

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Here's what's coming up at Bellaire UMC.
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BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS — TODAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

All students, teachers, administrators, school staff, and their families are invited to join us for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Bring your backpacks, school bags, or teaching materials and join us during either worship service at 9:00 AM or 11:05 AM as we pray for God's guidance, wisdom, protection, and grace for the coming school year.

Take our Parish Project Survey!

Between now and August 16, please take 15-20 minutes to fill this out to help our Parish Project team guide our church towards God's possibilities!



The Parish Project
Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

to learn more, visit txcume.org/theparishproject or talk to Nathan

PARISH PROJECT SURVEY — COMPLETE BY AUGUST 16, 2026

Bellaire UMC is participating in the Parish Project. It is a ministry opportunity that helps churches discover who we are as a church, how we can better serve God and our neighbors, and where God may be leading us next. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by scanning the QR code above. Please complete the survey between now and Sunday, August 16. Whether you attend often or occasionally, your voice matters and will help us better understand our church family and our future together.

Community Dinner & Game Night!

August 16th | 5 PM | Fellowship Hall
Bellaire UMC Trivia | Crafts for Kids

Bring a Side Dish or Dessert to Share

WORSHIP NOTES

Altar flowers today are given by Hal and Debbie Sharp in celebration of Merideth and Patrick Murray's 14th wedding anniversary. Our CCLI license number is 1042243.

SUNDAYS AT BELLAIRE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY MORNINGS

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP | 9:00AM

Modern music with a special time for children and communion each week.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP | 11:05AM

Classical music with choir and traditional liturgy and hymns.

ADULT CLASSES + SMALL GROUPS

Connect with a Sunday school class or small group to build faith-forming friendships and grow as a disciple. Talk with a pastor after worship to learn more, or visit the Welcome Center for a list of classes.

CHILDCARE + CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are welcome in all worship services.

Age-level Sunday school classes meet at 10:00am in the children's wing.

Loving childcare is provided for children under 5 from 8:50am-12:15pm.

Questions, see Eva Focke, Nursery Coordinator, in room 101

STUDENT MINISTRY

Bellaire Student Ministry is open to students in grades 6-12 and meets for Sunday School at 10:00am on Sunday mornings, and for dinner, games, and learning on Sunday evenings from 5:00-7:00pm. Contact seimodee@bellaireumc.org for info.

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WWW.BELLAIREUMC.ORG/GIVE

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GIVE BY TEXT
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QUESTIONS? ASK US.

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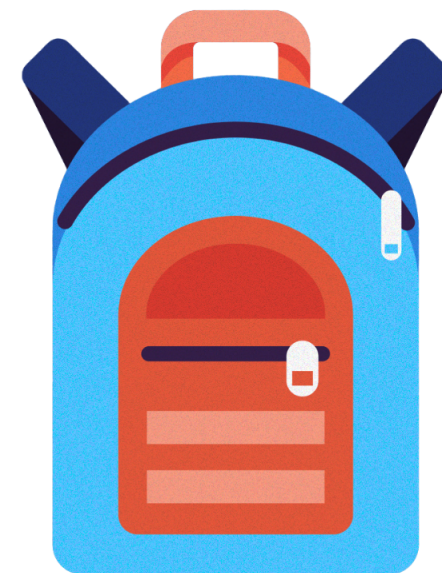
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Start the New School Year
With A Blessing!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

BELLAIRE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 9, 2026

WELCOME HOME!

We are so glad you're here! Whether this is your first time worshipping at Bellaire, or you're here every week, we want to help you take your next step in faith.

I'M NEW HERE

We're so glad that you've come! We hope that you'll feel at home here, and we want to help you connect with God, with others, and with service in ways that deepen your faith and nourish your life. If you have any questions, our pastors and ministry leaders would be happy to chat with you in the Welcome Center after worship. We'd love to meet you and welcome you to Bellaire!

BUMC KIDS

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 bellaireumc.org/children  Mingo Williamson | mwilliamson@bellaireumc.org

When we worship God on Sundays, we worship as a family. Your whole family is invited, and if you have children who make a little extra noise, don't worry. Activity packs for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is available during each service, and changing tables are located in all restrooms.

BELLAIRE STUDENT MINISTRY

 bellaireumc.org/students  Ebiye Seimode | seimodee@bellaireumc.org

Bellaire Student Ministry works to build community for junior high and high school students on Sundays and throughout the week. Student discipleship groups meet on Sundays at 10:00am in the Student Center. All are welcome.

TAKING MY NEXT STEP

LEARNING + GROWING | CONNECT WITH A SMALL GROUP

 bellaireumc.org/groups  Reverend Jordan Payne | jpayne@bellaireumc.org

Begin building faith-forming relationships by connecting with a Sunday class, a small group bible study, or a service group. Check the Welcome Center for a list of classes.

READY TO JOIN? | MEMBERSHIP

 Reverend Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe | nathan@bellaireumc.org

Ready to call Bellaire UMC home? We're so glad to have you as part of the family. Talk with one of the pastors on Sunday or contact Nathan throughout the week to learn more about how to join.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MATTHEW 5:9

9 AM SERVICE

Words of Welcome

Call To Worship

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Video Announcements

Opening Song

Glory Is Here

Song of Praise

Your Peace Will Make Us One

Prayers of the People + The Lords Prayer

Blessing of the Backpacks

Invitation to Give

Song of Praise

For All My Life

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:9

Sermon | Rev. Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe

Holy Communion

Communion Music

Closing Song

Lead On Good Shepherd

Invitation to Discipleship

Benediction

11:05 AM SERVICE

Prelude | Elenor Coursey

Fantasy in C Major — J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

Video Announcements

Call To Worship

Opening Hymn

For the Healing of the Nations — UMH 428

Affirmation of Faith — Apostle's Creed

Passing of the Peace

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father — UMH 70

Prayers of the People + The Lords Prayer

Blessing of the Backpacks

Invitation to Give

Offertory

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
— Arr. Albin C. Whitworth*

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — UMH 94

Hymn of Preparation

This Is My Song — UMH 437

Sermon Scripture

Matthew 5:9

Sermon | Rev. Nathan Lonsdale Bledsoe

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City — UMH 433

Benediction

Postlude

Joyous Day — John Leavitt

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ **Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.** ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.” ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

