

The Witness

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Bothell United Methodist Church Advent Season 2009

Saturday, December 19

A Sojourners Christmas" - 3:00 pm

Sunday, December 20

*Worship Services at 8, 9 and 10:30 am
Lessons and Carols – "What Child is This?"
Special Choir Music, BUMC Brass*

Tuesday, December 22

Blessed Movements: "Practicing Yoga with Christ" - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 23

*7:00 pm – Advent Study
Can Christmas still change the world? Moving from consumption to compassion*

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

*6:00 pm Worship Service and Christmas Pageant with children and youth
9 and 11 pm Worship Services with Communion - "The Beauty of Christmas"
Music provided by: Chancel Choir 9 and 11 pm*

The BUMC staff would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



Participating in the ministries of our church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. Did you know...

- The cushions on the pews in the chapel all have beautiful new covers thanks to the work of Joanne Harkonen and Marilyn Tangen. When you have a moment, visit the chapel to see their beautiful work. Thanks Joanne and Marilyn!
- Thanks go to our Ambience Team who oversees the decorations for the Advent Season. Their planning plus the work of volunteers makes our building a beautiful, welcoming place during this season of the year.
- Thanks go to the many at BUMC who donated toys to the Atlantic Street Center Holiday Assistance Program. These, in addition to the 59 baby dolls with complete wardrobes made by women in our church, will give parents an opportunity to make Christmas special for their children. There was nearly \$2000 worth of toys donated by Bothell UMC to ASC. Many children will have gifts under the tree thanks to your generosity.
- Our Community Kitchen, which provides free meals on Sunday

afternoon to the community, is up and running. If you know of an organization or location where we can advertise this service, there are cards and posters available in the office.

- 128 rice bags were filled, sewed, and given to Tent City 4, now located at Bellevue UMC. Bothell UMC bought and donated a microwave to TC4 for heating the rice bags which are used at night to warm the residents.
- Habitat for Humanity has sent thanks for donations given by BUMC in the name of the Together We Build Program. They truly appreciate our gift and people in our congregation who have demonstrated their faith by giving their time and money to help families enjoy the blessing of owning a home of their own.
- Thanks go to the choir, our music department, and especially Sylvia and Nola for the marvelous Christmas concert given on Sunday evening, December 13th. The Choir from First Lutheran joined our choir for the singing of Vivaldi's Gloria. About 400 people enjoyed the evening bursting out of the sanctuary into the narthex for seating. The reception filled the Fellowship Hall. It was a great evening of joy! \$1600 in donations was raised for Hopelink and the Community Kitchen!!!

Stephen Ministers Are Here For You

Are you, or someone you know going through a crisis in life? Crises happen in all of our lives at one time or another. At times like these, it is so important to have someone who cares to journey alongside you. For a referral, please contact BUMC Pastors, or Sharon Harnden or Myrna Evers.



BUMC Mortgage Payments

Like many homeowners our church has mortgages. In order to build our beautiful sanctuary and office wing we took out two. One was with the Pacific Northwest Foundation of the UMC; one was with the General Board of the UMC. Thanks to a generous bequest from longtime members, Floyd and Alice Johnson's estate, we have recently been able to retire the mortgage with the UMC Foundation. That leaves us with a \$515,844.65 debt from the larger General Board loan; we continue to need pledges to pay it off. Each month with our payment of \$9681 we get a little closer to our goal and look forward to the time in 2016 when we will be able to complete payment. Thanks to all of you who continue to contribute to that debt retirement. We appreciate your faithfulness.

Please Keep In Your Prayers ...

Paul Allen

Pam Baugh

Margie and the Clark family as they mourn Roger's passing

Rosemary Frost

Blanche Hobbs

Phil Jackson, father of Greg Jackson

Alan Justad

Beatrice Kabwe, Linda, Reagan Mutombo, and all the children at Jaama Letu Orphanages

Peggy Moddelmog

Gavin Myers (Chris's son, Anna's brother)

Jane Paige

Rev. Ed Paup,
former PNW Conference Bishop

Ginny Pierce

Jim Pierce

Sharon Saxton's Father

Mary Shelton

Joy Worcester

The shoeshine boys of Jarabacoa, D.R.

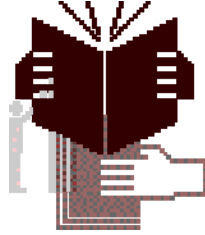
Kairos Prison Ministry

All Military Service Personnel, and

Peace

Library News

To add to the joy of Christmas for the kids two new Veggie Tales Christmas DVDs are now in the Library



along with many other Christmas DVDs for kids. The first new one is "Saint Nicholas - a Story of Joyful Giving" and the second is "The Veggie Tales Holiday Pack" which includes: 1) The Star of Christmas -DVD, 2) The Toy That Saved Christmas - DVD, 3) A Very Veggie Christmas CD, and 4) The Incredible Singing Christmas Tree - CD. Both can be signed out of the Library for one week.

