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Altarnative Thoughts

by Dr. Jonathan Bynum.

A funny thing happened after I went to Israel: I became really interested in Israel. I read the Bible with a clearer vision. As I study scripture I look up all those strangely named locales. Every morning I check the news on The Jerusalem Post. My ears perk up when I hear reports about Israel. I get upset when I feel like the Jews are being treated unfairly. Don't get me started on the recent rash of Anti-Semitic incidents...



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I knew about Israel, but it used to seem so strange, so "over there." Now, having visited Israel, I want to know it more and more. It's weird...like I feel a kinship with Israel.

I've noticed the same thing about people. They seem so strange, so out there. But then you visit with them and get to know them and you find out how interesting they really are. In time you start to feel a kind kinship, connectedness.

There are people all around you that you can start the adventure of getting to know and they can discover how interesting you are. And through you they can start to encounter Jesus.

That's a pretty wild thought. That's the wild plan God has for the world.

While you are at it, invite someone to join you Easter morning!

Laura Krustchinsky meets Bishop

Bishop Jones is the author of our church-wide study.

"Bishop Jones is so friendly and likeable. I had all of my books out for him to see. I told him we had the best small group and we were enjoying his study."



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Holy Week

April 9 through 15.

Sunday, April 9: **Palm Sunday**

- 8:15 - Sanctuary
- 9:40 - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 - Sanctuary



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Monday, April 10 @ 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

- Movie Night: *Jesus Christ Superstar* - Andrew Lloyd Webber's opera that rocked the world

Tuesday, April 11 @ 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

- Hour of Prayer
- Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 13: **Maundy Thursday** @ 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

- The Journey of Jesus: A slideshow from the Bynums' trip to Israel
- Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14: **Good Friday** @ 7pm (Sanctuary)

- *In Calvary's Shadow*: Tenebrae Service by the Chancel Choir

Saturday, April 15 @ 2pm

- Community Easter Egg Hunt (church campus)

Sunday, April 16: **EASTER!**

- 8:15 - Sanctuary
- 9:40 - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 - Sanctuary

Easter Flower Cross

We have an Easter morning tradition of adorning a flower cross in the courtyard. We

always have carnations available so everyone can join in but we also want to invite you to bring other flowers to include in the cross - share whatever is blooming in your garden!

Good Friday Tenebrae Service

April 14 @ 7pm in the Sanctuary.

The Chancel Choir will present *In Calvary's Shadow* during Good Friday services, April 14 at 7pm. Joining the choir will be singers from Cy Woods High School. The Chancel Choir is directed by Sean Saunders and accompanied by Diane Garrett.



In Calvary's Shadow is a deeply moving service of penitence and forgiveness. With elegant simplicity, it invites the faithful to experience Jesus' journey from betrayal to crucifixion with scripture readings and congregational singing. With arrangements of spirituals and gospel hymns, the piece also includes music by celebrated composer Victor Johnson.

Please join us as part of Bear Creek UMC's observance of Holy Week.

Chili's Spirit Night

Proceeds benefit Bear Creek UMC Missions.

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support BCUMC Missions. With **each flyer presented** on Sunday, April 2 between 11:00am and 10:30pm, Chili's will donate 15% of the event day sales! Only at W.

Little York location: 5841 Hwy 6 N, Houston, TX 77084. You may pick up a flyer in the Narthex on Sunday, April 2 or in the church office or click to [download](#) and print one.



Books with Friends

Book Club in the Library. Open to all.

Join us three times this year for a book discussion group sponsored by the BCUMC Library and the UMW.



Our first meeting will be April 23 from 4:00 to 5:30pm in the Library and/or Narthex of the Fellowship Hall. Our first book is *The Undoing of Saint Silvanus*, by Beth Moore. You are responsible for purchasing your own book, which is available at [Lifeway](#) for \$12.49 (half-price until March 20, 2017!) You will also find a description of the book here.

We will meet again on June 10 and October 29. Books for those dates will be communicated once they are determined. We hope to see you there!

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 @ 2pm.

The BCUMC Children's Council would appreciate your assistance with this year's Egg Hunt. We need non-chocolate candy, empty plastic eggs and volunteers to help work the event. You may drop off your donation at the church office. Contact [John Henley](#) if you would like to help during the event.



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Saturday in Service

Saturday, April 8 @ 8:30am.

Saturday-in-Service is your opportunity to help support BCUMC Ministry & Missions with campus-wide service projects for a maximum of 3 ½ hours on Saturday, April 8th.



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There are various projects on the BCUMC campus for all skill levels, including: painting, adding sand to the playground, cleaning pews, light gardening, power washing, and more. Service projects for both children's and youth ministries are being planned. All projects are underwritten by the BCUMC Trustees, so all that is needed is your presence and willingness to help.

A light snack breakfast begins at 8:30am, with service projects starting at 8:45am. All projects will be completed before noon.

Please visit the Trustees table between services this Sunday with questions and to sign up, or email the church [office](#).

Musical Opportunities

Chancel and Chamber Choir volunteers needed.

Clarinetist Needed - The Chamber Choir needs a clarinetist to play with them on Maundy Thursday, April 13. For more information, please contact [Sean Saunders](#).



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Youth News

Night on the Range tickets for sale.

Our Youth Celebration of Ministry and fundraiser for summer events, **Night On The Range**, will be Saturday, April 29 at 6:30pm in the FLC. We invite everyone to attend and enjoy a great BBQ dinner and entertainment by the Youth, as well as silent and live auctions of dessert items, student art work, and other items you won't want to miss!



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Tickets sales have begun and can be purchased from youth families at the tables outside of Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary before and after worship services on April 2 and 9; tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Proceeds help our students participate in JUMMP, UMARMY, and summer camp at Lakeview, so please come and celebrate with us and support our Bear Creek Youth!

Contact [Lea Bynum](#) or [John Henley](#) with questions.

AWANA on Wednesdays

April 5, 2017 @ 6:30pm in the FLC gym.



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Bear Creek United Methodist is devoted to nurturing your children with scriptural teaching, fun activities, and opportunities to cultivate great friendships that last forever.

Here are a few things to remember:

- On Wednesday, April 5, please drop off (6:30) and pick up (8:00) your child in the Tree House on the second floor of the Family Life Center.
- Fill out a new Kidzone Registration ([English](#) or [Spanish](#)) form for 2016-17.
- Pay the \$20.00 registration fee per family for 2016-17.
- **We will not have Awana on April 13 due to Holy Week services.**

Please contact [John Henley](#) if you have questions concerning any ministry to children here at Bear Creek United Methodist Church. Click [here](#) for the schedule.

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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Energizers

April 21, 2017 @ 10:30am.

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 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided. Join us for games and Christian fellowship.



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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. **Our next meeting is May 12 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.** The theme for May is *Mother's Day* and the entertainment is Harbor Light Choir. **Please note that Fellowship Friday will not meet in April due to Good Friday.**

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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A Time to Pray Together

Prayer Room - Ministry Village. Wednesdays @ 9am.

Come to pray with us for the congregational needs of BCUMC and for what God puts on our hearts. We are trusting in His Promise, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." ~ Matthew 18:20



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