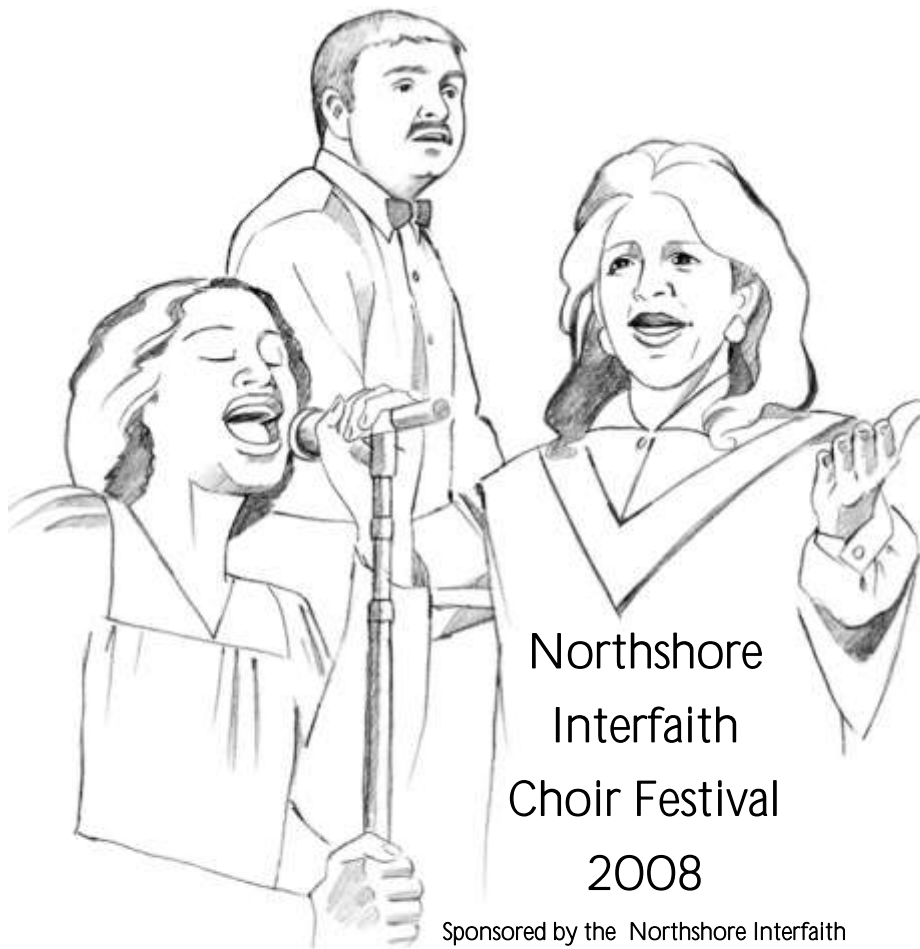


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A monthly publication of Bear Creek United Methodist Church

Join us for an evening of fellowship and song with other Woodinville area church choirs!



Northshore Interfaith Choir Festival 2008

Sponsored by the Northshore Interfaith
Cluster of Religious Communities

Sunday, February 10
7:00 p.m.

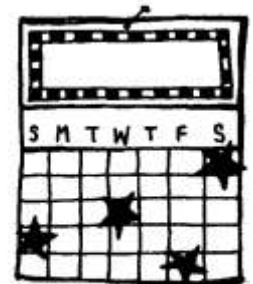
Bear Creek UM,C
Reception following the program



February, 2008

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 2
Amazing Grace Seminar

Wednesday, February 6
Ash Wednesday Pancake
Supper and Worship Ser-
vice

Sunday, February 10
Interfaith Choir Festival

Sunday, February 24
Sweetheart Dinner

PASTOR'S MUMBLINGS

Dear Bearcreekians,
I expect a lot will happen in the ten days from when I write this and it is published. Most of you know that Vickie and I are re-entering the process of diagnosis and possible treatment for breast cancer. And, besides the **doctor's appointments and tests**, we, like you, have family and friends in transition, jobs that change demands and a granddaughter that morphs almost by the minute. Life is so very transient, and, when we think we **know, we know we don't know**. We are Gershom, an alien in a foreign land (Exodus 2: 22), and I could worry.

