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BLUFF PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter, October 29, 2013

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Pastoral Word

This coming Sunday, November 3rd we will celebrate All Saints Sunday during both of our worship services. As Methodists we understand the word saints to refer to all Christians. On All Saints Sunday we celebrate the lives of all those who are members of Christ's Universal Church who have died and now rest with God. As part of our worship we will process in singing the magnificent hymn "For All The Saints" to remember and honor all Christians who have preceded us into eternal life.

We will also remember those of our own congregation who have died in the past year. There are twenty-three members of Bluff Park UMC who have joined the communion of saints in the past year. These members will be remembered with a rosebud for each one placed on the altar. There will also be a litany of remembrance which includes the reading of each of their names.

As a part of the service we will also have the opportunity to remember those of our friends, relatives and neighbors who have died this past year. During Holy Communion everyone will be invited to place a flower in vases located on the altar rail as a way of remembering family members, friends and neighbors who became members of the communion of saints during the past year. The flowers will be handed out by members of the Youth department who will be waiting at the altar after communion has been received. As we sing the final hymn we will have before us a visual representation of all the members of the communion of saints that are loved and remembered by members of the Bluff Park UMC on this special day. This will be a very meaningful service of remembrance. I look forward to seeing you there. *Tom*

**Thank
YOU!**

These past four weeks have been such a meaningful time in the life of our congregation. We have explored how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy. And we have responded to all that we have learned by setting personal goals and making commitments. On Sunday, we consecrated our commitments of giving to support God's work through our church. Thus far, 187 households have made a financial commitment for 2014!

If you have already turned in your Ministry Budget Pledge Card, thank you. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, it's not too late! Simply drop your commitment card in the mail, bring it by the church office, or put it in the offering plate during any worship service. If you need another card, extras are available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex and in the Church Office.

We are grateful for your financial support of our church. Your giving in the coming year will make a difference in the lives of our children, youth, and adults, as well as in the lives of people we are in mission and ministry with in the world. *Mike*

Advent Morning Prayer: Beginning on Wednesday, November 27th we will have a service of Morning Prayer during Advent. This is a brief service of prayer, scripture and Holy Communion designed to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child into the world. The service will be in the sanctuary and begin at 7:30 a.m.

Charge Conference -Thursday, November 7th at 6:00 pm

All Board of Stewards members should attend. This is a meeting that is open to the whole congregation if you would like to attend.

Chile. We are planning our 2014 Volunteers in Mission trip to Chile. Once again we will travel to El Vergel just outside of Angol, Chile to work with John Elmore our covenant missionary partner there. If you are interested in being a part of the team please plan to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Footsteps classroom. We will discuss details of the trip and answer any questions you might have. This meeting is for those who are interested in going. You do not have to make a commitment at this time.

We have begun building **Ham Mountain** in the Narthex of the church. This mission is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund to raise money for the Food Pantry. We will receive hams each Sunday until December 1st. The hams will be given out at the food pantry on December 4th.



Veteran's Day Program: Sunday, November 10 6pm-8pm. The speaker will be John O'Malley and we will also have music by the Hoover High School Jazz Band.

BLANKETS FOR HOMELESS

We are still collecting blankets for the next couple of weeks. Please bring them to the narthex or to the office.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Organized by women for hands-on missions to spread God's love-
The local UMW is always open to all ages who want to be involved in service.

United Methodist Women Gathering

Nov. 4, 2013 @ 10:30am – Fellowship Hall Lunch meeting, \$6 – Joy Circle, hostess Program – Jackie Wesson, "Make Poverty Personal" and Tom Duley will install officers for the coming year

Mission Highlights

Mission Work Trip to UMCOR warehouse in Decatur, November 13.
Art Show Bake Sale earned \$1,446.50 for missions. Thanks to all who helped!
BPUMW hosted the Central District UMW Annual Meeting on October 20th
Reminder: November is time to start building Ham Mountain!

UMW Circle Meetings

Compassion: Nov 3 @ 5PM, Parlor

Grace: Nov 18 @10AM, Fisherman

Hope/Love: Dec. 2 @ 10AM

Hostesses: Mahala McKinney &
Ann Gilliland

Joy: Nov. 18 10AM, Fireside

Dec. 9 10 AM, Home of Carol
Westbrook

Friendship: Dec. 9AM, TBD

Holiday Dinner Party

UMW Questions – Call Elizabeth
Davis at 823-9093

Lay Servants are people who –

- have the desire and are ready to serve the church;
- are well informed on and committed to scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist Church;
- receive specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, or care-giving ministry.

Would you like to know more about Lay Servant Ministry, and service of leading, caring and communicating both at BPUMC and at other United Methodist Churches? If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Becky Walker at 987-0404 or bwalker5129@yahoo.com. Training sessions will be held Nov. 15-16 at Birmingham Southern. (Reservations are requested.)

