



August 27, 2015

Dear Church Family ~

Fall Bible Studies

These three new Wednesday night Bible studies begin September 9th: *The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul*, *Disciple Fast Track* and *The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament*. Child care is available by reservation. Visit our [website](#) for more information and to sign up!

Annual Book Sale

Our annual book sale will be held in the Family Life Center on September 20, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is also a church-wide breakfast that morning, so come eat and browse our collection of gently used books of all varieties: popular (current) authors, religious, cookbooks, children's books, fiction & non-fiction, etc. *We are currently accepting book donations*. You can drop them by the church office. Please support this worthy cause as it funds our recently completed annual Summer Reading Program. Thank you!

3rd Grade Bibles

Third graders will receive their Bibles on September 27th during all three services.

Communications Director

Hello Bear Creek UMC! My name is James Sharp and I am your new Communications Director. I was on staff in a similar capacity from 2008 to 2010, so some of you may remember me. I started work on August 24th and it has been a blessing seeing familiar faces, receiving hugs and welcome messages, meeting new people and serving again here at BCUMC.

I look forward to doing all I can to make sure we, as a church family, are good stewards of our resources. In that spirit, we will no longer produce the Bear Creek Family News or the Ministry Guide. I understand this may upset some people, which is not the intent. This decision is a result of very low utilization of these printed documents over the summer. The emphasis moving forward

will be on using our [website](#), email blasts and personal invitation/greeting to communicate all that is happening in our church family and the local community. We will continue printing occasional bulletin inserts for special events. Recent church studies suggest that well over 90% of prospective visitors find churches online or through personal invitation.

We will also be considering new ways to reach those who may not have a computer or smartphone, do not have internet access or are just not sure how to navigate the website. I welcome your suggestions for ways to better communicate our message.

Blessings,
James Sharp
Bear Creek United Methodist Church

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