

Christopher Gorman—New Lay Leader



Hello Bear Creek United Methodist Church! My name is Christopher Gorman and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you as your new Lay Leader. As many of you know, there has been a vacancy at the Lay Leadership position of our church since Roger Clayton transferred to Austin. Over the past month, I have met with Jonathan and Will to discuss the Lay Leader position and I am very humbled to have the opportunity to serve with you all in this role. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better, and I am very excited for the opportunity that lies ahead for us all to Worship, Walk and Work together.

Some have asked, "What is a Lay Leader?"; to be honest, I did the same thing. This role is defined as "the principal layperson in a local church, district or Annual Conference who represents and leads the laity in ministry. It is an elected position, and the lay leader will serve on most church committees." To break this down, I would describe this as a person responsible for representing, leading and upholding the mission of Bear Creek United Methodist Church. My goal is to be the eyes and ears during meetings with the Pastoral Staff, leading the Church Council, attending Committee meetings, and then bringing this information back to the congregation ensuring we are on track with the mission we have set forth.

While I have not had the opportunity to meet every member of the church through the years, I figured I would take a moment to introduce myself personally. I have been in Houston all of my life and my family still resides here. I am the oldest of 5 children, son of Mike and Emily Gorman, and grew up in the Catholic Church. While attending Junior High, I met the girl who would be my rock, confidant and partner for life, Krysta Mann. She and I have been together for 17 years (married for 8) and we have a beautiful daughter Audrey Lee (3½) with another child on the way (due in August). I work as a Senior Account Manager for a local IT Solutions provider, Long View Systems. I have been very lucky to be with this organization for the past 5 years and counting. Other enjoyments besides family, friends and work are working with others professionally (coaching), playing golf/basketball/softball, as well as working out. I am also a proud member of the BCUMC softball team!

Through the years growing up, Krysta and the Mann family (Dave and Laura) attended Bear Creek UMC and I attended with them every so often. Krysta and I were married at Bear Creek UMC in 2007 and joined 4 years ago. When we were first married, we lived in the Galleria area searching - high and low for a church to call home. One Sunday when we came to Bear Creek UMC we felt so comfortable, like God was telling us this is where we needed to be, and we found a church home here.

As I mentioned before, I am honored and humbled to have this opportunity to serve such a giving, passionate and caring church. Thank you in advance for your patience and prayers as I transition into the role of Lay Leader. I look forward to serving you over the next few years.

God Bless, Christopher Gorman

UMW Food Drive for Karen's Place

Saturday, July 11, 2015

9:00am - Noon

HNWCC Food Pantry (Karen's Place)

Bear Creek UMC Parking Lot

UMW is sponsoring a food drive to help stock the HNWCC food pantry.

Please donate -

Canned fruits/vegetables/tomatoes	Boxes of cereal
Cans of soup/chicken/tuna	Pasta/sauce
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Dry beans/rice
Mac & cheese	Juice boxes
Snack crackers	Granola bars

Man on the Street - Pack a Bag!

"Man on the Street Bags" are gallon size zip-lock bags that are filled with water bottles, granola bars, dried fruits, pretzels, crackers, peppermints, washcloths . . . Items for those we meet on the street who are thirsty, hungry and in need. Come to the Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday, July 19 between 9:00am - noon and pack a bag to keep in your car. Gallon bags and Items will be provided - you simply put it together and take it with you! This mission opportunity will be provided each quarter as a new Mission Outreach for Bear Creek UMC.

~ Brought to you by the Missions Committee

HOOPS FOR KIDS—Basketball

Sign up now! for a fun filled 3-day basketball camp for boys and girls—instilling leadership qualities, teaching basketball fundamentals and the opportunity to improve their social skills at the etiquette station!

**MATT MUSIL'S
HOOPS FOR KIDS**

July 8, 9 & 10

7:45am—noon: 6th - 9th graders

Noon—1:00pm: Lunch for everyone!

12:30pm—5:00pm: 3rd - 5th graders

Coaches and players from the pro and college ranks will be the guest speakers! Cost: \$25, includes t-shirt and lunches. Register Online: www.mattmusilhoops.com or pick up a registration form in the church office. For more information: email info@mattmusilhoops.com

SERMONS

July 5 - "Love is the Law"

Rev. Will Knuckols

July 12 - "Look What God Did"

Rev. Will Knuckols

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 (2nd/4th week)	FH Narthex
7:00pm	Hour of Prayer (2nd/4th week)	FH
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 827	Hope 1-2

Wednesdays

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

Saturdays

5:00am	Cristo Reina Prayer Time	Hope 1
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 5

Independence Day Celebration!		
10:30am	Combined Worship Service (One service today)	FLC Gym
11:30am	Picnic: Fellowship Pot Luck Lunch	FLC Gym

Monday, July 6

OFFICE CLOSED		
8:00am	JUUMP Jr. High Mission Trip	College Station

Tuesday, July 7

8:00am	JUUMP Jr. High Mission Trip	College Station
5:00pm	Mission Committee Baking	FLC Kitchen

Wednesday, July 8

7:45am	HNwCC - Matt Musil's Hoops for Kids	FLC Gym
8:00am	JUUMP Jr. High Mission Trip	College Station

Thursday, July 9

7:45am	HNwCC - Matt Musil's Hoops for Kids	FLC Gym
8:00am	JUUMP Jr. High Mission Trip	College Station
10:00am	Secret Service Day	FLC 202 Treehouse
12:00pm	Summer Reading Program	Library

Friday, July 10

7:45am	HNwCC - Matt Musil's Hoops for Kids	FLC Gym
8:00am	JUUMP Jr. High Mission Trip	College Station
10:00am	Fellowship Friday	FH

Saturday, July 11

9:00am	Pew Angles	Sanctuary
9:00am	UMW Food Drive - HNwCC Food Pantry	Parking Lot

Sunday, July 12

10:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
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Monday, July 13

8:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
10:00am	Summer Reading Program	FH Library

Tuesday, July 14

8:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
10:00am	Tuesday Tennis @ Ten	FLC Gym

Wednesday, July 15

8:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
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Thursday, July 16

8:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
12:00pm	Summer Reading Program	FH Library

Friday, July 17

8:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
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Saturday, July 18

8:00pm	UMArmy Senior High Mission Trip	Madisonville, TX
8:00pm	HNwCC—Hou. Food Bank Produce Truck	Parking Lot

Sunday, July 19

8:00am	Fellowship Breakfast	Gym
9:00am	Man on the Street—Pack a bag, take a bag	Gym

FH=Fellowship Hall, FLC=Family Life Center

Walk through the Bible

The Betwixt and Between Adult Sunday School Class invites you to join us for the start of our new exciting study. We will begin a journey through the Bible in chronological order and supplemented with archeological and historical findings that support the Scripture. Class is primarily lecture with lots of questions and answers. We are really looking forward to beginning this journey and would love for you to join us. Class starts on Sunday, July 12, 2015, 9:30am in Hope 1. Ron Hilton will continue as teacher.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: July 7 (for July 19-26 Edition)

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.

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