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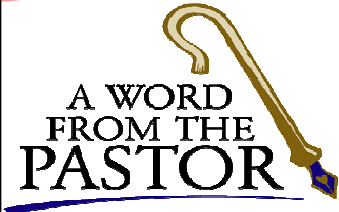
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## Laity Sunday 2013



The term "laity" might sound odd to many, but the word comes from the biblical Greek word "laos" meaning "the people at large." In the Church, the laity are all the people who are not ordained clergy. What is interesting about the history of the Church throughout history is that the laity have been the ones to do much of the mission and ministry and not the clergy. Clergy tend to organize the church and tend to the Sacraments, while the laity have been on the front lines demonstrating their faith in word and deed.

One example of a great lay leader in the early church is that of Lydia in Acts 16. Our children are currently studying about Lydia and other female church leaders from the New Testament in their Sunday school classes. Lydia used her resources and influences in the community to help establish a church in Philippi along with the apostle. Once he left to go and start other communities of faith, it is likely that the church in Philippi continued under her leadership.

This Sunday is Laity Sunday and we will have several church leaders serving in worship this coming Sunday. I hope you will come out and support them and hear the wonderful words they have to share with us.

*Mike*

**Nominations:** If you have an interest in serving in a leadership role here at Bluff Park UMC in 2014, please speak to Mike Holly or one of the members of the Nominations Committee: Terry Turner, Jennie Alley, John Christopher Batts, Marlowe Fort, Marcus Chatterton, David Marshall and Bob Walker.

**Sumatanga Collection:** The total collected was \$2,844.00.

### Meetings

Sunday, September 22  
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Worship Committee Meeting – 3:30 pm Library  
Board of Stewards Meeting – 4:30 pm Opportunity class



The **Annual BPUMC Golf Tournament** has moved to the Fall! This year's Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 23rd at Hoover Country Club. We are joining up with St. Mark's UMC to have some fun and fellowship with fellow UMC members! The tournament is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund. The cost of entry will be \$100 per player. This includes your entry fee, range balls, mulligans and lunch. To sponsor a team, the cost will be \$600 which includes the entry fee of 4 players and two Hole Sponsorships. Sign up for the tournament will be available in the Church office or narthex. Entry fees are due when you sign up. For more information about other ways to help sponsor the golf tournament (door prizes, tee gifts, snacks, etc), please contact Jennie Alley at [medplanjda@aol.com](mailto:medplanjda@aol.com) or Megan Wise at [megan.f.wise@gmail.com](mailto:megan.f.wise@gmail.com). Hope to see everyone on the course!

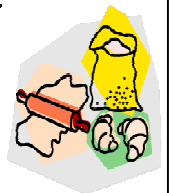


Bake your favorite recipes for the

**Bluff Park Art Show**

**BAKE SALE**

**October 5th**



*Plan to be a part of this annual fundraiser for our Mission work by baking and sharing with others.*

**If you run short of time**

**baking ahead and freezing is a good thing**

**Goodies to Fellowship Hall Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Noon-6PM**

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Loy Jones in the death of her brother, Marshall Bryan. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR YOUTH:** The Food Pantry Committee and volunteers are so grateful to the whole Youth Department and the summer interns for their help with the pantry packing for the summer months. You did a fantastic job and gave the "old folks" a welcome rest. Also, special thanks go to Claire and Emma Patton and Jean Glaze for helping out on the early shift. **YOU GUYS ARE AWESOME.**

I would like to **thank everyone** for the cards, calls, prayers and food I received during my time of surgery and treatments. It is wonderful to have such a caring church family. Odessa Harbor

Many members of Bluff Park UMC have worked very hard to make the **Promise Home** a reality. In order to express our appreciation for their efforts there will be a Banquet of Thanks on Tuesday evening October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM. The banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a nice meal and fellowship time together. There will also be entertainment provided by our own Leigh Delashaw and Bart Styes. The Banquet of Thanks is open to anyone who helped on the Promise Home in any way. However, we must have reservations in order to know how many meals to prepare. Please make your reservations by phone or by email through Cindy Myers in the church office.

**Counseling:** Family conflict can be bitter and painful, and it's often hard to rebuild broken relationships with those closest to us. It takes grace and courage and patience. Steve Sweatt is available for that purpose. He is a licensed counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and ordained minister who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Steve is affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, and he comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church located below the chapel. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Weekend and evening appointments can be arranged.

***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."<sup>1</sup>

Join us in worship this October for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Over the course of four weeks, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the series, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> during both morning worship services.

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

*Mike*

**Schedule of Events:**

October 6	Enough: Waste	Luke 15:11-16
October 13	Enough: Contentment	Matthew 12:13-21
October 20	Enough: Generosity	Matthew 25:31-46
October 27	Enough: Praise	1 Chronicles 16:28-36 Consecration Sunday

**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.

**Upcoming Circle Meetings:**

Compassion – Sunday, September 29; 4-6pm; Food Pantry  
Sunday, October 6; 5-6pm; meet in the Parlor (Kristi Griem, President of Freeset USA will share with us. Freeset is a fair trade business offering employment to women trapped in sex trade in Kolkata, India.)

