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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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## *New Church-wide Study*

The 21-Day Adventure.

Beginning Wednesday, September 13, we will begin *The 21-Day Adventure*. This will be an 8-week study for small groups. Pastor Leo Tyler will be leading a group on Wednesday evenings at the church. We are currently seeking leaders and host homes. There will be a training on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm.



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Contact the [church office](#) if you would like to lead or host a small group.

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## *Third Sunday Breakfast*

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

Ooops, it's actually the United Disciples Sunday School Class that 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 @ 8:15 and 11:00am services.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the presentation of media (videos, words to hymns, announcement slides) during the 8:15 and 11:00am worship services on Sunday mornings. **Currently, we have no one at the 8:15 service and will have no one for the 11:00am service at the end of August.** If you are interested, please contact the [church office](#). Training will be provided.



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## *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 20. 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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## *Congratulations Summer Readers!*

From our Librarian, Amber Woodman.

What an exciting summer of welcoming **over sixty children** to our church for our summer reading programs. Each week, in the months of June and July, the Bear Creek UMC Library welcomed children from our church and community for stories, songs, activities, and a chance to earn awards for reading. Our storyteller was Ms. Deana Avalos and we celebrated with a pizza party at the end of the programs. Click [here](#) to see the list of summer readers and their accomplishments.



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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](#).

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## *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!

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## *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!

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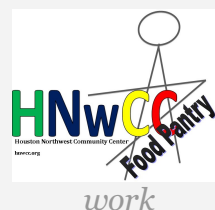
## *Blood Drive*

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.

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## *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 **tonight, 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



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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.

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## 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 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](#).

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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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## 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 September 8 from 10:00am to 1:30pm.** The theme for September is *Labor Day* and the entertainment is Party of 2.



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**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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## *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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