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Family News

June 7-14, 2015

Annual Conference Report

The Texas Annual Conference, representing churches from Texarkana to College Station to Matagorda, gathered May 24-27. Our church representatives were our pastors and two lay delegates, Carmen Kelly and Wayne Kennedy. Lisa Gill also attended as a district representative.

Conference opened with worship and the Episcopal Address. Bishop Huie celebrated our Methodist heritage of disciple-making and missional impact. On that foundation we face the challenges of this age that demands congregations be more creative and intentional in sharing the love of Christ. One of the Conference's efforts has been to increase the number of young clergy serving in churches. To all who gathered, the bishop said, "Every day God looks down on our generation called Methodists and this next generation of children and young adults who might yet be called Methodist. God says, *I have blessed you with so many gifts. I need leaders who will join me in creating heaven on earth. Say yes and let God send you.*"

Spiritual Formation Leave

You may be surprised to know that due to the demands of the church, clergy struggle to maintain their spiritual health. In fact, clergy burnout is one of the significant challenges facing the church today. Paragraph 351 of The Book of Discipline requires pastors to follow "carefully developed personal programs" that include regular spiritual growth leaves "in order to lead the church in fulfilling the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ." These leaves are not vacations, but very intentional times of faith formation.

Jonathan, our Lead Pastor, will be on spiritual formation leave during the month of July, with Will taking on all the pastoral duties during that time. Jonathan will not be available at all. His intention is to use that time to be refreshed by the Holy Spirit, ready to return with a renewed sense of God's power and leading. Pray for both Jonathan and Will. (You should also know that Will wants really good attendance while Jonathan is gone—not that they are competitive or anything.)

Cristo Reina

Our Hispanic ministry, Cristo Reina, led by Franklyn Rodriguez, is full of life and expectation. They had a special musical guest in worship on May 31 and drew 90 people! Over the next two months they are making a concerted effort to be in the parks and neighborhoods preaching and inviting guests to join them, anticipating what God is going to do. Please be in prayer for them and spread the Word!

Boy Scout Troop 827



Troop 827 will be selling Wreaths Across America June 14 and June 28th for the 4th of July to honor our fallen heroes. Thanks for your support of our troops. Questions? Call Assistant Scout Master Richard Young @ 281-859-1406.

SAVE THE DATE - JULY 5, 2015

Countdown to BCUMC's Independence Day Celebration !
In the Bear Creek UMC tradition, a single worship service will launch our Independence Day Celebration at **10:30am, Sunday, July 5th**, in the Family Life Center Gym. Please check the website (bearcreekumc.org) for more details.

Because next year the General Conference convenes—as it does every four years—to consider how the United Methodist Church will move forward and what changes must be made to The Book of Discipline, a number of resolutions were presented seeking the support of our Conference. Clergy and lay delegates for General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference were also elected. Our very own Lead Pastor was honored to be elected by his peers to be a part of that team. Additionally, Bear Creek can celebrate that Rog Clayton was commissioned on Tuesday night as he continues his journey of becoming an ordained elder. Finally, our Executive Pastor, Will Knuckols was recognized for his five years of full-time ministry. And in case you have not heard, the bishop made it official that Jonathan and Will are reappointed as our pastors. You can see that this was a packed few days—even in the midst of the flooding. Details and videos can be found on the Conference website, www.txcumc.org.

UMWomen's Summer Study

Be inspired: **Saturday, June 13, 8:30am to 1:00pm**
Fellowship Hall

Speaker: **Meredeth Buchman**

Based on the book: **How Is It with Your Soul?**
by Priscilla Pope-Levison and Jack Levison



Cost: **Free**

Book is available for \$11 in the office or between Sunday worship services in the Courtyard.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Attendees are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for the Houston Northwest Community Center Food Pantry.

For additional information or to RSVP, please call the church office at 281.463.2330.

Food Pantry

HNwCC will be sponsoring a Community Food Fair through the HNwCC food pantry ("Karen's Place") located at the back of the church parking lot. We will have a large refrigerated truck delivered by the Houston Food Bank filled with produce and other refrigerated items on the third Saturday of every month. The three summer dates are June 20, July 18 and August 15. People in our community in need of assistance will be able to receive this food from 9:00am-11:00am. If you would like to volunteer to help in registration, unloading the truck and/or distributing the food, we could use your help. We will need our volunteers to arrive by 8:15am if possible. If you can come and help, please let us know by emailing janet.newsom@gmail.com.