For adults we have a stimulating new book selected by Pastor Steve entitled *The First Christmas - What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. "Borg and Crossan have given us new lenses through which to view the light of the Gospel accounts of Jesus's birth." "This book is sure to make a powerful difference among us."

Make Christmas even more meaningful for everyone in your family this year; prepare your hearts by reading, viewing and listening to the true message of Christmas. Our Church

library is open whenever the Church Office is open. Books may be signed out for one month, DVDs and CDs for one week. May you and yours have a blessed Christmas.

Faith and Fiction

Please join us at any of the upcoming meetings at 7 p.m., *usually* on the third Wednesday of each month at the Green residence, 18328 - 94th Avenue NE, just a few blocks from the church. Call Ron Green, Jr., for directions. We meet next on January 20th to discuss *The Outlander* by Gil Adamson. In February (date to be determined), we'll discuss *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks.



Discover Your Strengths

Sunday, January 24, 2:30-5:00 p.m.

We are all equipped with God given talents and strengths. This workshop will help us explore what they are and how we can embrace them in our lives. We will read the book *Living Your Strengths* and copies will be available January 1.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL . . .

WISE—meets Thursday, January 21 from 10 a.m. til noon to work in the Baby Corner. Bring your children along or request child care. Please contact April Carl for more info. *WISE Meditative Stretching* meets the 3rd Sunday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SUSANNA WESLEY CIRCLE—meets next on Thursday, February 11 at 10 am in the Lounge.

NORTHSTAR—will meet on Wednesday January 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

TEEN UMW— Meets on the 4th Sunday of every month. For more information, call Allison Fasnacht or Blair Lowman.

Bothell United Methodist Men



Calling All Men!

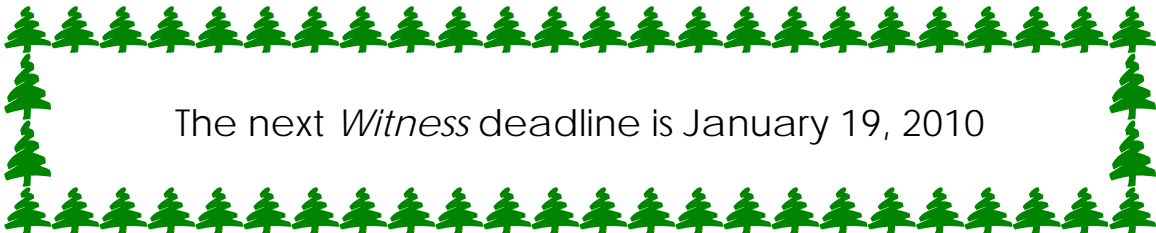
We will meet for fellowship, prayer, breakfast and planning our Valentine's dinner, Saturday, January 16th at 8:00 a.m.

We will also confirm our officers for the year 2010. If you are interested in serving, please inform our secretary, Doug Will.

Attention High School Seniors and College Students!

Applications for BUMC scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year are available now in the church office.

Applications must be filled out and returned by January 18, 2010. Any individual who is a regular participant in the ministries of BUMC is eligible.



The next *Witness* deadline is January 19, 2010

BUMC Children



On Christmas Eve at 6 pm, the children and youth of Bothell UMC will theatrically retell the story of our savior's birth. This year's pageant will be different, however, because it is part of a worship service.

This makes it a great teaching moment for parents! Worship is important and can take many forms, but *a worship service* engages everyone in prayer, praise, giving, singing and ... well, *worship*. In participating in the Pageant, our children and youth are leading the entire church family in the act of worship.

The theme of this year's pageant is taken from John 1:9, where John talks about the coming Messiah. "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." In talking about the pageant with your child, consider asking about when the light was first promised, to whom was a promise and how was that promise later confirmed and realized.

BUMC kids and youth never check their brains at the door, and if you initiate a discussion about the account of Christ's birth and the promises that birth fulfilled, you might be surprised at how much our children understand and the connections they make to their own lives today.



Winter Family Camp

Are you looking for a reasonably-priced way to take a winter holiday? Lazy F Camp, located just outside of Ellenburg, is hosting a Winter Family Camp on February 12-14. There will be plenty of games, fun in the snow, hiking, songs, and worship together. Kids have special crafts planned. Youth can go tubing. Parents can opt for learning opportunities. Best of all, you won't have to lift a finger all weekend! The cooking is done for you and the food is great! For a family of four prices range from \$270 to \$310 for the three-day, two night stay. Other pricing options are available.

For details go to the Lazy F website at www.lazyfcamp.org or call 509-962-2780.

