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Online Giving Tips

from the church office

Giving online? Do you have a schedule set up? If so, please check your online giving schedule to make sure:

1. Your current credit/debit card will be valid through December 31, 2017
2. Your schedule is set up for "pledged 2017" giving
3. Your installments do not exceed the number of remaining months in 2017

Do you need help auditing your schedule? Do you need help setting up a schedule for online giving? Call Charla in the church office, 281.436.2330.

Do you want to give online, either regularly or one-time? Go to the giving page of the church [website](#). You will be guided through the process. The "online giving instructions" button will give you additional guidance and may help answer your questions.



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Safe Sanctuary Training

Sunday, May 21. FLC 212-213 @ 12:15pm.

Safe Sanctuary is a set of policies and procedures we implement in order to keep our kids in a safe and nurturing environment. Safe Sanctuary training is required for all adults working with children under the age of 18. **Safe Sanctuary certification renewal is required every year.**



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Our next Safe Sanctuary training will be on Sunday, May 21 at 12:15pm in FLC 212-213. Contact [John Henley](#) for more information. Please [download](#) the forms, then complete and bring them with you to expedite the training process, which should take approximately 30 minutes. You may also pick up a copy of the forms in the church office.

Save the Date

May 7 from 8am to 2pm. Donor coach in the parking lot.

Sign up [online](#), select digital donor, and search sponsor code: **B528** or contact [Vanessa Heuvelman](#) at 337-309-7502. Thanks!



Book Fair Donations

Now accepting donations.

We are now accepting donations for our May book Fair. Please bring your gently used books to the Library or the church office during office hours. Also, put the Book Fair on your calendar for May 21 from 8:00am to 12:30pm. Visit the FLC gym for our Third Sunday Breakfast and stock up on summer reading material!



Finance Report

from Rick Wilson and Nancy Vickers.

Below is a synopsis of our finances for the first three months of the year. Overall giving is 12% short of budget and pledged giving is 5% below budget. Our pastors, staff and church leadership continue to work very hard to keep spending in line with our overall giving and we are within \$1,500 of our net budget.



	Q1 2017 Actual	Q1 2017 Budget*	Fav/(Unfav) vs. Budget	% Fav/(Unfav)
Total Contributions	\$251,496	\$285,000	\$ (33,504)	-12%
Total Expenses	293,375	325,350	31,975	10%
Deficit	\$ (41,879)	\$ (40,350)	\$ (1,529)	4%

*Budget presented is adjusted to include \$15,000 portion of insurance premium pad and expensed Q1, but included in official church budget Q2-4.

Givers sharing their information with the church should have received their Q1 giving statement via e-mail recently. Please check the information and contact the church office (ask for Finance or Marsha) if you have any questions or see issues with what is reported.

Thanks to all who share in love at Bear Creek and support the church with their prayers, presence, service and gifts!

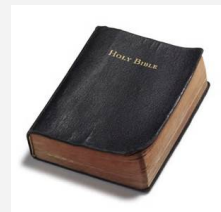
Did you know?

School is almost out and the summer months are a very busy time for our Children and Youth! **Vacation Bible School**, June 26 - 29, is a beloved summer discipleship event for our children as well as our opportunity to connect with children and families in our neighborhood. In 2016, our VBS attendance averaged 160 children each day. We accepted, free of charge, every child who wished to learn about Jesus through drama, song, and hands-on crafts and activities. VBS teaching materials for the leaders, audio CDs, campus decorations, and the supplies for crafts and activities cost \$3,000 in 2016. The fellowship and learning experiences we provide enable each child to grow in their love of the risen Christ. Your faithful contribution of tithes and offerings make our summer Children's and Youth activities a reality.

Women's Bible Study

May 7 @ 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 meets from 5:00 to 6:30pm in room 102 of the Family Life Center. Join us!

Summer Bible Study / Mini-retreat

Saturday, June 3 from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

Save the date! Sponsored by the BCUMC United Methodist Women and Books with Friends. Tickets and books go on sale Sunday, May 7 before and after worship services and also in the church office during the week.



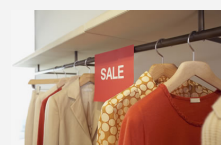
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Start your summer spiritually refreshed! This study will be based on the book *Finding God in a Bag of Groceries* by Laura Lapins Willis. The study will be facilitated by guest speaker Reverend Kristi Garner, Pastor at Addicks UMC. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Tickets are \$5 and books are \$11 (while supplies last). Attendees are asked to bring canned fruit and soup to be donated to the HNwCC food pantry.

Rummage Sale is Coming!

Mark your calendar.

In July the Family Missions Committee will be sponsoring the Rummage Sale. Please start saving your "treasures" for us. Proceeds from the Sale will be used to help fund our continued



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Angel Tree activities and other community outreach events such as The Day of Thanks & Giving. The rummage sale will be July 21 and 22 and we will start collecting items on Sunday, July 16.

Western Wall Consecration Ceremony

Tuesday, May 9. Prayer Garden.

Please come join us on May 9th at 6:30pm in the Prayer Garden. We will have a Consecration Ceremony for the Prayers taken from the BCUMC Western Wall. Pastor Jonathan Bynum will lead the burial ceremony. After the Ceremony, prayers will be said for both Pastor Jonathan and Pastor Will, asking blessings for them as they begin their new journeys. Hour of Prayer (HOP) will then continue in the setting of the Prayer Garden. Singing will be lead by Chris Tyree followed by anyone desiring to have a prayer request brought before the Lord.



Youth News

Thank you!

We have **many** people to thank for the very successful *Night on the Range* celebration of Youth Ministry and annual fundraiser - most of all our loving God who prompts us all to joyously give, so that others may know of His love more fully! We are able to send out our Youth missionaries to spread Jesus' love and do work projects and dive into their faith through discipleship because of the generous spirit that has been transferred into them at an early age - so **thank you!**



We are thankful that we received over \$6,000 from our auction and amazed that we had very generous donors who gifted the cost of the food, so we are able to benefit \$1,000 unexpectedly from our ticket sales. WOW! How blessed and how loved we feel! We have constructed a bulletin board in the Youth Lounge with the ticket stubs from NOTR and the names of those who attended on the reverse of the ticket; written boldly across the 100+ tickets is: **People Praying for Bear Creek Youth!** And we know that you are holding us up in prayer and that we are dearly loved - again, thank you!!

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

AWANA on Wednesdays

May 10, 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, May 10, 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: This is our last AWANA meeting for this session. Awana will resume in the Fall.**

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.

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

May 19, 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.

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



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in my name, I am there among them." ~ Matthew 18:20

Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**
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