ 12 noon 	7	8 Food Pantry Distribution Day @ 10 a.m. Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 9 am FUN NOW Committee Meeting @ 4:30	9	10 ~UMW Lunch Meeting 12 noon ~GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm ~Simple Supper @ 5 pm	11	12 Josh & Loraine 's Wedding @ 1:00 pm 
13	14 Trustees Committee Meeting is Dark this month.	15 Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 9 am	16	17 GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm Finance Committee Meeting @ 5 pm	18	19 Pastor Nancy's Birthday 
20 Nic Carlson's Birthday 	21	22 Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 9 am	23	24 ~Simple Supper @ 5 pm GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm	25 Ladies Tea Set Up @ 5 pm	26 Big Bear UMC Ladies Tea 3:00 p.m. 
27	28	29 Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 9 am	30	31 GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm		

August 2014

Big Bear United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 Fun'raising Committee Meeting @ 9 am 	6	7 GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm 	8	9
10	11 Trustees committee Meeting @ 5 p.m.	12 Food Pantry Dist. Day 10 a.m. Fun'raising Comm. Meeting @9 a.m. FUN NOW Meeting 4:30 p.m.	13	14 UMW- Noon GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm Simple Supper 5pm?	15 Set Up for "Bad Poetry" Dinner 5 p.m.	16 "2nd Annual Bad Poetry" Dinner @ 5 p.m. 
17	18 Life Line Screening at BBUMC 9:30—5:30 p.m. 	19	20	21 ~GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm ~Financial Comm. Meeting @ 5 p.m.	22	23
24	25	26 Rummage Sale Set Up	27 Rummage Sale Set Up	28 No Simple Supper Rummage Sale Set Up GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm	29 Rummage Sale 8—4 p.m. 	30 Rummage Sale 8—4 p.m. 
31	Labor Day 					

September 2014

Big Bear United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Fun'raiser Meeting @ 9 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Free Pizza & Movie at BBUMC 5:30</p> 
<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Trustees committee Meeting @ 5 p.m.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Food Pantry Distribution Day 10 a.m. FUN NOW Meeting 4:30 p.m.</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>~UMW- Noon ~GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm ~Simple Supper 5pm</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Free Luncheon after church!</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GriefShare/ Heaven Group @ 2pm</p> <p>~Financial Comm. Meeting @ 5 p.m.</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
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