The Firehouse Shelter will be having its annual **5-Alarm Gala** on **Thursday, November 7** at the B & A Warehouse. The shelter's main fundraiser will include numerous basket raffles, hors d'oeuvres, music and more. Tickets are only \$50.00 per person (corporate tables also available). Ninety-three cents of every dollar donated to the Firehouse goes directly to services actually serving Birmingham's homeless. The Firehouse Shelter is Birmingham's only step-by-step network of resources for the homeless and provides short and long term housing options, street outreach programs, counseling, medical referrals and educational programs for the community. The Shelter also provides 450 meals a day and houses more than 175 men each night. To order tickets, contribute a gift basket for the raffle or for more information, please contact Kvl Puchta at (205) 481-3790 or athcup@bellsouth.net

CHILDREN'S NEWS

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL We will have a "Month of Missions" for November. We will make Wreaths for our veterans, Christmas cards for our military personnel, and have a canned food drive for our pantry and for U.C.C. We are looking for volunteers to help with the advent Sunday school unit. We need volunteers for Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15.

THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL was wonderful!!! Thank you all of the adult Sunday school classes that participated in the fun.

THE NEXT ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP will be Monday Nov. 11. We will do a patriotic surprise trip, go eat pizza and see a movie. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We will leave about 9:30a.m. and be back around 4:30p.m. Please pick up children by 5:30p.m. We have spots for 21 students. Call and make your child's reservation for the bus! Cost is \$30.00 a child.

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP did a great job making "Ham Mountain!" Make sure now that you bring your canned ham. Our next fun trip will be Sunday, Nov. 24. We will go bowling and eat pizza. Be here by 5:30p.m. We'll be back at 7:30p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is Dec. 1st at 5p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Church wide Christmas Party will be at 5:30p.m. Parent letters will be mailed next week.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL is Wednesday Dec. 4. Dinner will start at 5p.m. and the musical will be at 6p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.



STUDENT MINISTRY

Our student ministry will be sponsoring two children in this year's Festival of Three Kings, which will be held on Saturday, December 14. Starting in November, we'll begin taking up an offering at Sunday School, small groups, recreation events and at Holy Ground worship. Our goal will be to raise \$200 (\$100 for each child). We'll then use the funds raised to purchase items on their Christmas wish list. Please give to this great effort!

Fall Retreat is Friday-Sunday, Nov. 22-24 at Camp Sumatanga. Sign up and pay online at www.bluffparkumc.org.

Thank you to every parent who has signed up to help as a volunteer this fall. We still have several needs, including Sunday School teachers, event chaperons and small group leaders. To learn more, contact Bart at 205-790-1803 or barts@bpumc.org.

Wednesday, October 30: Halloween Carnival & Haunted Youth Wing
Sunday, November 3, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, November 3, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, November 3, 4:30pm: HS Guys Small Group
Sunday, November 3, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 3, 6:00pm: HS Girls Small Group
Sunday, November 3, 6:00pm: Scavenger Hunt through the Church
Wednesday, November 6, 5:30pm: MS Small Groups
Wednesday, November 6, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

BRIDGE and LUNCH: With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. Beginners and advanced
THURSDAY, OCT. 31: SHEPHERDS CENTER-Program by Leonette Slay
THURSDAY, NOV. 7: SHEPHERDS CENTER-Program by the Seasoned Performers
SUNDAY, NOV. 10: VETERANS DAY PROGRAM-Dinner at 5pm. Program at 6pm.
John O'Malley: Guest Speaker, Music by the Jazz Band of Hoover High School
Everyone is invited to honor our veterans.

MEDICAL SUPPLY CLOSET IS TEMPORARLY CLOSED

CHRISTMAS TRIP—December 4th-7th

\$375 per person/double - \$100 deposit ASAP—balance due November 1.

Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg. Christmas lights/ shopping/shows, Christmas on the Titanic, and Christ in the Smokies Museum.

Special Moment with Jesus!

Let the beauty of the LORD our GOD be upon us Psalm 90:17 KIV

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The Week of November 3 - November 9

Sunday, November 3

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
All Saints Sunday
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
All Saints Sunday
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, November 4

Tuesday, November 5

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, November 6

6:00 p.m. Supper

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6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 7

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Center

6:00 p.m. Charge Conference

Friday, November 8

Ushers

8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore

Cross

8:45: Ethan Caraway 11:00: Mollie Edwards

Acolytes

8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Rory Edwards

Children's Church

8:45: Sparks 11:00: Beasley

Greeters November 3: Fisherman Class

Meals on Wheels November 6: Ken & Kay Adams

Food Pantry: November 6: Penny Burns

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

Sermon, November 3, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"I Believe in the Communion of Saints"
(Romans 8:38-39)
Tom Duley

6:00 Evening Worship

(Luke 19:1-10)

Peter von Herrmann

Last Week's Record

October 27 2013

Sunday School	388
Morning Worship	482
Evening Worship	15
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$18,805.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$1,136,052.00
Received to Date	\$1,065,659.31
Building Fund Receipts	\$8,824.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$230,563.16
New Members in 2013	37

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$10,880.92
Received to Date	\$262,200.22

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

Wed. Night Servers—Oct. 30

Faith Class

October 30-Halloween Carnival

Hot Dogs, Chili, Nachos, Grilled Cheese

November 6

Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Limas or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll.

VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery

Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)
Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)



Monday 6:30