



bearcreekumc.org

November 16th
2017

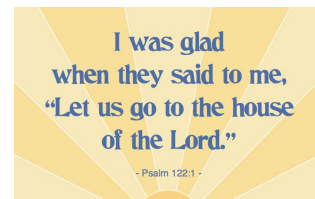
worship... walk... work...

NEW Sunday Worship Schedule

Join us for Worship and invite a friend.

8:15 Communion & Prayer in the Sanctuary

- Each Sunday except 1st Sunday
- All are Welcome to Christ's Table



worship

9:00 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

- Traditional Liturgy, Organ & Chorus

10:10 Sunday School/small groups hour

11:15 United Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

- Acoustic-Classic-Contemporary

12:30 pm Worship en Español in Fellowship Hall

The Living Well

Saturdays at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.



worship

The Living Well is our new Saturday Night 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".

HeBrews coffee at 5:30, Bible Study at 6:00, Worship at 7:00pm. Nursery is available (for birth to 2 years) from 5:30 to 8:30pm and Hebrews is open until 8:30 as well.

The Parsonage is for Sale

Come to our open house Sunday, November 19 @ 1pm.

The parsonage is for sale and is ready for a family to purchase and move in. It is located in Hearthstone subdivision, which offers many amenities for families.



work

You can go to HAR.com and type: *14958 Royal Birkdale St* in the search to view a video of the home. If you would like to see the home or have any questions, please call:

- Mel or Wendy Bousley (Keller Williams Realty) at 713-449-3044 or 281-467-7137.

The Congregation is invited to the **Parsonage Open House**
14958 Royal Birkdale St in Hearthstone
Sunday, November 19 from 1:00 - 4:00pm

Bring your friends and family and stop by for a cookie and a tour. See you there!

Prayer Partner Training

Sanctuary on November 26 @ 12:30pm.

Pastor Leo will facilitate a training session for those who would like to become a Prayer Partner. Anyone may attend; whether you have already served as a Prayer Partner or you are interested in becoming a Prayer Partner!



walk/work

The idea is for all BCUMC Prayer Partners to have the same insight and follow the procedure expected by our Pastor when we pray with someone. Intercessory prayer is a privileged opportunity to serve the Lord during our worship service.

Pastor Leo and Prayer Team leader Paulla Jankowski would appreciate your attendance at this training session.

Financial Peace University

Begins Sunday, January 21 @ 5pm.

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a nine-lesson class on money management taught by America's most trusted financial guru, Dave Ramsey. Dave and his teaching team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future and much more. Dave Ramsey's [Financial Peace University](#) begins here at Bear Creek UMC January 21. [Sign up](#) now!



UMW Sunday Market

This Sunday, November 19 from 9am to 12:30pm.

Visit us in the Courtyard to purchase cakes, pies, brownies and more! All proceeds benefit UMW Ministries. Thank you!



work

Community Toy Drive

Benefitting the families of Bear Creek.

We are a **drop-off point** for a Christmas toy drive (sponsored by several local businesses) to benefit families in Bear Creek that were directly affected by flooding due to Hurricane Harvey.



work

They are asking for new, unwrapped toys for ages 1-12 years. There are donations boxes in the office. **Deadline for toy drop-off is December 17.**

Monetary donations may be made through PayPal: BCVRelief@gmail.com. For questions, contact [Jeanie Borawski](#). To schedule "after-hours" drop-off, contact Jodi Sherretts at 832.721.5634.

Thank You!

On behalf of MESA-Outreach, Inc.

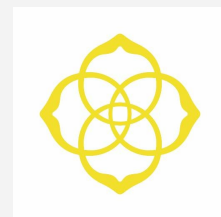
MESA-Outreach, Inc. wishes to thank Bear Creek United Methodist Church and all the volunteers who helped with this year's *Sharing the Harvest* Thanksgiving event that took place Tuesday night, November 14. This year, MESA-Outreach was blessed to serve 350 food boxes to needy families within our community. Over 1,000 coats, jackets and sweaters were distributed, as well as socks, shoes, children's books, and wooden toys for the children of these families.



Kendra Scott Gives Back Party

Tuesday, November 28 from 6 to 8pm.

Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels at Kendra Scott in City Centre (816 Town and Country Blvd. #131, Houston, TX 77024). **10% of the proceeds benefit MESA-Outreach, Inc.** Unable to attend? You can still contribute. Place an order over the phone during the event and we will ship your order to you at no additional cost. RSVP to [Janet Charpiot](#), 713.965.4115.



work

Communion Servers Needed

Sign up today!

