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## Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

### *Easter*

Love has bled  
Love has died  
Eden is rectified

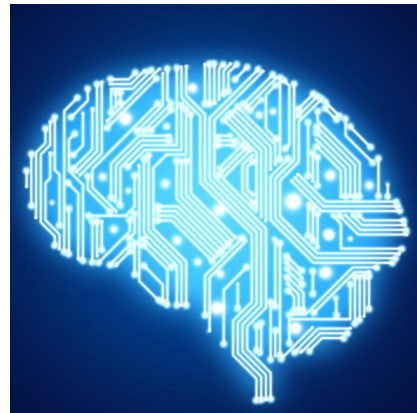
Hell smolders  
Hell simmers  
Grave threats' futile shimmer

Stare at the crypt  
Stare at the stone  
Scoff at death overthrown

Blinding fear  
Blinding light  
Gasp at new birth's first sight

Buried seed  
Buried strife  
Now explodes into life

An empty tomb  
An empty me  
Filled with vivacity



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Still the scars  
Stilled is death  
Alive am I with God's breath.

## *Holy Week Continues*

April 13 through 15.

Thursday, April 13: **Maundy Thursday** @ 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

- The Journey of Jesus: A slideshow from the Bynums' trip to Israel
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper



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Friday, April 14: **Good Friday** @ 7pm (Sanctuary)

- *In Calvary's Shadow*: Tenebrae Service by the Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 15 @ 2pm

- Community Easter Egg Hunt (church campus)

Sunday, April 16: **EASTER!**

- 8:15 - Sanctuary
- 9:40 - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 - Sanctuary

### **Easter Flower Cross**

We have an Easter morning tradition of adorning a flower cross in the courtyard. We always have carnations available so everyone can join in but we also want to invite you to bring other flowers to include in the cross - share whatever is blooming in your garden!

## *Good Friday Tenebrae Service*

April 14 @ 7pm in the Sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir will present *In Calvary's Shadow* during Good Friday services, April 14 at 7pm. Joining the choir will be singers from Cy Woods High School. The Chancel Choir is directed by Sean Saunders and accompanied by Diane Garrett.



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*In Calvary's Shadow* is a deeply moving service of penitence and forgiveness. With elegant simplicity, it invites the faithful to experience Jesus' journey from betrayal to crucifixion with scripture readings and congregational singing. With arrangements of spirituals and gospel hymns, the piece also includes music by celebrated composer Victor Johnson.

Please join us as part of Bear Creek UMC's observance of Holy Week.

## *Croppin' at the Creek*

April 21 and 22 in the Family Life Center.

Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 - **Spring Special!** Looking for a gift for your mom, a mom friend or your daughter? Then look no further! Sign up and bring your guest and pay **half price** for them for the whole weekend or attending on Saturday (after your fully paid registration.) Woohoo! This will be a wonderful way to spend the weekend with them!



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All crafters are welcome as we join together for fun and fellowship! We welcome all crafters... knitters, jewelry makers, scrapbookers (traditional and digital), etc. Our goal is to help you connect with other likeminded women, to be encouraged by them and to preserve your family's heritage! We promise you'll be glad you came! We are a fun group of ladies - we laugh, we cry, we eat - and the best thing is, we get things done!

Enjoy this fun and amazing weekend for only \$25 for Friday, \$50 for Saturday, or \$65 for both days. Your registration covers:

- Power in every room
- Table for Scrapbooking
- Table for shared equipment (Cricut, stamps, etc - as available)
- Water basin, soap and hand towels
- Coffee, water, and tea at meals
- Area to keep personal beverages cold (please mark your name for less confusion)
- Dinner provided on Friday evening
- Continental breakfast and box lunch on Saturday
- Light snack provided on Saturday evening (no dinner provided Saturday night; feel free to bring your own.)

Order your pictures, gather your supplies and register now: Friday night or Saturday or both! [Registration](#) **must be made in advance. Deadline is April 19th.** Come and create lasting memories! Proceeds will benefit local women's and children's missions/charities.

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## *Save the Date*

May 7 in the FLC gym.

We will have a blood drive Sunday, May 7. More details will follow. Please mark your calendar to donate!



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## *Church Office Closures*

April 14 and 17.

Please be aware that the church office will be closed on Good Friday, April 14 and Easter Monday, April 17.



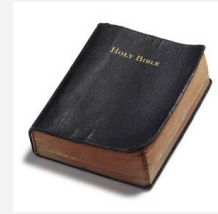
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## Women's Bible Study

April 23 @ 5pm in the FLC 102.

