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October 12th
2017

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The Living Well

Beginning this Saturday, October 14 @7pm.

The Living Well is our new Contemporary Worship service, lead by Ke'Erron Sims, that meets on Saturdays at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This service is geared toward young adults and young families, but is for **all** who are "young at heart".

Begin with coffee from HeBrews at 5:30, then participate in Bible Study from 6:00 to 7:00, enjoy worship from 7:00 to 8:00, then hang around afterward for a little social time. Nursery is available from 5:30 to 8:30pm and Hebrews is open until 8:30 as well.

Also, check out our new Sunday morning [worship schedule](#), beginning November 5.



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Above and Beyond Giving

Update on our progress.

Thank you to all who have given "above and beyond" your normal giving to anchor the many ministries of Bear Creek UMC. We are currently at \$43,067.84 of our goal of \$100,000. Your generosity is amazing!



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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!



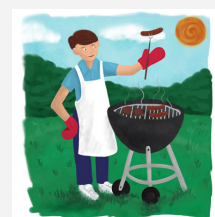
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Also, visit our [website](#) to find ways you can be in service or to find a list of donations that are needed.

UMM BBQ

Pick yours up Sunday, October 22.

The Bear Creek UMC United Methodist Men are pleased to announce that our Labor Day BBQ pick up has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 22. We appreciate your patience with the delay of this event due to Hurricane Harvey. We are offering four options for your choosing:



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1. Receive the BBQ you ordered.
2. Donate your BBQ money to the church's "Above and Beyond" campaign.
3. Receive a refund.
4. Purchase more BBQ!

The UMM will be selling BBQ one last time this Sunday, October 15. **Please stop by our table in the Courtyard and let us know which option you prefer.** If you are unable to stop by, please to email your choice to [Lawrence Lehnert](#). If we don't hear from you, we will have your order ready for pick up on the morning of October 22.

Day of Thanks and Giving - Save the Date!

Saturday, November 18 from 10am to 1pm.

BCUMC families and friends are invited once again to gather and give **thanks** to God for our many blessings as we reach out by **giving** to others in our community.



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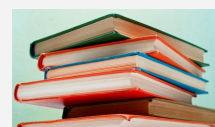
We will be packing Thanksgiving food boxes, which will be filled with everything a family needs for their Thanksgiving dinner. We will also be assembling *Man on the Street* bags and Christmas activity bags for the patients at Texas Children's Hospital and families served by Gracewood.

Special "thanking" activities for the children of BCUMC are also planned. The UMM will be firing up their pits and providing lunch for everyone.

Book Sale

Donations needed.

We are currently accepting donations for our next Book Sale, which will be in November - the date has yet TBD. Please bring your



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donations to the church office. Thank you!

Third Sunday Breakfast

Cancelled for October.

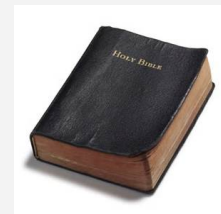
We will not have breakfast October 15. We are currently working to distribute the remaining donations that are stored in our gym. We appreciate your generosity and patience during this transition. We plan to resume our monthly breakfast event on November 19.



Ladies' Bible Study

Sundays @ 5pm. Family Life Center.

All of us know what it's like to be hurt or betrayed. Often it's a small breach such as being spoken to rudely or overlooked in a time of need. Other times, we experience lies, gossip, or harsh words that cut us to the core. Some of us have endured unspeakable pain through abuse, adultery, or abandonment. God knows the pain we cause each other and longs to help us learn to practice forgiveness. Nowhere do we see forgiveness played out more fully in Scripture than in the biblical story of Joseph.



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Joseph: The Journey to Forgiveness; this six-week study explores what God has to say to us about grace and forgiveness through Joseph's story of trial and triumph found in Genesis 37-50. As we study his dreams, his betrayers, his dysfunctional family, his struggle to forgive, and his journey toward reconciliation, we'll find truths that echo into our own personal situations. We meet in FLC 102, Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30, beginning October 15th. Join us!

BCUMC 40th Anniversary

Please share your special memories and your dreams.

In anticipation of the 40th Anniversary of Bear Creek UMC, we are asking you to visit the hallway (between the gym and the offices) in the Family Life Center before and/or after the service for the next several weeks. There you will find the [Lifecycle of Bear Creek UMC](#) (in blue) - a graphic representing the attendance during each year since our church began in 1977. We ask that you take a *Post-it* note or two and jot down a milestone or memory of your time here and place it on the wall under the year(s) in which it took place.



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Then, even more important, take another *Post-it* note or two and walk past the door to Pastor Leo's office to the **2020... and Beyond - DREAM: Make it a Reality** (in red) and write down your dreams for BCUMC for the next three years...and beyond! This will be a fantastic time of remembrance and of setting goals, together as a church family.

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.



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

Love Children? Sign Up!

Proverbs 22:6.

Do you love working with children? Would you like to help us plan and/or organize children's events? The BCUMC Children's Council is looking for some awesome adults to help with our events for the coming year. Thank you for your consideration. [Sign up](#) now!



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Trunk-or-Treat

October 28 from 4-6pm.

This event will take place in the BCUMC parking lot. Set-up will begin at 3pm. We are asking for **candy donations** (drop off in the church office during business hours) and **volunteers** to hand out candy at the event from the trunks of their *decorated* cars. This is a huge opportunity to reach out to our community! Questions? Contact [Ken or Stephanie](#) Boxx or the church office, 281-463-2330.



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Youth News

Youth @5. Faith Groups. Youth SS @ 11:15am.

Faith Groups continue next Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Ron Darcy and Jeff Jones have graciously agreed to hold the meetings at their houses. Senior High will meet at [Ron's house](#) and Junior High will meet at [Jeff's house](#). Come together for fellowship, accountability and to recharge your week.



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Join us on Sundays at 5pm in the Youth Lounge (FLC 205/206) for Youth @5. Our Halloween party will be October 29.

[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. **We meet again on October 13.** The theme for October is Fall and the entertainment is **Grandma's Boyfriends**.



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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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