



Footprints

Black Forest Community Church



July 21, 2017

Black Forest Festival

The Black Forest Festival is Saturday, August 12. In addition to all the fun activities planned for our parking lot, we will also be entering a float in the parade.

Barb Lehman is having a meeting this Sunday, July 23rd immediately following the service for anyone interested in helping with the float. If this sounds like fun then plan to attend, it takes lots of hands to put together a project this big!

Parking lot plans for this year include - food, drinks, children's activity, Lu La Roe, the water bubbles, and Kona ice. If you are interested in helping you can contact Debbie Putney at education@blackforestcommunitychurch.org or [719-358-7070](tel:719-358-7070).

Special Guest

You may have met one of our regular visitors, Retired Pastor, Solaria Jarmon. He will be our speaker on July 30 and we are so happy to have him giving the sermon that day.



First Step Preschool

Liese is looking for a volunteer to help her get the preschool library organized. If you have some background or experience in library science and

would like to help with this project, please let Liese know. You can call her at 495-0146 or email at firststep@blackforestcommunitychurch.org

Thanks for all you do to support the ministry of First Step Preschool!

Missions Corner



Hi From TLC!

Summer is in full swing, but Tri-Lakes Cares is already starting its annual school supplies drive, striving to ensure that every child in our community is fully prepared for school. By providing students with these tools, we help equip them to gain the education for their future success. Last year, with the help of generous donations from our supporters, TLC provided required supplies for over 135 students!

All supplies are welcome, but here's a list of the most requested items:

Binders
Colored Pencils 12 pack
Composition Notebooks
Crayons 24 count
Dry Erase Markers
Erasers
Facial Tissue
Glue Sticks & Bottles
Hand Sanitizers – alcohol based
Highlighters
Markers
Notebook Paper Refills
Notebooks



Paper Towels
Pencil Boxes
Pencil Pouches
Pencils #2
Pens – black, blue,
red
Plastic Folders
Rulers
Scissors
Watercolor Paint Sets
Wipes – bleach and fragrance free
Ziplock Bags – gallon, quart, sandwich/snack



BFCC is partnering with TLC for this important ministry. You may drop off donations in the church office, there is a red collection tub near the water cooler.

“Marketing” Help Needed

Does anyone have any marketing experience, and/or willing to assist with 'getting the word out' regarding our Church's activities? I need help!! Pls contact Mona 203-8233 thanks much!!

You are invited

to an Ecclesiastical Council for Logan Bennett, a Member in Discernment with the Southeastern Association on Sunday Aug. 13 at 3 p.m. at First Congregational UCC in Colorado Springs.

What is an ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL?

When a ministerial candidate who we call a Member in Discernment has graduated from seminary and has completed all the additional requirements to move toward ordination, he or she is examined by the local Church and Ministry Committee. After successfully completing that ordination examination, the next step in the approval process is an **ecclesiastical council**. The ecclesiastical council is an official meeting held before or following the point at which the candidate has received a call to an ordained ministry position recognized by the Association.

As the Association is the ordaining body, the candidate must be examined by voting delegates

from the churches in the Association. An official meeting is called where **lay (this means YOU!)** and clergy members of our churches hear a brief presentation from the candidate's ordination paper, have the opportunity to ask questions, and are given the responsibility to vote to approve ordination, pending a call to ministry.

The ordination paper consists of three parts: the candidate's theological perspective; knowledge and understanding of UCC history, polity, and practice; and personal faith journey.

Ideally, the candidate's ordination paper is distributed to the delegates in time for their reading before the ecclesiastical council. The purpose of the ecclesiastical council is to authorize the ordination of the candidate.

According to our Association bylaws, each church, based on membership size, is given voting delegate responsibilities. Black Forest Community UCC is allotted 3 delegates, although more members may be present. It is our responsibility as a covenantal church to support these official meetings with voting representation.

If you'd like to read more about the ordaining process, check out Section Three of the Manual on Ministry;
http://www.ucc.org/ministers_manual





Upcoming BFCC Events

- July 23 Black Forest Festival Float Mtg
- July 30 Rev. Solaria Jarmon
- Aug 9 Board Meeting
- Aug 12 Black Forest Festival
- Aug 20 Rally Sunday



Tom Putney would like to start a Men's Ministry. He and Jon McGrew have shared ideas in the past, and now is the time to get started.

Please contact Tom at tomp1171@yahoo.com or text 659-4001 if you are interested and or able to meet on a Tuesday evening this month (time and place depends on input from respondents).

Items for Footprints

If you have something that you would like to share with the church family, be it news or just something inspirational, please send it to Sheryl in the church office.

Items received by Thursday will make it into that week's edition!



Prayer Chain

To request prayer (if you have the individual's permission to share the information) or to receive information about prayer requests (by email or phone call), contact Sheryl Salter in the office at 719-495-2207 or office@blackforestcommunitychurch.org or Margaret Natelli at 719-495-9679 or nnatelli2@aol.com).