But I find myself unworried.

We have been here before in a thousand ways, and always God has been with us and delivered **us. Sometimes the delivery wasn't** what we had ordered, but still **God's merciful salvation** has always come. There are some scriptures that greatly help remind of this. A couple of favorites are:

Matthew 6: 25-34, which ends **quoting Jesus, saying**, "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day **has enough trouble of its own.**"

Psalm 120:1: "In my trouble I cried to the LORD, and He **answered me.**" **This has been true** over and over again in my life.

And one that reminds me of eternal truth, Psalm 46: 1-2:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though it wastes roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

And from the last time around, we also learned what can only be learned in the wilderness—your prayers work in our lives. Thank you for holding us in love to God.

Shalom,

WORSHIP CORNER

February 3—Transfiguration of the Lord
"Into Silence"

To retreat into a God-centered silence for eight days was frightening. But more frightening was continuing my life as it was. Matthew 17: 1-9

Sunday Vespers Exodus 24: 9-18

February 10—Boy Scout Sunday
"Christianity with a Warning Label"

I think those who are contemplating being a Christian ought to be warned. On the Bibles we pass out, there ought to be a label that says something like "God has determined that being Christian may be hazardous to your health."

Matthew 4: 1-11
Sunday Vespers Exodus 13: 17-22

February 17—2nd Sunday in Lent
"It Takes a Storm to Make a Rainbow"

After 40 days and nights of rain, after two weeks of waiting for the water to subside, and after the Ark has come safely to rest on dry land, God speaks this promise.

Genesis 9: 8-17
Sunday Vespers Exodus 14: 5-18



February 24—3rd Sunday in Lent
"The Label Read 'Made by God'"

Life has a way of unmaking the best of us and showing us our abyss. The Psalmist says it this way:

*Unless God builds the house,
The masons labor in vain.
Unless God guards the city,
The guard keeps watch in vain.*

Psalm 127

Sunday Vespers Exodus 17: 1-7

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Vespers 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH CORNER

Time for another Sweetheart Dinner

For the third year in a row, our youth at BCUMC want to honor their parents and other adults in our congregation with a Sweetheart Dinner. This is a special time for our youth to plan, cook, and serve dinner to those who have cared about and supported them as they grow in their faith with Jesus Christ.

It is very important to make reservations for this special dinner. Dinner starts promptly at



Sweetheart Dinner

6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 24, as youth greet and welcome guests with appetizers and sparkling cider.

Guests can choose between a beef or chicken entrée and have a

choice between two desserts. Cost for the dinner is \$40 a couple or \$20 for singles. Special entertainment is planned during the dessert hour. All guests are invited to end the evening with our Vespers service at 8:00 p.m. During the month of February, youth will be available in the narthex during fellowship time to take your reservations. **Don't miss out on this wonderful evening to be pampered by our Bear Creek youth—make your reservations today!**

Youth learn to make good choices

The Bear Creek UMC junior high students worked on creating a haiku that expressed the theme of making choices in life that show God's sign of love, peace, joy, and justice. Here are a few of the results!



Junior High Poetry

The trees stand peaceful.
They co-exist in harmony.
Does *will* start the fight?

A child is born,
Join the choruses of angels.
Sing Hallelujah.

God's voice calls to us.
As we journey on our way.
Promises of love.

BCUMC children support Capital Campaign

The children of Bear Creek UMC, ages 4 years through 6th grade, have been asked to support the Capital Campaign. This offering will be presented to the church during worship on Sunday, February 10, at 9:30 a.m. as a closing activity of the campaign.

