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Church settling into new space. "This is definitely a celebration because we're getting to host the sale in this beautiful space," said Nancy Church, Christ Church Greenery Sale Co-Chair. "It's a bit of a homecoming and we hope that will entice people to want to come because the more people that shop and the more people who buy — the broader the outreach is for the ECW."

The modern day bazaar and greenery sale is even online now. "We went online last year with shopify," said Wallace. "Yep, the old-timey bake sale goes modern, but we do still provide parishioners that don't use computers the option of ordering with a paper form," chimed in Church.

They may have streamlined the order process but tradition holds strong within this community. Ellen and Michael Jackson have treasured Christmas ornaments hand-crafted by fellow parishioner Jinny Haywood that they've collected over the years from the greenery sale. "I used to get up and go early to make sure I got two of them — one for each of our girls," said Ellen Jackson. "My favorite story about our collection is that Jinny found out I was collecting her ornaments and one day she just placed a grocery bag full of them in my mailbox — I thought I had won the lottery when I found that!" Greenery sale treasures waiting to be passed on to the next generation.

The pre-orders for the greenery are running online now at: christchurch-raleigh.myshopify.com and the on-site event is scheduled for Saturday, December 3 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon at 120 East Edenton Street in Raleigh

## From Macramé Angels to Corporate delivery

According to Hayes Barton United Methodist Church member Mary Douglass their bazaar began in the 1950's in their fellowship hall with lunch and crafts when their community was still called the "Chapel in the Pines." In 2015 HBUMC raised \$40,000 for local non-profits. This year their Humble Hearts Bazaar kicked off on November 9 with a silent auction, followed by a corporate lunch delivery service November



15, and evening shopping that same day — you can sign up for the corporate lunch delivery at: hbumc.org/signups and shop at the Christian Marketplace with lunch on November 16 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

"There is joy and laughter in the kitchen as we meet new friends and reconnect with old ones," said Laura Kirby, HBUMC Bazaar Co-Chair "We all work together for a common cause of serving our neighbors in need."

All event details for HBUMC's Humble Hearts Bazaar can be found at: hbumc.org and the location for shopping is: Hayes Barton United Methodist Church, 2209 Fairview Road in Raleigh.

When you are on the road this time of year and see those banners beckoning you to come inside and shop at a local church bazaar, take a minute and pop inside — there's no telling the fellowship, craftsmanship, and community of people you will find waiting to welcome you.



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## ski season | Beech Mountain

# Additions to slopes aim to enhance skiers' experiences



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**T**HE LEAVES HAVE FALLEN and nights are cold, for adventure seekers one thing is on the horizon — and that is ski season. Luckily, North Carolina is equipped with plenty of great ski resorts and Beech Mountain has been working on some major improvements during their off season — including a new, revamped terrain park.

As the highest ski resort east of the Rockies, Beech Mountain is situated at 5,506 feet and home to 17 slopes. The terrain park just received a facelift and relocation, formerly situated on the Powder Bowl slope, it now has its own dedicated area. Known as "The Park" adjustments include a larger park, advanced lighting, a state-of-the-art snowmaking system, grades and shapes designed specifically for a terrain park, as well as a rotating inventory of 50 features. Yet, perhaps the best enhancement is the new, designated surface tow-lift. The lift allows those on the terrain park to ride day-in-and-day-out while avoiding lines on other lifts.

Resort general manager Ryan Costin noted the significance of the addition, "Guests can make as many runs as they want and conceivably be there all day long without ever riding the lift to the top," Costin says. "We made it a facility that really highlights that type of activity. And a lot of people who participate in freestyle skiing and snowboarding come at night, so we enhanced that aspect with a really good lighting system."

ers and adrenaline junkies will have their own area to practice the sport. The relocation adds more space to the Upper and Lower Powder Bowl Trails, which are popular with all levels of skiers — and it connects to one of the most popular lifts on the mountain — the High Speed Quad, which takes you to the top.

Aside from the enhancements to the terrain park, Beech Mountain also added five, brand new SMI snow guns. Additionally more water pumps and additional storage capacity have been added to enhance their snowmaking abilities.

Other improvements come in the form of aesthetics, like a new general paint scheme for the main lodge at the resort, View Haus. Last year, the resort debuted a new, 700 ft. tube park in the resort center, which garnered much popularity, Costin says he feels confident it will be even more popular this season.

As far as a good season goes, season passes are already on sale and ski season usually begins in late November, sometimes extending until the end of March. Talia Freeman, director of marketing said, "We will open as soon as possible. Our goal is always to open with quality conditions. We look for a consistent cold weather pattern before we can begin making snow. It does appear the weather pattern is changing, so we could be open as early as next week. We had a great season last year, so I think this year will be even better!"

Popular ski days include Martin Luther King Jr. Day as well as around the Christmas season. Here's a secret: from

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