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**Bi-Monthly Newsletter of
Big Bear United Methodist
Church**

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A Word From Pastor Nancy



Someone has written these beautiful words. Please read and try to understand the deep meaning of it. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it, that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry, that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace.



Prayer Needs & Praise Reports

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

OUR PRAYER NEEDS:

Deaths:

Chuck Rose—Prayers for Vicky
 Margaret deGuerena’s nephew, Michael Ishida.
 Alan Hereneich’s father passed away.
 Prayers for comfort for all his family.

HEALTH

Samantha Murray
 Evalyn Ellis’ nephew, Doug
 Peg Jones
 Kathy Krane & husband
 Steve Walker, Leonard Chaidez, Bill George, need
 transplants.
 Jim Frerking’s niece, Betty—Cancer battle
 Scott Stevenson—Cancer battle
 Kyle Chaidez

Lorna Vernon
 Amy Moscrip
 Davide Meade
 Fred Jones
 John & Dianne Guillen
 Jay Hartwick



PRAISE

Lillian Hart’s good report!
 Ruth Bereiter—Completed Treatment & doing well.
 Jane Rech doing well.

Contact Susan Chaidez for prayer needs at:
 909-585-9733

As your Prayer Chain Coordinator, my heart has grown heavy with some of the prayer requests which means the Holy Spirit is actively working in my life to have compassion for others. Please do keep me updated of any good news. Recently, I finished reading a book, “Enough: Finding More by Living with Less” by Will Davis, Jr. I found this book a very useful tool to help me make some changes in my life. We are so bound to material things and it is those things we can never seem to have enough of. When you have less of the material things, you will have more time for prayer and God.

Also, I would like to share the following prayer by unknown author but is known to God: Dear God, Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind. Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart. Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life. And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough. AMEN

“Our prayer and God’s mercy are like two buckets in a well; while one ascends, the other descends.” ~ Arthur Hopkins

Feel freely to give me a call or leave me a message 585-9733 for any prayer requests. Susan Chaidez



May

June

Gail Dick	May 1
Preston Carlisle	May 10
Emily Uthus	May 12
Christine Smith	May 14
Al Woodward	May 20
Sunny Post	May 23
Arlene Elder	May 25
Jerry MacGill	May 28
John MacGill	May 31

Leoma Smith	June 5
Michael Chatham	June 6
Alan MacQuoid	June 10
Tom Aughenbaugh	June 14
Tammy Stevenson	June 17
Don Ekberg	June 27

If your name is missing, please contact Pat at 909-585-4089 and she will update our list.

News from North Shore Christian Preschool



Wow, it's that time of year again; Graduation Day! On June 11th at 11:00 o'clock our little ones will be walking down the church aisle with smiles on their faces and a song in their heart. Please join us if you can. I guarantee this event will place a smile on your face too!



It is with a heavy heart and a little less joy that this year's ceremony will be without Grandpa Rose. The children loved singing with Chuck, especially "We've got that Joy". It has been difficult explaining the aging process and death to the children yet what a gift it has been. Grandpa and Grandma Rose's faith was a wonderful lesson to teach young children. We celebrated Chuck's life in prayer and I taught the children that it is ok to be happy/sad. Watching Vicky, I too learned what love and devotion is during a difficult challenge. I will treasure and honor that gift that the Rose's have given me.

We are joyful for having Grandpa Rose in our life I know the angels welcomed him with loving arms but I am sad that we will not see him again here on earth. Thank you Grandma and Grandpa Rose for making the preschool a better learning experience!

Peace and love,

Patrice



P.S. Enrollment for the 2014-2015 school year at North Shore Christian Preschool will begin on May 1. The school will continue with their 3 day part-time program (Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday). Enrollment packs may be picked up at the preschool. For more information, contact the school at 909-585-4484.

“HELP WANTED NOTICES and MORE”



WANTED: NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER

Due to Pat's limited 12 hours per week, we need to find someone who would volunteer to publish our bi-monthly newsletter. It is so much fun, anyone can do it. You will be trained. If interested, contact Pat at the church office. 909-585-4089.

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

We are needing someone to take over the Sunday School Directorship. If you love kids, this is the job for you. Contact Pastor Nancy if interested. 909-762-4166.

NEED FOR HISTORICAL TEAM

We are looking for a few people who are interested in the history of our church & who are natural organizers. Don Ekberg has been our “go-to man” in the past and he could use some worker bees to help organize pictures, church documents & records. It would be great to have veteran church attendees along with those who are new to our church. If this sounds like you, please contact Pat at the church office at 909-585-4089.

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED

We are looking for a couple of women who have a heart for youth ministry. We are getting ready to launch a Youth Ministry group here at BBUMC and need a couple of women to help with grades 4th – 12th grades. Please contact Julie Chatham at 909-866-2507.

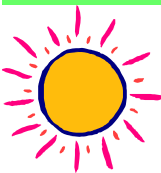
PASTOR NANCY'S DAYS OFF

In case you didn't know, our dear Pastor's days off are:

Friday & Saturday. The exceptions are: Emergencies, Church Events and Cal-Pac District Meeting requirements.

DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE?

Our church is looking for “Pencil Trees” to be donated. If you have one and would like to donate it, we would be thrilled. If you aren't sure what these are, they are non-typical Christmas trees that are tall and slender, Pine trees of various heights. The Fun'raiser committee wants to use them to help promote upcoming events. If you have one, find one, or want to purchase one for the church, contact Pam Walker at 909-585-4280 or Joan Wolcott at 909-866-4220.



“All sunshine makes a desert. A brook without rocks would lose it's song.

When you are broken, then you can be used.” -Bettie's Nuggets



May is National Stroke Awareness Month



A stroke occurs every 40 seconds and yet up to 80% of strokes can be prevented. This is why United Methodist Church of Big Bear Lake is hosting Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings on **Tuesday, May 6, 2014**.



Screenings are fast, painless and affordable. Three key tests check for blocked carotid arteries, an irregular heart rhythm called Atrial Fibrillation, and high blood pressure, which are the three leading risk factors for stroke. Nearly 800,000 strokes will occur this year, taking a life approximately every four minutes.

Other tests check for abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is also offered and is appropriate for both men and women. Many events also offer blood tests, including cholesterol, glucose and c-reactive protein screenings, as well as take-home colon cancer early detection tests.

Screening packages start at \$139. Single tests cost around \$70. For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call [1-888-653-6441](tel:1-888-653-6441). Pre-registration is required.



FYI: DISPOSAL TIPS FOR ORAL MEDICATION

1. Keep medicine in their original container. Scratch or mark out patient information on label.
2. Pour some water into the vial with tablets or capsules.
3. Mix medications with: Used coffee grounds, Sawdust, Charcoal, Kitty Litter.
4. Close and seal the vial with packing or duct tape.
5. Put the medicine vial in a container that does not show what is inside.
6. Place containers in the trash.



Note: The above are general guidelines. Check with your city or county waste management facility for correct disposal for your area.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Our food pantry distribution day is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Many calls come in for help. If you have been blessed and want to share, here is a current list of needs.

Pancake mix & Syrup, Macaroni and Cheese, Small mayonnaise, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta and Sauce

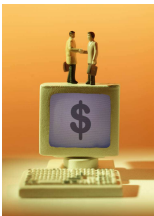


REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



Greetings from your Trustees and the Finance Committee! Since I'm the chair of both bodies, it makes sense to have a combined article in each UMC newsletter, particularly since the finances of the church dictate what is feasible for the Trustees to do in a monetary sense. I will begin with the Trustees' meeting of Monday, March 10, which also includes some carry over "old business" from the February 10 meeting too.

TRUSTEES' REPORT: At the March 10th meeting, all of the trustees except Mark Uthus and Patrice Carlisle were present. The minutes of the Feb. 20th meeting were approved. The chairman gave a report regarding the need for a tarp to cover the alcove, since we have run out of space in the shed to store rummage sale items. The chair also gave a brief report on the status of the property tax exemption application for the parsonage, which 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. Under Old Business, Pastor Nancy gave a report on the possible use of our facilities for a Boy Scout troop, which is separating from the existing troop due to internal difficulties. A brief discussion was held regarding having the Scouts provide "in kind" labor in lieu of the usual rental payment. There was also a brief discussion regarding the Chamber Ladies Auxiliary holding their tea at UMC on May 21st. Under New Business, the chair asked for a volunteer to check out Fountain Valley UMC's retreat on March 14-16 and Pastor Nancy and Shirley Hartwick volunteered to do so. In that same regard, the trustees approved a revision to our retreat form which



FINANCE COMMITTEE: At the March 20th meeting, all members were in attendance, although Bob Ludecke, Shirley Hartwick and Pat Hubby left the meeting at 6:45 PM for other engagements. During the approval of the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 20th, there was extensive discussion regarding the use of the proceeds of the Fun'Raising Subcommittee's events. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided that 50% of the net proceeds after expenses would go to the General Fund of UMC and the balance would be utilized for the "Fun Now Committee" to grow church attendance; provided, however, if budget exigencies dictated the use for general expenses, moneys would be transferred for such expenses to the General Fund. Jane Gaghagen then gave her financial report for the first two months of the year. During her portion of the agenda, Jane also questioned the use of the \$500 petty cash fund by the Fun'Raising Subcommittee. After extensive discussion, several procedural and accounting safeguards were put in place for expenditure and accounting and it was decided to monitor the usage of the fund during this year. The 2014 UMC budget was then discussed and after several questions were asked and answered, the budget was unanimously approved. Under Miscellaneous Items, the chair asked about the cost of a Yellow pages listing (\$242) and it was decided that we would not have a listing, since our website was a better means of advertising UMC. Also discussed were the revenues from several recent retreats in the month of March. Under Additional Items from the committee, Nancy also discussed her idea to promote the use of UMC for retreats through the Cal-Pac newsletter which goes out to the various So Cal districts. The status of the parsonage property

tax exemption was also discussed and Nancy gave a brief report on the field inspection made by representatives of the Assessor's Office earlier that day, which was positive. Returning to the Fun'Raising Petty Cash Fund, it was decided to institute two new forms, the first for turning over cash receipts to Kathy Ludecke and the other form for reimbursement of expenses paid by Pam Walker or Joan Wolcott for events. Joan said she would develop both forms. The meeting concluded with short discussions regarding the use of wedding services revenues, issuance of usage of keys to various individuals and the need for trustee monitoring of outside rentals. The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.