*Ruth: Loss, Love & Legacy* is a women's Bible study of Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy. This 6-week study by Kelly Minter delves into the virtuous character of Ruth, her unique relationship with her mother-in-law Naomi, and her blossoming love with Boaz. If you've ever felt devastated, struggled as a stranger, longed to be loved, or wept along the way, you'll find a loyal sister in Ruth.



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This Sunday evening women's bible study will begin on April 23, 2017 from 5:00 to 6:30pm in room 102 of the Family Life Center. Join us!

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## Books with Friends

Book Club in the Library. Open to all.

Join us three times this year for a book discussion group sponsored by the BCUMC Library and the UMW.



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Our first meeting will be April 23 from 4:00 to 5:30pm in the Library and/or Narthex of the Fellowship Hall. Our first book is *The Undoing of Saint Silvanus*, by Beth Moore. You are responsible for purchasing your own book, which is available at [Lifeway](#). You will also find a description of the book here.

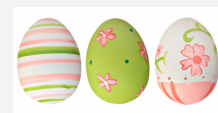
We will meet again on June 3 and October 29. Books for those dates will be communicated once they are determined. We hope to see you there!

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## Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 @ 2pm.

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday! We will have three different egg hunting areas on the playground: ages 0-2 years in area #1, ages 3-6 in area #2 and ages 7-10 in area #3. The Easter story will be presented to the families before the egg hunt. Contact [John Henley](#) if with questions.



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## Youth News

Night on the Range is April 29 @ 6:30pm.

We will be celebrating our Bear Creek Youth Ministry when we gather on Saturday, April 29 at 6:30pm for our annual fundraising dinner, Night on the Range, and we hope you will join us! Tickets are available in the church office on Easter Sunday or next week (the office is closed on Monday, April 17) and are \$20 per person or \$35 for two. **Childcare is FREE, but must be reserved by April 23.** Please come and celebrate with us all that God is doing through our Youth!



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We look forward to seeing you all in worship on Easter Sunday and hope that you will take extended family time to celebrate together; we will NOT have Sunday School or Youth @5.

Contact [Lea Bynum](#) or [John Henley](#) with questions.

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## *AWANA on Wednesdays*

April 19, 2017 @ 6:30pm in the FLC gym.



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Bear Creek United Methodist is devoted to nurturing your children with scriptural teaching, fun activities, and opportunities to cultivate great friendships that last forever.

Here are a few things to remember:

- On Wednesday, April 19, please drop off (6:30) and pick up (8:00) your child in the Tree House on the second floor of the Family Life Center.
- Fill out a new Kidzone Registration ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) form for 2016-17.
- Pay the \$20.00 registration fee per family for 2016-17.
- **Please note: Our last AWANA meeting for this session is May 10.**

Please contact [John Henley](#) if you have questions concerning any ministry to children here at Bear Creek United Methodist Church. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

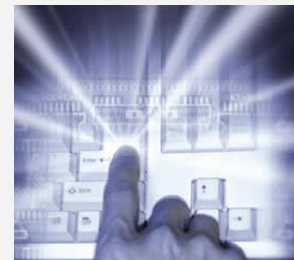
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## *Online and Text Giving*

Electronic giving. From your smartphone.

We now offer online and text giving on our website. Both options are facilitated through Shelby Systems, Inc., our church administration software, which is highly secure. You will find links and instructions on the [giving](#) page of our website.

**Thank you** for your faithful contributions that allow us to continue the various ministries of Bear Creek United Methodist Church!



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## *Energizers*

April 21, 2017 @ 10:30am.

**Energizers**, a group of active adults age 50-plus, enjoy gatherings that include day-long excursions. We meet on the third Friday of every month at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided. Join us for games and Christian fellowship.



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**Fellowship Friday**, an Energizers outreach ministry, provides a loving, welcoming and fun environment for family members with mild to moderate memory loss who do not require skilled care. This program, a partnership between Interfaith CarePartners and BCUMC, is designed to give caregivers some much needed time away. **Our next meeting is May 12 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.** The theme for May is *Mother's Day* and the entertainment is Harbor Light Choir. **Please note that Fellowship Friday will not meet in April due to Good Friday.**

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## *Western Prayer Wall*

FLC 101. Leave a Prayer Request.

Been to the Holy Land? If it's too far or you've already been, visit our BCUMC Western Prayer Wall any time during church office hours or on Sunday. Please leave your prayer request in the crevices of the wall. Thank you - the Prayer Ministry Team.



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## *A Time to Pray Together*

Prayer Room - Ministry Village. Wednesdays @ 9am.

Come to pray with us for the congregational needs of BCUMC and for what God puts on our hearts. We are trusting in His Promise, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." ~ Matthew 18:20



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