We are seeking fresh faces and willing hearts to help serve communion during worship services in the coming year. For more information or to sign up, call 281.773.7465 or email [Shelly Chetty](#).



work

Deck the Halls!

Help decorate for Advent.

Come join the joyful chaos of Christmas decorating!

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Sanctuary for the Advent season. We will meet at 1:00pm on Sunday, November 26 in the Sanctuary to put up garland, wreaths, and two Christmas trees. We estimate it will take 2 to 3 hours, depending on how many volunteers we have. Tall ladders are needed, so if you can bring one that would be helpful.

Please call the church office, 281.463.2330, to sign up.



work

Pop Up Library

Tuesdays from 11am to 3pm beginning October 31.

The Harris County Public Library is opening a temporary branch in Hope 1 and Hope 2 of our Ministry Village on Tuesdays. There will be a Story time at 11:15am, crafts for children, laptops with internet access, books to check-out, and drop-off for returned books.



work

There will be no Pop Up Library November 20-26, opening again November 28.

Questions? Contact the Fairbanks Branch at 713-466-4438.

Harvey Relief Phase III

Were you flooded?

Please note: the deadline for applying for FEMA and SBA funds **EXPIRES November 30**, 2017. It is extremely important to make timely applications for the aid/loan before we are able to assist with any rebuilding. Call Al Balboni with questions - 281-744-4721.



work

Bear Creek UMC is looking into the upcoming Phase III - reconstruction. Please call (281.463.2330), text (832773.4901) or [email](#) the church and give us the current status of your home and what your reconstruction needs might be in the (hopefully) near future. With the generosity of those who have given to our Harvey Relief Effort here at Bear Creek UMC and resources that may be available through the United Methodist Church connection, Bear Creek UMC is preparing to assess the needs of the community; members and non-members alike!

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 just over **\$52,412.84** of our goal of \$100,000. Your generosity is amazing!



work

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!



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

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Submit a form to receive a food box.

Would your family, or a family that you know, like to receive one of the Thanksgiving food boxes that we will be giving out on the *Day of Thanks & Giving*? Forms are available at the receptionist desk in the church office.



work

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.



work/walk

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.

Children's Worship and Events

Upbeat, energetic service filled with music and scripture.

This Sunday, November 19 during the 9am worship service, we will now have a Kids Worship service for 2nd-5th graders in the Treehouse (FLC 202). This will be an upbeat and energetic service filled with music, scripture and fun! Kids will be signed in at the Treehouse.



worship

Note: There will be no Kids Worship service on Communion Sunday (the 1st Sunday of the month.)

We will still have Lil' Church for 3 years to 1st grade in the Bride's Room.

Communion Sunday is also Family Sunday!

Beginning this month, families are encouraged to worship together on Communion Sunday. Nursery and Lil' Church will be available, but we are encouraging all children to worship with their families. Worship folders, filled with enrichment activities for your children, are available in the Narthex. There will be no Kids Worship service on Communion Sunday.

Children's Sunday - Celebration of Song

Join us Sunday, November 26 @11:15am as our children sing songs of praise.

BCUMC School Christmas Pageant

Join us Sunday, December 6 @6:30pm in the Sanctuary for this celebration of our Lord.

Teacher Training

Join us Sunday, December 10 @12:30am in FLC Room 102.

Drop & Shop

Need some time to finish up your Christmas shopping? Sunday, December 10 after the 11:15am worship service, we will have childcare until 5pm for parents of young children. We will have movies, crafts, games, etc. All we ask is that you provide a sack lunch for your child(ren). More details to follow.

Youth News

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

Youth will be helping with the *Hanging of the Greens* on Sunday, November 26. This will be in place of Youth @5 on this day. Please meet in the Youth Lounge at 12:30pm.



walk

Youth Parade of Lights Float

The Bear Creek Youth will once again have a float in the Texas Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund's annual *Parade of Lights*. We will be working on the float here at the church on Saturday, November 25 at 1pm and Saturday, December 2 at 9am. In order to ride on the float, you must participate on one of these days and have a current parent permission form on file. Contact Jana Jones for more information.

No Youth @5 on Sunday, November 19 and no Faith Groups on Wednesday, November 22 due to the Thanksgiving break. Have a wonderful and restful holiday!

[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!



worship

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 December 8.*** The theme for December is *Christmas* and the entertainment is **Decibells** (large singing group).



walk

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.



walk

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



walk

