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## Farewell Luncheon

Honoring the Bynum & Knuckols families

On June 11th after the 11am service the SPRC is hosting a farewell luncheon in the FLC to honor and thank the Bynum and Knuckols families for their ministries at BCUMC. The United Methodist Men will be cooking chicken, and the United Methodist Women will be decorating and serving.



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The congregation is asked to bring your favorite side dishes, salads or desserts. A love offering is being collected and will be presented to Jonathan and Will at the luncheon. You can send a check made out to BCUMC to the church office for either Jonathan, Will or both. A card and check will be presented to Jonathan and Will at the luncheon. There will also be baskets to drop off a card/gift at the luncheon. We hope you can join us on June 11th to celebrate their wonderful ministries at BCUMC.

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## Memorial Day

Sunday, May 28. All services.

Next Sunday, May 28, we will observe Memorial Day, a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. As we remember those who have given their lives, we also want to recognize our veterans, as well as those currently serving, in all branches of our military. If you have served or are serving, please wear your uniform to church on May 28. We thank you for your service and your sacrifice. God bless you and God bless America.



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## *Don't Miss It!*

Sunday, May 21.

This Sunday, May 21 is the last time that Will Knuckols will be preaching at Bear Creek UMC. You won't want to miss his final sermon here.



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## *Safe Sanctuary Training*

This 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.**



Our next Safe Sanctuary training is this 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.

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## *Book Fair This Sunday*

8:00am to 12:30pm in the FLC gym.

Join us this Sunday, May 21 from 8:00am to 12:30pm. **Visit the FLC gym for our Third Sunday Breakfast** and stock up on summer reading material! This is our final book fair until this fall!



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## *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.



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.

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## Rummage Sale is Coming!

Mark your calendar.

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



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## Youth News

Summer mission trips and camp.

We are in need of a female adult leader for JUMMP. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please see Jana Jones or John Henley.



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Contact [Jana Jones](#) or [John Henley](#) with questions.

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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

June 16, 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 June 9 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.** The theme for June is *Father's Day* and the entertainment is Pat Gavan.

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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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