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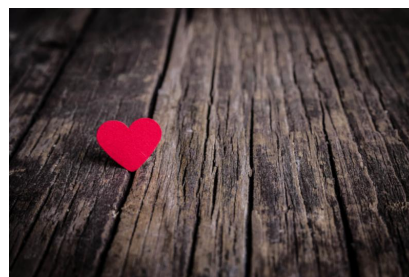
Valentine's Day Sermon

February 14. Better than a Hallmark card.

Valentine's Day falls on a Sunday this year. As such, Dr. Bynum's sermon on will focus on **Living in love with one another**, especially in the context of

marriage. As part of this special service, couples will

be given the opportunity to renew their vows. You won't want to miss this chance to grow closer to God and your spouse.



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Souper Bowl of Caring

UMW. Be a game changer! Tackle Hunger!

The **United Methodist Women** will connect caring, giving and football **this** Sunday, February 7 by collecting change before,

between and after all worship services. Monetary donations will be given to the *Houston Northwest Community Center's* Food Pantry to help purchase food for those in need in



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our community. We hope to feed many hungry families with the money collected.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 10. Sanctuary @ 6:30 p.m. Imposition of ashes.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when we, as Christians, prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: *our sinfulness before God and our human mortality*. This service helps us realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship. Historically, ashes signified purification and sorrow for sins.



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Enrich Your Lenten Worship

Try something new. Give up your Wednesday night.

Tired of giving up chocolate and sweets for Lent? Try something new this year! Give up your Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and **join the Chancel Choir** for the six weeks of Lent as we sing the passion of Lent and the celebration that is Easter. Instead of "hands off" that chocolate, enrich your disciple journey with a "hands-on" experience of Jesus' ministry, death and resurrection. You may join us any time, but there is NO rehearsal on Ash Wednesday, February 10.



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

February 9. Fellowship Hall @ 6 p.m. Talent show too!

The whole church is invited to join us for a night of yummy pancakes and BCUMC talent as we celebrate Shrove Tuesday!

Got talent? Contact [John Henley](#) to sign up to perform in the talent show!



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UMM BBQ Fundraiser

Avoid the grill. Watch the game. Enjoy great BBQ.

Pick up your orders **this** Sunday, February 7 - before, between and after the worship services.



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UMW Retreat - "Joyful Journey"

Real Love. Real Faith. Real Laughter.



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Come be filled by God's love. Be inspired to overflow into other's lives. Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24. Hilton Garden Inn - the Woodlands. Guest speaker is Karen Cunningham. Early registration: February 14 thru March 20.

Questions? Contact [Pam Anthes](#) or [Cyndi Miller](#). For more information, click [here](#) to see the flyer with full details on prices for lodging and meals.

Important Youth Events

Put these on your calendar.

April 2 ~ Night on the Town (Annual Youth Fundraiser)

April 24 ~ Confirmation Sunday

June 6 - 10 ~ JUMMP (Junior High Mission Trip)

May 22 ~ Senior Sunday - updated date

June 26 - July 2 ~ UM ARMY (Senior High Mission Trip)

July 11 - 15 ~ District Camp

July 24 - 31 ~ Summer Blast Week



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New Room Houston

February 18. Faithbridge Church. 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

A one-day event for individuals and groups that includes breakout sessions in the following ministry areas:

- **Prayer** with David Thomas
- **Preaching** with Jessica LaGrone
- **Lay Leadership** with Ken Werlein
- **Church Planting** with Eric and Geovanna Huffman
- **Worship** with JD Walt and Mark Benjamin
- **Youth Ministry** with Jeremy Steele, Aaron Buttery and Eddie Erwin



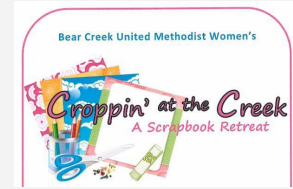
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Gatherings are also outstanding opportunities to bring your entire church leadership for communal learning and banding together with other likeminded leaders in the area.

If you are interested in attending, please contact [Jonathan Bynum](#) or [Lisa Gill](#) for details. We can get discount tickets for groups of 2 or more. Event address: 18000 Stuebner Airline Road, Spring, TX 77379.

Croppin' at the Creek

February 26 & 27. Family Life Center gym.



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- Friday (6 p.m. to midnight) only: \$25
- Saturday (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) only: \$50
- Friday and Saturday: \$65

Registration includes dinner Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday, snacks and drinks.

Door Prizes - Make 'n Takes - 6' Table - Vendors

Contact Julie Kunz at 713.823.8051 or Christine Kalmbach at 832.755.2954. Click for more [information](#) or to [register](#) online.

PB & J Donations Needed

Bring your donations on the first Sunday of each month.

The Houston Northwest Community Center food pantry is located on our church property. **On an average pantry night 125 families are served, representing 600+ individuals.** The need remains great. Unfortunately, donations have tapered off over the past few months. We will have greeters at the door on the first Sunday each month to accept your donations. Please help us revitalize this critical ministry; so many people in our community are positively impacted by the generosity of our church family.

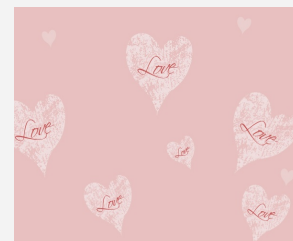


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Children's Ministry Mission Trip

Fellowship. Service. Caring.

Sunday, **February 14 from 4 - 6 p.m.** we will visit a local nursing home and deliver Valentine's Day cards and sing



to the residents. We will make and sign the cards in Sunday School that morning. We will NOT have KidzRock practice that night.

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Online and Text Giving

Electronic giving. From your smartphone.

We now offer online and text giving on our website. Both options are facilitated through Shelby Systems, Inc., our church administration software, which is highly secure. You will find links and instructions on the [giving](#) page of our website.

Thank you for your faithful contributions that allow us to continue the various ministries of Bear Creek United Methodist Church!



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Fellowship Friday / Energizers

February 19. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Energizers, a group of active adults age 50-plus, enjoy gatherings that include day-long excursions. We meet on the third Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.



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Fellowship Friday, an Energizers outreach ministry, provides a loving, welcoming and fun environment for family members with mild to moderate memory loss who do not require skilled care. This program, a partnership between Interfaith CarePartners and BCUMC, is designed to give caregivers some much needed time away. The theme for February is "Valentine's Day" and the entertainment is *Kingsmen Barbershop Chorus*.

Western Prayer Wall

FLC 101. Leave a Prayer Request.

Been to the Holy Land? If it's too far or you've already been, visit our BCUMC Western Prayer Wall any time during church office hours or on Sunday. Please leave your prayer request in the crevices of the wall. Thank you - the Prayer Ministry Team.



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Pray Together

FLC 101. Wednesdays @ 9:15 a.m.

Are you free on Wednesday mornings? Want someone to join with you in prayer? Come for *A Time to Pray Together* as we lift up our concerns and rejoice in our joys.



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