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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.

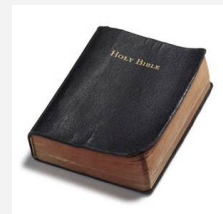


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Sunday Night Ladies Bible Study

Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus.

The Sunday night Ladies Bible study group invites you to join us in Our study by Lisa Harper as she journeys through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter: Jesus is our accessible King. He is not a faraway God, but an up-close Redeemer who draws near to us. *Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus* helps women make the connection between God the Father and God the Son and reminds us that Jesus is supreme, but He is also compassionate, empathetic, and loving to no end. Lisa Harper makes digging into Hebrews fun and doable, as only she can, without losing an ounce of depth.



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FLC Room 102 from 5:00 to 6:30pm **beginning Sunday, August 13.**

Seekers Sunday School

Invitation to Adult Sunday School.

The Seekers Sunday School Class would like to invite you to join us for our current study: *Confronting the Controversies, Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues* by Adam Hamilton. The class meets on Sundays at 9:40am in Rooms 212/213 in the Family Life Center.



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Third Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, August 20 @ 8am in the FLC Gym.

The Genesis Sunday School Class will be preparing and serving another amazing breakfast on August 20, so come hungry...and bring a friend. Breakfast IS the most important meal of the day!



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Media Volunteers Needed

Sunday mornings @ 8:15am service.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the presentation of media (videos, words to hymns, announcement slides) during the 8:15am worship service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact the [church office](#). Training will be provided.



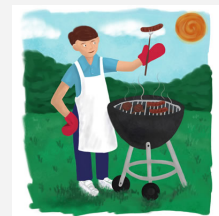
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Our more pressing need is a volunteer to help enter the media into ProPresenter (presentation software) for a few hours each week. Again, training will be provided.

Labor Day BBQ

The United Methodist Men are cooking your favorites.

The annual UMM's Labor Day BBQ is happening September 3, 2017, but members of the Barbecue Team will continue taking your orders for their scrumptious meats, this Sunday, August 13. Look for the sign-up table in the courtyard, along with some mouth-watering samples of the goodies! Your favorites will be available again this year!



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Stephen Ministry

Please contact us for more information.

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.



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If you are interested in finding out more about this vital ministry, click [here](#).

Bunco Game Night

Save the Date - Tuesday, September 12.

The UMW are sponsoring a Bunco Night on Tuesday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. We will have pizza, dessert and prizes. To reserve your spot, sign up beginning Sunday, August 20, before and after worship services and also in the church office during the week.

Nursery will be provided by reservation only; you **must** RSVP by September 3.

Join us for a night of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship!

HNwCC Volunteers Appreciated

Our community needs you.

On Saturday, August 19th HNwCC needs produce truck volunteers from 8:30 to 11:00am to help us distribute fresh produce to the public. No need to sign up in advance; please just meet in the parking lot behind the church. Your service will be greatly appreciated!

Also, HNwCC expresses their deepest thanks to the many volunteers who came Tuesday, August 8th to help us distribute:

- 250 backpacks
- 425 packages of school supplies
- 350 new shoes
- 850+ children's books

...through our "Stuff the Bus" distribution to approximately **170+ families and their children and groceries to 200+ families**. Thank you to *Wyndham Houston West Energy Corridor* for the multitude of school supplies, *Texas Children's Health Plan* for 250 backpacks, the Bear Creek United Methodist Men for grilling hot dogs and serving popcorn, and to our many supporters and local churches who donated to this event!

Without your help and your donations, this could not have been such a successful event. Good work and blessings to all who participated!

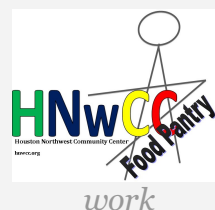
Blood Drive

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!

*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.

Promotion Sunday

Blessing of the backpacks. August 20.

All students and teachers bring your backpacks to any of the worship services for a blessing.

All KidZone registrations expire on August 20th for children. If you have filled out a yellow KidZone form, thank you. If you have not, please fill one out and return it to the office. The [forms](#) are in the office, in your classes and in the Fellowship Hall.

Have a wonderful school year!



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Third Grade Bible Sunday

Sunday, September 17 @ all services.

Each year Bibles are given to 3rd grade students who attend Bear Creek UMC. If you have a child entering 3rd grade and wish for them to receive a Bible on September 17, please contact [Jana Jones](#) or the [church office](#) with the child's name and your contact information. Thank you.



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Clay's Spirit Night

Thursday, August 17 after 5pm.

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



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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!

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.



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Youth Calendar Events:

- Sunday, August 13; 5 to 8pm - Messy Game Night at Bear Creek UMC
~ wear old clothes that can be permanently stained
- 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 20 - Backpack Blessing, SS Teacher Recognition, Promotion Sunday

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

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

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 August is



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Summertime and the entertainment is the Sunshiners.

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.



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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



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Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**
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