HOUR OF PRAYER

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 - 8:00pm

Fellowship Hall

Music and Prayer

hosted by the Prayer Team on
the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month

Fellowship 6:30 - 7:00pm

HeBrews Coffee House serves
complimentary coffee.

Sermons

June 7 - "Gifts for Everyone"

June 14 - "An Outward Sign of an Inward Grace"

Dr. Jonathan Bynum



Dads and Kids Sunday Fun Nights

(for fathers and their children, 3 year olds - new 5th graders)

5:00pm June 7, July 12, August 9

Church Library's Summer Reading Program on Mondays

10:00 - 10:45am (1 year olds - kindergartners)

11:00am - 1:00pm (1st—6th grade) June 8, 15, 29; July 13, 20, 27

Tuesday Tennis @ Ten

(for kids 6 to 12 years of age)

10:00am-noon June 9, June 30, July 14, July 21, August 4

Secret Service Thursdays

(for 3 year olds - new 5th graders)

10:00am-1:00pm June 11, July 9, August 13

VBS

Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!

(for 4 year olds [by Sept. 1, 2014] through 5th grade)

9:00am - noon Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25

Please check the church website (bearcreekumc.org) or call the church office (281.463.2330) for full details!



This summer, our youth have several opportunities to serve others in our community! Save the date for:

- Wacky Wednesday, June 10, 10:00am-1:00pm
- Vacation Bible School, June 22-25, 9:00am-12:00pm
- Library Reading Program for older kids, Mondays 11:00am-12:00pm

All youth volunteers must attend training Sunday, June 7th at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be served.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEAR CREEK

Weekly Opportunities

Sundays

8:00am	Men's Emmaus Reunion	FLC 101
8:00am	Women's Emmaus Reunion	FLC 102
8:15am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:40am	Contemporary Worship Service	FH
10:30am	Western Wall Prayer Time	FLC 101
11:00am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00am	Cristo Reina Service	FLC 205-206
5:00pm	BC Youth	FLC Youth Lounge

Tuesdays

10:00am	Library Work Day	FH Library
6:30pm	HeBrews for Hour of Prayer	FH Narthex
7:00pm	Hour of Prayer	FH
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 827	Hope 1-2

Wednesdays

9:15am	A Time to Pray Together	FLC 102
7:00pm	Cristo Reina Wednesday Night	Hope 1
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	FH Choir Room

Thursdays

9:00am	Piece Makers Quilting Group	Wesley 1
7:00pm	Faith Matters Band Practice	FH

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 7

12:15pm	VBS Training/Lunch	FLC Gym
5:00pm	Dads and Kids Sunday Fun Night	FLC Gym
5:00pm	Women's Gideon Bible Study	FLC 102

Monday, June 8

10:00am	Summer Reading Program	FH Library
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Tuesday, June 9

10:00am	Tuesday Tennis @ Ten	BC Park, Tennis Courts
7:00pm	SPR Meeting	Church Office

Wednesday, June 10

Thursday, June 11

7:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting	Hope 2
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Friday, June 12

10:00am	Fellowship Friday	FH Main Hall
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Saturday, June 13

8:30am	UMW Summer Study	FH Main Hall
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Sunday, June 14

12:15pm	Mission Committee Meeting	FLC 212/213
5:00pm	Women's Gideon Bible Study	FLC 102

Monday, June 15

10:00am	Summer Reading Program	FH Library
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Tuesday, June 16

10:00am	Finance Committee Meeting	FLC 102
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Wednesday, June 17

10:00am	MOPS Steering Team Retreat	FLC Youth Lounge
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Thursday, June 18

7:00am	UMW Executive Board Meeting	FH 102
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Friday, June 19

Saturday, June 20

8:00am	HNWCC - Hou. Food Pantry Food Truck	Parking Lot
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Sunday, June 21

8:00pm	Fellowship Breakfast	FLC Gym
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FH=Fellowship Hall, FLC=Family Life Center

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: June 9

The deadline for submitting information for the Bear Creek Family News is noon Tuesday, 10 days prior to Thursday publication. Articles must be submitted in writing, via email. Articles may be edited for content/length and will be placed as space allows, or in order of event priority. Please email: Communications@bearcreekumc.org.

BEAR CREEK UMC MINISTRY STAFF

Dr. Jonathan Bynum Lead Pastor	Rev. Will Knuckols Executive Pastor	Lisa Gill Youth Director
Michael Moore Worship Leader (Contemporary Service)	Matt Wallace Director of Music	John Henley Children's Director

