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## *Christmas Block Party*

Walmart Neighborhood Market parking lot.

Don't miss our annual Block Party on December 6th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be music, food, crafts and photos with Santa. We typically serve over 400 people each year at this event, which requires many

volunteers. Help us make this year's event successful by donating your time, your money, or both! Contact [Gaylynn Brewer](#) for details or to volunteer. Thank you!



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## *Advent Decorating Done!*

Thank you. Faithful Servants.

I would like to thank the following people who took the time to decorate the sanctuary this past Saturday: Jennifer Bayles, Suzy Creef, Ellen Clark, Ronny, Jeff and Noah Jones, Michelle Densen and Linda Dunn. A very special thank you to Scott

Chase and Rex Littrell. Rex was at church on Thursday helping retrieve the



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decorations from storage and bring the trees to the Sanctuary, and Scott brought the hydraulic lift and two ladders that enabled us to hang the decorations. Many thanks and a job well done! There were lots of compliments on Sunday with regard to how good everything looked.

**Bill Clark**

*Worship Chair*

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## *Thanks & Giving*

Excellent participation. Thank you, congregation!

Our day of **Thanks & Giving** on Saturday was a huge success. Over 3,000 people will be fed from the 400 boxes that were filled and distributed. I cannot thank the BCUMC congregation enough for your support of this event. The UMM and UMW blessed us with really good food and MOPS were great with the children's activities. Thank you for your witness to our community. ~ Betsy Ayers

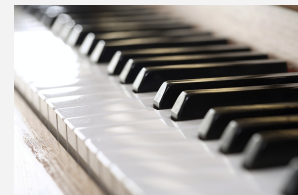


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## *Christmas Cantata*

Celebrate the birth of Jesus. December 13th.

Pause in the hustle and bustle of the season to celebrate the story of Jesus' birth in music and spoken word. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Sean Saunders, organist Diane Garrett, the cantata orchestra, and narrators Ron Hilton and Meredith Buchman present **Shout the Good News** at 11:00 a.m. on December 13th in the Sanctuary. *Shout the Good News* is a celebration not only of Jesus' birth, but of those messengers who helped fulfill God's purposes. What better opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to join you for a Christmas Experience?! Plan to attend and get in the true Spirit of the Season.



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## *Paper Shredding Event*

Church Parking Lot. December 12th.

The Board of Trustees is sponsoring a paper shredding event at the church on Saturday, December 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot. This event is free to the public. There is no need to remove staples or small paperclips. All shredding will be done on site that day. This is a great opportunity for adult Sunday School classes and other ministry groups to clean out their storage closets.



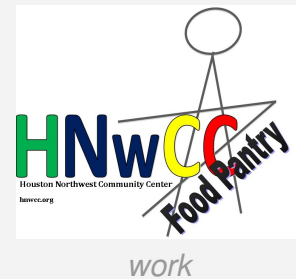
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## Support the Food Pantry

Peanut Butter & Jelly Needed. HNwCC.

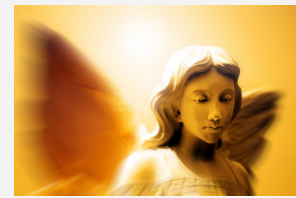
Every Communion Sunday we will be collecting peanut butter, jelly, tuna or any other non-perishable food item, which can be placed in the wicker baskets in the Narthex. These donations benefit the *Houston Northwest Community Center* food pantry, which is located on our church property. On an average pantry night 125 families are served, representing 600+ individuals. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## Get Ready for the Angel Tree

Narthex of the Sanctuary. November 29th.

This Christmas Bear Creek UMC will once again be reaching out to over 150 Angel Tree children and their caregivers. Your help is needed as we share God's love, our love and the love of their incarcerated parent with each one of these children.



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The Christmas Angel Tree will be up in the Narthex on Sunday, November 22nd and 29th. The tree will be filled with paper angels, on which you will find a description of a clothing gift and a toy or fun gift (\$20 - \$25) for each child. In addition to these gifts, each child and caregiver will also receive a filled stocking from our church, so there will be paper angels on the tree describing the needed stocking stuffers, including gift cards.

Gifts may be delivered to the Narthex on Sunday, November 29th or Sunday, December 6th or to the church office from November 23rd to December 4th. **All gifts, stocking stuffers and gift cards must be delivered no later than December 5th.** As always, your help with this very rewarding outreach mission is appreciated. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to BCUMC with "Angel Tree" in the memo line.

## 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



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## *KidzRock Christmas Program*

December 13th. Fellowship Hall @ 5 p.m.



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Support KidzRock by attending their Christmas Program, *An Unplugged Christmas*, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior through the gifts of music and song.

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## *Fellowship Friday / Energizers*

December 11th. 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**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 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks are provided.



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**Christmas Party at Clay's** on December 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring a \$10.00 gift, marked *male*, *female* or *neutral*, if you want to participate in the gift exchange. Everyone is responsible for buying their own lunch.

**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. The theme for December is "Christmas" and the entertainment is *Decibels*.

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## *SW District Leadership Training*

January 30, 2016. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, 2016 at Sugar Land First UMC (431 Eldridge Rd, Sugar Land 77478) from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. [Online registration](#) begins mid-October. Register by January 15th - \$10; after January 15th - \$20. **Acts 1:8**



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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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## *Pray Together*

FLC 101. Wednesdays @ 9:15 a.m.

Are you free on Wednesday mornings? Want someone to join with you in prayer? Come for *A Time to Pray Together* as we lift up our concerns and rejoice in our joys.



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## *Coffee in the Courtyard*

Sundays after 11 a.m. Service.

There will NOT be Coffee in the Courtyard this Sunday. Happy Thanksgiving!



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Blessings, **James Sharp, Communications Director**  
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