Grace – September 23 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class

Hope-Love – September 23 @ 10AM, Margie Thompson & Phyllis Johnston, hostesses  
Joy – September 23 @ 10AM in Fireside Room Friendship – September 23 @ 6:30PM in Parlor

**United Methodist Women Coming Events**

1. Bluff Park Art Show Bake Sale, October 5 2. BPUMW will host the Central District UMW Annual Meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the Chapel. Guests are welcome.

**Mission Highlights of the month**

A product shower was held for McCoy Adult Daycare Center.

153 sheets and 11 Christmas boxes were delivered to UMCOR warehouse in Decatur for distribution to missions in Honduras.  
Questions – Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093



## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**MIDWEEK SCHEDULE** The Young Ringers, M&M Kids, Children's Choir, and 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will meet at the same time as last year. The schedule is as follows:

Preschool choir is at 6p.m. in the 3 year old classroom. Preschool Open Gym time is 6:30-7p.m. they will return to the nursery for story time. The Young Ringers (Hand bell choir for children 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet at 4:30-5p.m. in the Hand Bell room. Open Gym for elementary children (K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade) starts at 5:15p.m. **Once your child comes to the gym, they will not be allowed to come back to the Fellowship Hall unless a parent comes to get them.** They will be considered in rotation for the rest of the night. At 5:50p.m., the children will be escorted to children's choirs upstairs in the Canterbury classroom or the Fellowship classroom. At 6:25, elementary children are escorted to M&M Kids or 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the elementary hall. Parents can pick up M&M Kids anytime after 7:15p.m. At 7:30p.m., all children who are left in M&M kids will be taken to the nursery. 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will be released after 7:15p.m.

**CHILDREN'S COUNCIL** has been changed. We will meet on September 29, at 4:30p.m. in the New Light Classroom.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

We have collected valuable feedback from students and parents on your scheduling preferences for upcoming small group studies. Stay tuned as we schedule these and announce dates/times, topics and adult leaders.

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, September 18, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing  
Sunday, September 22, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal in the Youth Wing  
Sunday, September 22, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, September 22, 6:00pm: Vision Night in the Holy Ground Room  
Wednesday, September 25, 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, SEPT. 19:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - John Wayne Bible Study with Charlie Trucks  
**TUESDAY, SEPT. 25:** **ANNISTON DAY TRIP** - Classic on the Noble  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 26:** **SHEPHERD CENTER**—Mystery?????????????????  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27:** **SENIOR FUN DAY WITH MIKE and PETER**—Lunch, special entertainment. Mystery guest?????. Everyone's invited for a morning of fun, fellowship,. Call Betty.  
**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17:** **SHEPHERD CENTER FLU SHOTS** 9:00-10:00  
**SUNDAY, OCT. 20:** **CHURCH FLU SHOTS** 8:30-12:30

**MISSING:** *3 Light Weight Wheel Chairs. Please return or call Betty to let her know.*

### **CHRISTMAS TRIP**

*Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg—December 4th-7th. \$375 per person/double  
Christmas lights/ shopping/shows, Christmas on the Titanic, and Christ in the Smokies Museum.  
\$100 deposit—balance due November 1*

### **Special Moment with Jesus!**

*Because your gracious love is better than life itself, my lips will praise you. Psalm 63:3*

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**The Week of September 22-28**

**Sunday, September 22**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
3:30 p.m. Worship Committee  
4:30 p.m. Board of Stewards  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Monday, September 23**

6:00 p.m. Nominations

**Tuesday, September 24**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
9:00 a.m. Senior's Day Trip

**Wednesday, September 25**

4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 25**

6:00 p.m. Genealogy  
6:30 p.m. Mike Holly's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, September 26**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Center

**Friday, September 27**

10:00 a.m. Senior Fun Day  
6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

**Ushers**

8:45: Chatterton 11:00: Youth

**Cross**

8:45: TBA 11:00: Logan Watts

**Acolytes**

8:45: Ethan Caraway 11:00: Ari Tsantes

**Children's Church**

8:45: Bogart 11:00: Gray

**Greeters September 22:** Vitality

**Meals on Wheels September 25:** Wesson/Brown

**Food Pantry: October 2:** Kay Adams

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**

**1st Wednesday each month**

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

**Last Week's Record**

September 15, 2013

Sunday School	420
Morning Worship	586
Evening Worship	30
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$19,691.33
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$1,000,927.00
Received to Date	\$948,681.65
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,653.33
Building Fund in 2013	\$180,613,149
New Members in 2013	37

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,543.33
Received to Date	\$242,147.63

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Wed. Night Servers—Sept. 25**

Fellowship Hall—Matt and Pat Reeder  
Carry Out Line Peggy and Gail

**Sermon, September 22, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"The Call of the Laity"**  
**(Matthew 28:16-20)**  
**Becky Walker**

**6:00 Evening Worship**  
**"Bottom Line Faith"**  
**(Luke 16:1-13)**  
**Peter von Herrmann**

**VALET PARKING**

Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.

**Men's Freeplay Basketball  
In the Gym**

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



Monday 6:30  
In the Gym  
**First Class Free**

**Midweek Meal, Sept. 18**

Pork loin, rosemary potatoes and green beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Midweek Meal, Sept. 25**

Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, mixed vegetables, or baked chicken, baked potato bar,