



An Orchestral Christmas at BCUMC

Warm your soul with Christmas Music and Advent Soup, December 14th at 5pm. The concert of holiday music by the orchestra of Arlington UMC and Bruen Chapel Handbell Ringers will be in the Sanctuary. Guests are invited to stay afterwards for a cup of soup with bread and salad and/or dessert. Goodwill offering to be taken.

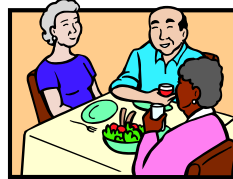
Calling all Nifty Knitters and Crafty Critters

We have a group together for knitting and crocheting things for missions, blankets and scarves mostly. We have met once and plan to meet again. If you do not know how to do either of these handicrafts but want to learn, we are happy to teach you. Let Lucy-lucirose@yahoo.com) or Daniel-dppierce@gmail.com know if interested.



LUNCH BUNCH

We plan to get together to talk and enjoy a meal on the fourth Sunday of the month. We started this group to a) get to know each other a little better and b) not simply say, "have a good week" after service and café on Sunday. We can discover "new" restaurants together as well. Join us!



December Lunch Bunch

Date: 12/28 **Location:** TBA (due to holiday)
let's decide together



Sign Up to Feed Your Fellow Friendly Folks

You can help feed your fellow parishioners after worship services. Just bring in snacks, (cheese and crackers, vegetables and dip, "finger" sandwiches, crackers, cookies, etc.) and/or beverages (lemonade/juices) for this *always enjoyable* post-service fellowship time. Also, in the middle of

the month, we celebrate that month's birthdays and anniversaries with some cake.

The coffee is usually made but if you come early enough, you can learn to do that too. There is a sign up sheet on the wall outside the "Café". Where there is food, there are some dishes to wash, so volunteering to help clean up afterwards is always welcome. Note: there's no Café on Sundays when we have "Lunch Bunch", the 4th Sunday of the month. If many do a little, few have to do much. Thanks in advance for your efforts and assistance.

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"BRUEN'S BREWIN'S" Bruen Chapel UMC Newsletter - December, 2014



**CHRISTMAS EVE
CAROLS, COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH 7:30 p.m.**

Find our latest news on our website: www.bruenchapel.org.

*Offering Sanctuary, Friendship, Spiritual Growth
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Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship Service 11 am
12 pm Cafe - *Coffee & Conversation*
Lunch Bunch - Fourth Sunday of the month
(Handbell/Choir Rehearsals also occur on Sundays)

Monday Church Office Closed
Tuesday 10:30 am Chair Dancing
Thursday 10:30 am Chair Dancing
Friday Church Office Closed

Saturday, 9:30 am - Cancer Support Group

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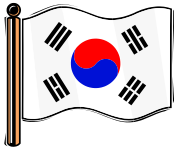
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We Now Share Our Building with A New Congregation



Last month, we welcomed another congregation, the Capital Community Korean American Presbyterian Church, (CCKAPC) to BCUMC. This congregation started in a nearby home. They have been using our facility since last month for worship on Sunday afternoons 2-5 pm, for Bible study Wednesday evenings, 7-9:30 pm, and several mornings a week from 6-7:30 am for early morning prayer.

They recently served us a delicious Thanksgiving feast because they wanted to share this traditional American meal with us. They did include a dish of kim-chi for Korean flavor. They raked our leaves last week and will be donating several poinsettias as well.

“Kahm-sah-hahm-nee-da!!” (That’s thank you in Korean).

December at Bruen Chapel UMC

Sun., 12/7 Holy Communion
 Sun., 12/14 5pm Christmas Concert w/ the
 Arlington UMC Orchestra
 6pm Advent Soup Supper
 Wed., 12/24 7:30pm Christmas Eve
 Carols Communion & Candlelight



Financial Note About The End of The Year

In order to count and deposit your 2014 gifts to the church before 01/01/2015, we need to receive them by Sunday, 12/28/2014. Please plan to bring yourself and your gift to worship services during December; if you cannot be with us for the holidays, it would be helpful to us (and to you, if you want an end of the year statement of giving from us) if you would mail your December offering and any special end of the year gift before December 24th. Thanks in advance for your generosity.



Regarding Poinsettias:

We already have 63 poinsettias due to the largess of the Korean congregation. They have given 33 poinsettias, one for each year of Christ’s life. If you want to "order" a poinsettia, how about giving a gift to mission. Then take home one of the poinsettias we will have on hand. We’ll make sure any info on "in honor of" or "in memory of" gets into the bulletin.

PASTOR’S CORNER

Common Praise (1998) #99

Break, day of God, O break! The night has lingered long, our hearts with sighing wake; we weep for sin & wrong: O bright & Morning star, draw near; O Sun of Righteousness, appear.	Break, day of God, O break! The earth with strife is worn; the hills with thunder shake, hearts of the people mourn: Break, day of God, sweet day of peace, & bid the shout of warriors cease.
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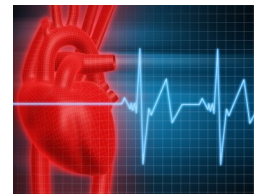
Break, day of God, O break,
 like to the days above!
 Let purity awake,
 & faith, & hope, & love.
 But lo! We see the brightening sky;
 the golden morn is drawing nigh.

You've probably heard of the Doomsday Clock, a symbolic clock face representing prominent scientists' estimations of where we may be in the countdown to global catastrophe - a nuclear war that annihilates everything or irreversible disastrous climate change. The most recent official setting, five minutes to midnight, was made on January 14, 2014.

Journeying towards Christmas during Advent each year, we light one candle after another on our Advent wreath. As we do, we stand with spiritual forbears who wondered whether the world and life as they knew it was going to be destroyed, and whether there was any hope. At the same time, though, we reaffirm our faith that God, especially as revealed in Jesus, is the Hope of the World. We try to understand what that means for people today. During this Advent, may we lead the world in hopeful journeying by living as children of our loving God's Pure Light in Jesus.



Pastor Ruth Burgess



Check Out Chair Dancing

Our Chair Dancing Group has been going strong for several years. Members meet twice a week, usually Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and enjoy some time of camaraderie while at the same time doing some extremely low-impact aerobic exercise, all from a seated position. This helps with cardiovascular fitness and all-around flexibility as well as coordination. They welcome new members who are looking for a fun, “non-threatening” way to fitness.