Please encourage your children to take part in this offering

by having them do an extra chore or task to earn some money to give to the church. This is also an excellent opportunity to talk about the importance of regularly giving to the church.

Children will be able to give their offerings during Children's Church or Sunday school on February 3.

If you have questions about the Capital Campaign, please speak with Jim Morris, Stewardship Chair, or Tom Litchford, Finance Chair.

Thanks for your support!

Joan Thorson
Sunday School Superintendent

Missions – Around

A sneak peek at upcoming

The Corner

Mission events

February

- Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday Feb. 3rd. Bring \$1 and canned good items
- Eastside Baby Corner – collecting all items related to kids from newborn to 14 years old thru March 15th.
- TC4 Dinner – Monday Feb 18th, 6 p.m. at Kirkland Congregational Church

March

- Volunteers help sort items at Eastside Baby Corner in Issaquah, Saturday March 15th from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign up at Mission table.
- TC4 Dinner – Monday March 17th, 6 p.m. at Kirkland Congregational Church

April

- Pastor Marlu Scott from Wilbur UMC (White Swan) visits on Native American Sunday – April 26th
- Mother's Day Baskets for Matthew House (bring to BCUMC by May 4th)

We've got mail

Dear BCUMC Family,
A big thank you for the Christmas gift package! It is a wonderful treat to receive before all my finals (Famous Amos cookies are my favorite)! Bear Creek is always in my thoughts and prayers, especially right now with **all the flooding near by. I can't wait to see my church family during Christmas.** Thanks again!

Shawna Larson

Dear Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for the \$100 college scholarship! I am attending Cascadia Community College majoring in Culture, Literature and the Arts. My goal is to teach community college and to

write. This scholarship helped me pay toward my books and is very appreciated! Thank you.

Sincerely, Debbie Leyva

Dear Bear Creek Family,
I am so humbled and honored to be a part of this family I hardly know where to begin. When I told you of my financial difficulties you came forward, both as a church body and as individuals and helped me beyond my wildest dreams. I appreciate you all so much and appreciate your financial assistance and, even more, your prayers. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Debbie Leyva

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a long overdue Thank You for your past participation in CROP Walk May 2007! The grand total raised was \$15,596! We **don't have totals per church so we celebrate our join effort.**

Hopefully you'll be willing to walk May 2008! Plans are being made for a walk in Bothell.

In Christ,
Cathy Tanner



MISSIONS MOMENT

Eastside Baby Corner helps families in our community—and you can, too!

Eastside Baby Corner started in 1990 with a mission to collect all items used by children from birth to age 12 and distribute them to service providers who work with families in need. Eastside Baby Corner acts as a distribution center supplying basic items to over 160 shelters, food banks, public health nurses and social workers, operating with extremely low overhead due to a large volunteer network. Items donated are never sold, but are given away free of charge to families in need.

You can drop off new and gently-used items for infants and children at the missions table through Saturday, March 15. Suggested items include absolutely

everything needed to raise a child to 12 years old. Donations of used *cribs (with all pieces attached)* and *car seats* are especially appreciated since these high-cost items can quickly consume EBC's cash donations. (Please note: Due to safety concerns, EBC cannot accept cribs and car seats more than six years old.)

New toys are used to stock the birthday toy bank. Nice books for all ages are a constant need, since each bag of children's clothing includes books.

Tax receipts are available for all donations. If you would like a receipt, please attach your name, address and suggested value of the item(s) to your donation.

One-time and group volunteer efforts are a critical part of the annual 5,000+ hours of volunteer service which are required to support the EBC mission. The BCUMC Missions Committee is organizing a group to help assemble layette kits at EBC on Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We will carpool from the church, leaving at 8:30 a.m.

A sign-up sheet is available at the missions table in the narthex. For safety's sake, children accompanying adults must be at least seven years old, and children up to 13 years must have one-to-one adult supervision.

