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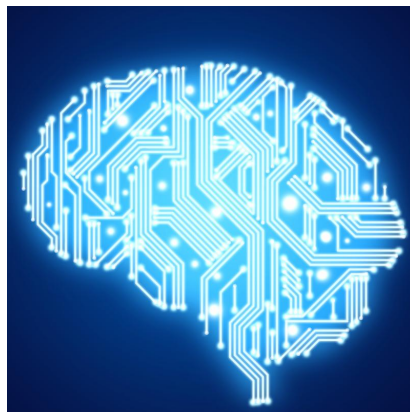
November 24th
2016

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Altarnative Thoughts

From the church staff.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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Advent Devotionals

First day in Advent - Sunday, November 27.

Thank you to all those who have signed up to write an Advent devotional. To date, 25 of the 35 devotionals have been submitted. If you have signed up, but haven't yet written and submitted yours, please do so as soon as possible - Sunday, November 27 is the first day of Advent!



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If you currently receive the Bear Creek UMC e-News (sent each Thursday at noon), you will also begin receiving a daily Advent devotional (ending December 31). If you do not want to read the daily devotionals you may simply delete them. **Please note that if you unsubscribe, you will no longer receive the devotionals, however, you will no longer receive the e-News either.**

Christmas Cantata

The Winter Rose.

Have you been assaulted since August by Christmas glitter and gift displays in the stores? Join the Chancel Choir and guest singers from Cy-Woods High School, accompanist Diane Garrett, and a 15-piece orchestra on Sunday, December 11 during the 11am worship service for a celebration of the REAL Christmas message.



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Our cantata, "The Winter Rose," uses the symbolism of a rose as an expression of love and peace both inside the Church and in the outside world. Let your spirit be encouraged by the beauty of God's greatest gift set to beautiful music. "The Winter Rose" reminds us that even in the deepest winter, we are a people of joy and life.

Christmas Cards for Sale

Featuring original artwork by our Youth & Children.

Help our Children's Ministry fund their summer field trip by purchasing Christmas cards featuring artwork drawn by the youth and children of Bear Creek UMC. Cards will be available each Sunday in the narthex of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall through Sunday, December 11.



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The Angels are Here!

Sharing God's love with children in our community.

This Christmas Bear Creek UMC will be once again be reaching out and connecting with over 75 Angel Tree children and their caregivers. Your help is needed as we share God's love, our love, and the love of their incarcerated parent to each one of these children.



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The Angel Christmas Tree will be up in the Narthex on Sunday, November 27 and Sunday, December 4. The tree will be filled with angels requesting 2 gifts for each child. Each child will receive a clothing gift and a toy or fun gift. These gifts should be in the \$20-\$25 price range. In addition to the two gifts, each child and caregiver will also receive a stuffed stocking as a gift from our church. There will also be angels on the tree requesting gift cards for each family.

Gifts can be returned to the Narthex on Sunday, December 4 or Sunday, December 11. They may also be returned to the church office from November 28 to December 9. **ALL GIFTS, STOCKING STUFFERS, AND GIFT CARDS MUST BE RETURNED BY DECEMBER 11.**

As always, your help with this very rewarding outreach mission is appreciated. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to BCUMC with "Angel Tree" in the memo line.

Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

The church office will be closed November 24-25 for Thanksgiving. Most activities for these 2 days have been cancelled. Check our online church [calendar](#) if you are unsure about a particular event or activity.



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Advent Decorating

Help decorate our Sanctuary.

We need about 9-10 people and one more 12-foot ladder on Saturday, November 19th, starting at 9am as we decorate the Sanctuary for Advent. Contact [Bill Clark](#) to volunteer.



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Christmas Block Party

New location this year. Sunday, December 4.

Our annual Christmas Block Party is Sunday, December 4 from 3:30 to 6:30pm in the parking lot of **Northwest Glass & Mirror Co., located at [5106 Hwy 6 N](#)**. This event is FREE to the community. We will have crafts, music, food and fellowship. There is a rumor that Santa may even make an appearance!

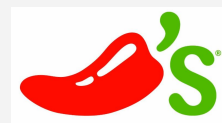


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Chili's Spirit Day & Night

Sunday, November 27 from 11am to 11pm.

Support our Missions Team by having lunch AND dinner at Chili's at 5841 Hwy 6 N (W. Little York). We will have flyers in the church bulletins on Sunday, November 27 for you to take with you to ensure we get credit for your order. Thank you for your support!



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Youth News

Youth @5. Block Party. Parade of Lights. Consent form.

We will be creating our Parade Float decorations at Youth @5 (November 27) and we need all hands on deck!! If you would like to ride on the float, we MUST have your [Parental Consent Form](#). See Lea Bynum for your RSVP!

Check your weekly Youth Newsletter for all the latest updates and especially Summer 2017 Registration information. Contact [Lea Bynum](#) to be added to the newsletter or for any Youth related questions.



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AWANA on Wednesdays

November 30 @ 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, November 30, 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 contact me if you have questions concerning any ministry to children here at Bear Creek United Methodist Church. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

Thanks,
John R. Henley
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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

December 16. Fellowship Hall. 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. Only drinks are provided.

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 December 9 from 10am to 1:30pm.** The theme for December is *Christmas* and the entertainment is the Decibells (group of singers/entertainers).



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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 in Ministry Village. Meets @ 9:15am.

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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Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**
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