



bearcreekumc.org

July 27th
2017

worship... walk... work...

Text Leo a Selfie

Our new Senior Pastor wants to know you!

Keep the selfies coming! Pastor Leo is asking you to send him a photo of yourself, including your first and last name, to 832-773-4901. This will help him familiarize himself with all the smiling faces he sees on Sunday mornings.



walk

Young Adult Worship Planning

Saturday, July 29 @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ready to worship on your own terms? Pastor Leo needs your ideas to serve **your** needs in a worship service. He is planning a Saturday evening brainstorming session to learn what a young adult like you would want in a worship service - a service designed for young adults by young adults.



work/worship

There will FREE coffee from HeBrews Coffee House!

MOPS Registration Play Day

Tuesday, August 8 from 10am to 12pm.

Moms, bring your kids to Monkey Joe's (15540 FM 529, Houston, TX. 77095) on Tuesday, August 8 and register while they play. We will have computers or forms available for sign-up. Registration fee is \$31.95 + Chapter fee of \$50/semester. The registration fee is refundable when you sign up for volunteer opportunities.



work

Blood Drive

Sunday, August 27 in the FLC gym.

We are having a blood drive on Sunday, August 27 in the gym from 8am to 2pm. [Sign up](#) today!



work

*Four unexpected benefits of donating blood:
(excerpt from Health.com)*

Your iron levels will stay balanced

Healthy adults usually have about 5 grams of iron in their bodies, mostly in red blood cells but also in bone marrow. When you donate a unit of blood, you lose about a quarter of a gram of iron, which gets replenished from the food you eat in the weeks after donation. This regulation of iron levels is a good thing, because having too much iron could be bad news for your blood vessels.

You could live longer

Doing good for others is one way to live a longer life. A study in *Health Psychology* found that people who volunteered for altruistic reasons had a significantly reduced risk of mortality four years later than those who volunteered for themselves alone.

Your blood may flow better

Repeated blood donations may help the blood flow in a way that's less damaging to the lining of the blood vessels and could result in fewer arterial blockages.

You'll get a mini check up

Before you give blood, you'll first have to complete a quick physical that measures your temperature, pulse, blood pressure, and hemoglobin levels. After your blood is collected, it's sent off to a lab where it will undergo 13 different tests for infectious diseases, like HIV and West Nile virus. If anything comes back positive, you'll be notified immediately.

Angel Tree Backpacks

Return backpacks and gift cards by August 6.

Members of the Angel Tree Committee will be in the Narthex on Sunday, July 30, passing out angels requesting new backpacks for our Angel Tree children. Backpacks can be returned to the church office during the week of July 31 - August 4 or to the Narthex on Sunday, August 6. There will also be angels requesting Family Gift Cards that will be given to the families to help with their back to school expenses.



work

The Angel Tree Committee will then fill the backpacks with the needed school supplies and present them to the children at our Backpack Party. If you would like to help with the cost of the school supplies, please make your check **payable to BCUMC** with *Angel Tree* in the memo line.

As always, your continued and generous support of Angel Tree is greatly appreciated.

Clay's Spirit Night

Last chance. Thursday, August 17.

The Chancel Choir will get 10% on all receipts turned in for Bear Creek UMC from Clay's Restaurant. Come out any time **Thursday, August 17** after 5:00 — bring your friends, and raise money for the choir! This will be an ongoing fundraiser, held the third Thursday of the month. Someone will be at Clay's to collect the receipts or they can be dropped off at the church office with a notation "Chancel Choir."



Proceeds will go towards hiring year-round singers for the Chancel and Chamber choirs.

Youth News

Mark your calendars!

- July 30 - Youth @5
We will have a guest speaker for the Senior High Youth. She will be giving her testimony on escaping human trafficking.



We need Sunday School teachers for Youth and Children. We are looking for teachers and substitute teachers - we are asking for a one-year commitment.

walk

- Tuesday, August 1; 6 to 8 pm - Skating at Bear Creek Skating Rink
(bring \$ for snacks)
- Wednesday, August 2; 6 to 8 pm - Game Night/Open Gym at Bear Creek UMC
(bring dinner; snacks and drinks will be provided)
- Sunday, August 6; 5 to 7pm - Hang out at Sonic on Hwy 6 in Copperfield
(during Youth @5)
- Wednesday, August 9; 6 to 8pm - Laser Tag at Track 21 6-8 pm
(laser tag is \$7 per game, you'll also need money for snacks)
- Sunday, August 13; 5 to 8pm - Messy Game Night at Bear Creek UMC
- Sunday, August 20; 5 to 7pm - Back to School Bash at Bear Creek UMC
- Sunday, August 27; 12:30 to 2:00pm - Lunch at Willie's Ice House on Hwy 6 in Copperfield

Click to [download](#) our KidZone registration form. All youth attending any of our activities, whether on campus or off, **must** have a current form on file.

- August 13 - Teacher training
- August 20 - Backpack Blessing, SS Teacher Recognition, Promotion Sunday

If you have questions or would like more information about our Youth or Children's programs, please contact [John Henley](#) or [Jana Jones](#).

August 6 @ 12:30pm in Sanctuary.

District Superintendent, Tony Vincent, will be here to facilitate the church business of the sale of the parsonage.



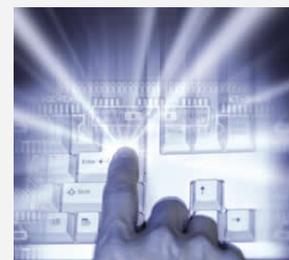
work

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!



worship

Energizers

Active adults age 50-plus.

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 August 11 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.*** The theme for July is *Summertime* and the entertainment is the Sunshiners.



walk

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.

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.



walk

A Time to Pray Together

Prayer Room - Ministry Village. Wednesdays @ 9:15am.

Come and 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



walk

Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**
281.463.2330 X109