Mission scholarships available

The Missions Committee is accepting Mission Scholarship Fund applications. Scholarship opportunities are available to members or family members who are currently involved or planning external mission projects supporting communities outside of BCUMC. Funds may assist with mission travel, mission equipment or supplies, donations or other missions-related expenses.

Applications are accepted and reviewed quarterly. The next application deadline is March 1 for April, May and June. Scholarship applications are available at the Missions table in the narthex or in the church office. Please return the completed requests to the church with attention to the Missions Committee.



2008 FINANCE REPORT

Amount budgeted for 2008

\$361,717

Year to-date offerings
through January 20

\$13,125 62.9%

Year-to-date Ahead/(Behind)

(\$7,743)

Impact to Annual Budget

(\$7,743)

Everyday purchases benefit Kairos Prison Ministry

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Want to help Kairos Prison Ministry transform lives? Your ordinary purchases at Safeway can help fund this important ministry.

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card, please contact Terri Stewart at 425.788.3164 or terri.stewart@comcast.net. She will need your name, address, and club card number.

The Journey

by Terri Stewart

Seed.	Sprout.	Seedling.	Body.
Scattered.	Dynamic.	Fragile.	Grounded.
Potential.	Tentative.	Baby.	Form.
Yearning.	Breaking.	Needs.	Absorbs.
Aching.	Anchoring.	Earth.	Breathes.
Form.	Rushing.	Water.	Cares.
Defined.	Grabbing.	Air.	Prepares.
Limited.	Pushing.	Love.	Dynamic.
Boundary.	Ascending.	Guidance.	Creates.
Energy.	Light.	Limits.	Seeds.
Leap.		Possibility.	Slows.
		Growth.	Returns.
		Branching.	Earth.
			Rests.

Flood-victim Cleanup Project

If you would like to help with a weekend cleanup project to help the victims of the recent flooding in the Chehalis/Centralia area, please contact Marny Livingston at 425.881.5698.



Did you know that the BCUMC sermons are now available via iTunes on www.bcumc.org? You can subscribe for automatic downloads OR you can simply listen to Dave O by going directly to the www.bcumc.org website Sermon Page and clicking on the **"Recorded Version"** icon. You can also read the printed version, get the latest calendar dates, and lots more! Check it out today!

Indianola Women's Weekend Away is fast approaching!

If you are interested in some loose down-time to unwind, read, work on your craft project, or walk the beach on Puget Sound, consider attending the Women's Weekend Away at Camp Indianola on February 22-24. This will be a weekend of good food, good people, and good music with Judy Allen and Ann Rupley.

This year's theme is Godspell, and you can come with a costume for Saturday night or not. Just let yourself go Day By Day back to the 60's, and enjoy All Good Gifts while you Bless The Lord, and be the Light Of The World to the friends, new and old, that you will see there.

The cost is \$85 and reservations and payments are due by 13 February. Further details, forms and contact info available at campindianola.org.



Light the Torch * March 1 Kairos of Washington

- 5:00-6:00 Hors d'oeuvres, libations, and
silent auction
- 6:00-6:30 Dinner
- 6:30-7:00 Live Auction
- 7:15-8:30 Concert

Kairos Prison Ministry needs financial support to do what we believe God has called us to do: tell the incarcerated about Jesus Christ's love and forgiveness and tell the children of the incarcerated that they are not forgotten and Jesus Christ loves them.

Join us for: Fun! Food! Fellowship!
Tickets \$25.00 each

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On the Horizon



Tuesday, March 11
Community Blood Drive
(Woodinville UUC)

Sunday, March 16
Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 20
Seder
Last Supper Tableau

Friday, March 21
Good Friday Service

Sunday, March 23
Easter Sunday

Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.

Sunday School
11:00 a.m.

Sunday Vespers
8:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Office hours
9:00-3:00
Monday-Thursday
Closed Fridays

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