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## A Word from Pastor Leo

Bear Creek UMC Loves Big!

Dear church family,

Hurricane Harvey came, now Hurricane Harvey is leaving and whether you are giving thanks or grieving, in your home or temporarily displaced - we are one. We are humanity.

We all know there are amazing people who serve all over the world; I have even had the pleasure of meeting many of you. But, to experience and witness the grace of God in the people right here in our own city is beyond words. The determination I see in the soul of the Bear Creek Community gives me hope! Bear Creek UMC, along with our neighbors, LOVES big! Harvey or no Harvey, we are committed to be the church of Jesus Christ, loving all and serving all! Join us as Bear Creek United Methodist Church makes the BIGGEST COMEBACK EVER!!! Love you so much!!! And may God bless each of you!!! Be safe!!!



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## *Harvey Relief at BCUMC*

Designated Giving for Congregation Members.

Click [here](#), login or select Quick Give, then select "Harvey Relief at BCUMC" in the dropdown menu. These designated funds will be used to assist those in our congregation that were affected by Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for your continued generosity!



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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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### *Labor Day BBQ Postponed*

Please watch for new date to pick up your BBQ.

The annual Labor Day barbecue sponsored by the United Methodist men of Bearcreek is being postponed until a future date, yet to be determined. After the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey and the possible effects yet to be realized, we felt it was in the best interests of our cooking staff, those in charge of preparation, and the customers who have to be available to pick up their purchase, that we postpone the BBQ until things have calmed down. That date should be within the next few weeks. Please watch for that announcement. We are sorry for any inconvenience.



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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 10.

Beginning Sunday, **September 10**, 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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### *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*.

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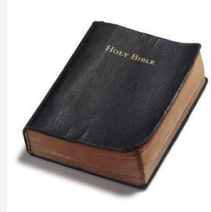
Join us for a night of Fun, Fellowship and Friendship!

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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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## Youth News

Confirmation mentors necessary.

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, 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](#).

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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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Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**  
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