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Bear Creek UMC 40th Anniversary

Save the Date - Saturday, October 21!

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21st at 6pm. We will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Bear Creek UMC. Over the next several weeks watch the e-News for interesting facts about our church.



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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. We are currently seeking participants, leaders and host homes. We have five groups so far! Pastor Leo Tyler will be leading a group on Wednesday evenings at the church. There will be a leader training on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30pm in FLC 102.



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Contact the [church office](#) if you would like to participate as a group member, leader, or host. If you have questions contact [Nanette Radke](#), 832-423-7084.

Identity in Christ: Who am I?

New Sermon Series beginning September 3.

Beginning Sunday, September 3, Pastor Leo will begin this new Sermon Series. Learn about your True Identity through forgiveness of sins and restoration of God's image in your life!



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Stay Safe Out There!

Let us know you're OK.

With all the news of the impending tropical storm Harvey, we want you to know that we are here for you. We are praying for your safety and would like to hear from you throughout this trying time. Please send text updates, as you are able, to 832.773.4901.

We are currently evaluating our action plan so we are ready to assist those who may be affected by this storm. God bless you!



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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. **We have had two volunteers step forward - thank you! We would like to continue building our media team so that we aren't tasking the same people every week.** If you are interested in joining us, please contact the [church office](#). Training will be provided.



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Provide and Protect

Sunday, September 10 @ 9:40am in FLC gym.

Join us Sunday September 10, 2017 to hear Provide & Protect, a **free** seminar offered by Heartspring Methodist Foundation, financial partner to the Texas Conference.



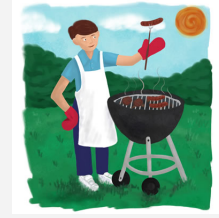
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Learn about planning your future from a Christian perspective, how to provide for your family and loved ones, and how to protect yourself and your property. Also, receive a free copy of the book, *Provide & Protect*.

Labor Day BBQ

No cooking. Order. Pick up. Take home. Enjoy!

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 27. 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 on Sunday, August 27, 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.



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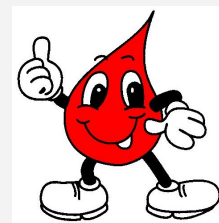
Join us for a night of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship!

Blood Drive

Sunday, August 27 in the FLC gym.

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

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



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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.

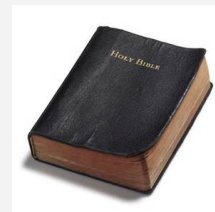
You'll get a mini check up

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.

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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Youth News

Mark your calendars!

We are looking for the Confirmation class of 2017-2018. Students in 6th through 12th grades who have not been confirmed are eligible for confirmation. Please contact John or Jana to be included in this year's confirmation class. If you are interested in being a mentor to one of our confirmands, please let us know. More details to come!



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Youth Calendar Events:

- Sunday, August 27; 5 to 7pm - Dinner at Willie's Ice House on Hwy 6 in Copperfield
- Sunday, September 3; No Youth due to Labor Day weekend

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.

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 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.

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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