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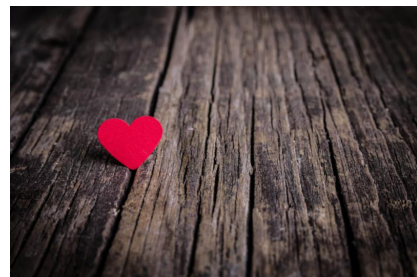
## *Valentine's Day Sermon*

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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## *With Gratitude*

Souper Bowl of Caring. UMW. Thank you!

A big "thank you" from the Bear Creek United Methodist Women for your generosity in giving to the Souper Bowl of Caring. **This**

**year \$887.50 was collected!** Your big-hearted contributions will help the *Houston Northwest Community Center* Food Pantry feed the hungry in our area.



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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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## 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.

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## Shrove Tuesday Update

Pancakes. Talent. Love. Laughter.



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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was so much fun! The staff (with lots of help from the youth) flipped several hundred yummy pancakes...although no one could keep up with Dr. Bynum, who cooked a dozen at a time! The Henley family lead everyone in some gospel hymns and even snuck in a few southern-rock songs. After expenses, **\$473 was raised and will be donated to the HNwCC Food Pantry.** Thank you to all who attended and gave so generously! See you next year.

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## Important Youth Events

Put these on your calendar.

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

April 24 ~ Confirmation Sunday



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## *PB & J Donation Success*

Way to go Bear Creek UMC. Thank You!

On Sunday, February 7 you - our awesome congregation - brought **328 pounds of peanut butter and jelly AND nearly \$100 in cash** that will be used to purchase additional food for the Houston Northwest Community Center Food Pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please continue to donate on the first Sunday of each month.



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## *Children's Ministry Mission Trip*

Fellowship. Service. Caring.

This 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



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are provided.

**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*.

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## *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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