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!



Messy Church?

- is a way of being church for families involving fun
- is a church, not a craft club, that helps people encounter Jesus as Lord and Savior
- is found across the world
- values are about being Christ-centered, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration



Hello all, I just wanted to say a little something about our new adventure in reaching people in the community. Messy Church was started in the United Kingdom and now they have churches all over the world. The name "Messy Church" is kind of harsh for us "church" goers, but what this new church is for, is to reach out into our community and bring more families to "A" church. It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church. The name is branded and supported by CalPac, which supplies our books, materials, our lessons and our support.

The Service will typically include a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All elements are for, and should include, people of all ages, adults and children. It's for all-ages, It's fun, it's a church for people at all stages of their faith journey and of any age - a congregation that is as valuable and worthy of investment as any of your other congregations. It models and promotes good ways of growing as a family: a nuclear family, an extended family, and a global and local church family. Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

If you want to know more about "Messy Church" please go to <http://www.messychurch.org.uk/>





I would love if everyone could be a part of this new church, through Prayer, Service or attendance. Lets reach more people and bring them to God.

In Gods Service,
Alaine

Witness Committee May/June Newsletter Article

By Donna Edmundson, Chair

Our committee met for the third time this year on March 25 with three other committees, Nurture, Outreach and Fun'Raising.

- Coffee Cups for visitors started being distributed to new persons when they sign in. We are catching up on this program. Cups will have chocolate and a tea bag or two. 
- Hospital visits are monthly at the present time. Feel free to give the Witness committee information on people needing a cheerful visit. We are Donna Edmundson, Bobby and Sandy Clark, Evalyn Ellis and Susan Chaidez. 
- We are still working on a method to know when someone has not been in church for two weeks so that we can contact him or her to let them know they were missed.
- Scrip: We are seeking a volunteer to take over this simple program by the end of April. 
- Photos with directory (work in progress) Church Attendance Program
- Mother Day (May 11)/Father's Day (June 15) recognition belongs to Nurture but Nurture is only two people for now so FUN' will provide.
- July 4 Picnic is a gift to congregation with a signup sheet for those who wish to donate goods and help. Pam would like to provide games for the adults 

And that wraps up another report from the Witness Committee. **Our next meeting is May 27 at 4:30.**



UPCOMING FUN'RAISING EVENTS:



Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner!

Fun'raisers are diligently working on lots of fun events; **Seeds of Faith kick off on May 4th; Mother's Day recognition Of Moms May 11; Holy Hot Dogs at the Rummage sale on May 23 & 24; Appreciation Seeds of Faith luncheon, June 1; Movie and Pizza event to celebrate Father's Day June 7; fun and games for the church's July 6 Picnic and of course our 2nd annual Bad Poetry Dinner August 16.**

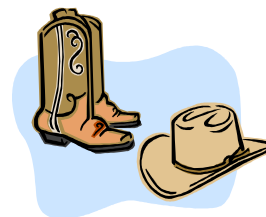
Details of all events will be announced prior to each event.

We would love for anyone interested in some or all activities to come to meetings each **Monday morning at 9**, in the church kitchen.

We have lots of ideas, work and snacks to share.

As always I am grateful to be part of such a great group of people;

Bob and Sandy Clark, Esther Rott, Stephen Walker,
Joan Wolcott and Al Woodward.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Fun'raising Committee @9am	6	7	8 Simple Supper 5-7pm 	9	10
11	12 Trustee Committee Meeting 7 pm ~Fun'raising Committee @9am	13	14	15	16	17 Memorial Service for Chuck Rose
18	19 Fun'raising Committee @9am	20	21 Finance Committee Meeting 5 pm \$	22 Simple Supper 5-7pm 	23 Rummage Sale 8 -4 pm 	24 Rummage Sale 8 -4 pm 
25	26 No Fun'raising Comm. 	27 Witness & FUN NOW Committee 4:30PM	28	29	30	31

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Update on UMW:

Ladies Tea will be July 12 at 1:30pm

Cost: \$12 per adult, \$8 for children





Entertainment: TBA



June 2014



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Fun'raising Committee @9am	3  Election Day Polling @ BBUMC	4	5	6	7
8	9 Trustees meeting 7pm Fun'raising Committee @9am	10	11	12 Simple Supper 5-7pm 	13	14
15	16 Fun'raising Committee @9am	17	18	19 Finance Committee 5:00 pm 	20	21
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