BUMY NEWS

JANUARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00am—Sunday School Class
 11:45am— Sr. High Service Meeting for Youth and Parents

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00am—Sunday School Class
 11:45am—Sr. High BUMY with lunch
 3:30pm— Confirmation
 5:30pm—Celebration Singers
 6:30pm— Mid High BUMY with dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15-SUNDAY,

JANUARY 17 Mid High Youth & Parents Relationships Seminar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00am—Sunday School Class
 11:45am— Sr. High BUMY with lunch
 5:30pm— Celebration Singers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:00am—Sunday School Class
 10:30am—UMW Teen
 11:45am— Sr. High BUMY with lunch
 5:30pm—Celebration Singers
 6:30pm— Mid High BUMY with dinner

Confirmation

Let's keep Brad Joyner and his mentor Jeff Staley, and Lily Williams and her mentor, Lorie Bean, in our prayers as they journey through confirmation class together this year.



Love, Sex, and Relationships

All Mid High youth and their parents are invited to a special seminar January 15-17. This seminar will help both youth and parents navigate the road to healthy and loving relationships based on our Christian values. The seminar will be led by Rev. Mary Kay Will who is the campus pastor at California State Long Beach as well as a certified trainer in the Cal-Pac Conference. There will be sessions for youth and sessions for parents and one joint session at the end of our time together. Food and fellowship provided! The cost is only \$25.00 per family and \$10.00 for a second child. Scholarships are available. More information is located on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please RSVP to the church office as soon as possible. You won't want to miss this important event!



Gifted to Serve

Opportunities to share gifts, time, and talents

Bothell Community Kitchen

BUMC continues to host a community meal at 3:00 p.m. each Sunday. There are a variety of ways to become involved; there is a place for anyone who would like to



participate. For more information, please contact Laura Dooley or Jeanne Lowman.

Medical Equipment Bank

The Medical Equipment Bank is our opportunity to share medical items—wheelchairs, canes, etc.—with others in the church family who might need them. If you have items to share or need to borrow something, please call Laura Dooley.



Baby Corner



Over 500 kids have been helped through Baby Corner this year!! Our growth has been tremendous and all because of your generosity. It's cold outside and our children need warm clothing, coats and PJs to stay warm this winter. These basic necessities provide each child with opportunities to succeed in life. For more information, or to volunteer please contact April Carl by e-mail aprilcarl@verizon.net. We're committed to helping babies one at a time!



Advent Take Down

On Saturday, January 9th, the Ambience Committee will be taking down the Advent decorations. Any help you can give us between 10 and noon will be greatly appreciated.

"In Times Like These"

Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge cards. To date we have received 145 pledges.

\$288,654.00 has been pledged to the General Fund.

\$111,924.00 has been pledged to the Building Fund.

Pledge cards can be mailed to the church or turned into the church office. If you require more information, please contact Lynne Pearson at 425-486-7132 or lymp62@hotmail.com.

Support for those in Military Service

Just a reminder: If you have a friend or family member serving at this time, we would like to be in prayer with you! Please call Le Brandes or Jeanne Lowman.

Also, First Lutheran Church has a very active Military Support Group which meets on the second Monday of the month at First Lutheran at 6:00pm. For more information, call their office at 425-486-2314, or, see their website: <http://www.bothellfirstlutheran.org/CommitteesandGroups/MilitarySupportGroup>.

Bothell High School students in need

Bothell High School Administration is experiencing an unprecedented number of requests from students who have no money for lunch. These kids need to ask the campus supervisor for food. BUMC has committed to providing that food, and we'd like to ask you for more food for our pantry. Please donate—

- single serving, prepackaged crackers with peanut butter or cheese
- applesauce, fruit snacks, juice packs
- nuts or jerky

We still have a lot of granola bars, so an assortment of other items would be great! Thank you, this food is very much appreciated.



Blessed Movements

PRACTICING YOGA WITH CHRIST

THE EPIPHANY SERIES: Tuesdays,
January 5, 12, 19, 26 from 7-8:30 pm

Practicing Yoga with Christ is a prayer session combining yoga's body postures and breath awareness with Christ's wisdom teachings and life story. The Epiphany Series will take inspiration from the Sunday readings in January. Each class will close with silent reflection and intercessory prayer.

Suggested donation per attendance: \$5 to \$10. No yoga or meditation experience is necessary. Chairs will be provided to support those who have limited range of motion. Please bring a yoga (sticky) mat, a blanket to cushion your



knees and for use as prayer shawl. Please dress in layered comfortable clothing. You may attend one, a few, or all classes in the series. Roy DeLeon is an Oblate of St.

