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December 7th
2017

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Season of Thankfulness

Visit our website to see God's blessings flow.

For the past couple of weeks Pastor Leo has asked you to share ways that God has blessed you. Visit our [website](#) to see a few excerpts from members of our congregation who have experienced God at work in their lives. We will share more next week!



Worship, Drop & go Shop

Bear Creek UMC's Gift to You.

Need some time to finish up your Christmas shopping? This Sunday, December 10 after the 11:15am worship service, we will have childcare until 5pm for parents of children and youth (Education bldg. & FLC gym). **Children must be picked up by 5pm.**



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We will have a movie, crafts, games, basketball, etc. *All we ask is that you provide a sack lunch for your child(ren).* **Reservations are required to ensure that we have enough volunteers.** Please call, 281-463-2330, or [email](#) the church office by Friday, December 8 @1pm to make reservations.

Hour of Prayer

Tuesday, December 12 @ 7pm.

The focus for Hour of Prayer next Tuesday will be Christmas. Please join us as we rejoice in song and prayer in celebration of the birth of



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 Sunday, January 21 and meets in FLC 212/213 and 214. [Sign up](#) now!



Pledges Still Needed ~ Financial Campaign Not Over

Completing and submitting your 2018 pledge card is very important to us at Bear Creek UMC. Your commitment allows us to budget for and plan our ministries for the coming year. We have 139 families who have already committed \$809,300 to our ministries and outreach to the community for 2018! Thank you for your prayerful consideration of your financial commitment - it's not too late to complete your pledge card!



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Thank You!

Thank you Gaylynn Brewer (and all of our wonderful volunteers) for planning and organizing our 2017 Christmas Block Party. Unfortunately, we had inclement weather this year but, although it dampened our supplies, it didn't dampen our spirits! We'll be back next year and hope that you will join us to pray for great weather and that you will volunteer again to serve our community through this fantastic event.



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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.

Merry Christmas



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.

Angel Tree

Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support of the Angel Tree Ministry. Thanks to your generosity, 89 children and their caregivers will have a merrier Christmas! **ALL GIFTS AND GIFT CARDS MUST BE RETURNED BY NOON THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10.**



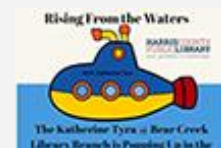
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There is still time to make a monetary donation. Please make checks payable to **BCUMC** with "Angel Tree" in the memo line.

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.



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There will be no Pop Up Library December 25-31, opening again January 2, 2018.

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

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 **\$58,157.84** 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.

Children's Worship and Events

Upbeat, energetic service filled with music and scripture.

This Sunday, December 10 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.



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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.

Youth News

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

Our **Christmas Party** will be Sunday, December 17 from 4-7pm at Jana Jones' house.

[Download](#) our KidZone registration form. All youth attending any of our activities, whether on campus or off, **must** have a current form on file.



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



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Energizers, a group of active adults age 50-plus, enjoy gatherings that include day-long excursions. **We meet again on December 15 at Clay's @ 17717 Clay Rd at 11am. You will be responsible for your own lunch. We will have a \$10.00 gift exchange. Bring a gift if you wish to participate. If anyone has any questions, please contact Dot at 713-466-1898.**

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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