Benedict and a certified yoga teacher. He is the author of *Praying with the Body: Bringing the Psalms to Life*. Contact him at blessedmovements@yahoo.com

Can Christmas Still Change the World?



Come and reflect on the answer to this question at our Advent Study based on the book and video, *Advent Conspiracy*. In these compelling sessions, we have been invited to substitute compassion for consumerism by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts: Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More, Love All.

The fourth and final session will be held Sunday, December 20 and led by Jeff Staley. The session is repeated on Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 p.m. and is led by Pastor Lara. Books will be available however, they are not needed for the class.

Gloria! Christmas Concert

Thank You, Thank You!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the *Gloria! Christmas Concert* a success on December 13th. There were about 70 voices in the combined Chancel Choir and Bothell First Lutheran Choir and about 400 people in attendance for the concert. This year, free-will donations that were taken will benefit Hopelink and our Bothell Community Kitchen. Thanks to all who gave so generously, we collected \$1600.00!

What a joy it was to see our beautiful Sanctuary used for such an uplifting event! Many people worked hard to make this happen:

- Thank you to our wonderful United Methodist Women for hosting the reception following the concert.
- Thank you to the Youth (Jacque, Aspen, Leah, Justin, Brad, Emily, Allison and Jessica) for helping greet and helping with the donations.
- Thank you to Skip Hegland for removing and replacing the Communion Rails to make room in the Sanctuary for the orchestra.
- Thank you to Rick Osborn for setting the extra chairs in the Narthex for the

audience overflow.

- Thank you to our Pastors, Steve and Lara, for supporting this community event with enthusiasm.
- Thank you to Steve Stevens and our friends in the First Lutheran Choir
- Thank you to our wonderful Bell Choir and director Ron Johanson
- Thank you to Simple Graces, our outstanding flute quartet
- Thank you to our *Gloria!* Orchestra.
- Thank you, thank you to the Chancel Choir for their hard work preparing the music, setting up and taking down and hosting the First Lutheran Choir.

Thank you to Nathan Jensen for bringing and tuning the harpsichord used for the "*Gloria*".

Thank you from Sylvia and Nola



20:2:40 New group at BUMC . . .

The **20:2:40** Group is a community of people **aged 18-40**. We are open to college goers, singles, couples, married folk, those with children and everyone in between. We welcome and encourage the diversity. The purpose of this group is to share ideas, be involved in church activities as a group, air concerns or share joys. Please feel free to use our time together as a way to bounce ideas and thoughts off one another, while keeping a high level of respect and support toward one another. Our main goal is to create a safe environment for everyone to feel comfortable speaking from their heart. Of course, the most important part of our group is to enjoy time with our fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ. *Childcare is always provided.*

Sunday, 12/20 - Open Discussion/Fellowship @ 5 p.m. (BUMC Senior High Room)

Sunday, 1/10/10 - Open Discussion/Fellowship @ 5 p.m. (Senior High Room)

For more information: please contact Apryl Davis apecakes@live.com.

Primetimers is an educational and mission experience for older adults sponsored by the United Methodist Church. In 2010 Primetimers will offer a dozen different experiences and the U.S. and nearby countries. Experiences of a week are offered in Costa Rica, Jamaica, Alaska, New Mexico, St. Simon Island, and Georgia.

The Eagle River Camp experience north of Juneau, Alaska is offered August 20 – 28, 2010. Cost is \$915 plus airfare. For more information about Primetimers call toll free (877) 882-4724, or use their website www.primetimers.info.

Come join The Sojourners

for some great gospel music and sweet treats at their annual Christmas Concert to support our covenant mission with Devi Bhujel. There will also be time for you to join in the singing of your favorite carols.

Please join us on **December 19th** at **3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall** for the festivities. We hope to see everyone there!



Worship Themes: Epiphany and 2010

January 3rd (Epiphany Sunday): *Star Power.* Matthew 2:1-12 (Magi follow a star to Jesus). Jesus is a light shining in the darkness. He exposes the dangers we face and reveals an alternative path for us to follow. Communion

January 10th (Baptism of the Lord): *Great Expectations.* Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Jesus is baptized). John raises our expectations of Jesus' ministry and baptism. How does Jesus meet these great expectations? We will include a reaffirmation of the baptism covenant.

January 17th: *Influential People.* John 2:1-11 (Jesus accompanies his mother to a wedding). We all have a vital role in achieving God's purposes. Installation of UMW officers.

January 24th: *Reading Lessons.* Luke 4:14-21 (Jesus reads from Isaiah). The Bible is foundational for the church but it is not always easy to understand. Jesus shows us a good way of approaching it.

Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary

January 3: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12

January 10: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 24: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a;
Luke 4:14-21

January 31: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13;
Luke 4:21-30





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Worship Services

8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Childcare 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Services

~Grace and Peace to all who gather here~