



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter July 29, 2014

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As July ends, Bluff Park UMC is gearing up for an exciting fall! During the month of August we will begin studying the book of 2 Corinthians in worship, starting on August 3rd where Rev. Tom Duley will preach at both morning services and we will have a special time of prayer as well as the celebration of Holy Communion. During the Sunday school hour, our Sanctuary will be open for prayer for any individual, family or class.

August 3rd will also be Promotion Sunday for our children. There will be a special gathering for parents and children in the Chapel as families learn more about what is in store for our children this fall at BPUMC.

Then in the evening of August 3rd, we will have a back-to-school party for all ages with a family movie, inflatables and a classic car show in the parking lot! Fun for all ages before school starts back!

In the past month, we have learned from 1 Corinthians that a church is a community of faith that unites around a common person (Jesus Christ) and a common mission (to teach, love and serve). And we have learned that Christians are formed in these communities to put the other first, seeking to build them up in love. Bluff Park UMC exemplifies this type of community every time we open our doors to welcome and to serve...every time we go out into the community or into the city to bless and to serve. As we re-enter into the busyness of the fall with school, football, deadlines, and practices ~ let us remember who we are and Whose we are!

Save The Dates

- August 3** Children's Promotion Sunday ~ meet at 9:45am in the Chapel!
- August 10** Welcome Back Sunday
We encourage everyone to attend Sunday school and worship
- August 27** Youth and Children's Ministry Volunteer Training

Family Night at Bluff Park

This coming Sunday, August 3rd, from 5-7pm the Bluff Park UMC family will come together for a time of fellowship and fun. There will be food in the Fellowship Hall, a vintage car display in the parking lot for the grown-ups and a fun inflatable and family movie for the kids.

As the summer season winds down, the kids get ready for a return to school, and we all begin to look ahead to fall, it is the perfect time to reconnect with one another.

We look forward to seeing you.

News of the Week

CHURCH DIRECTORY

PHOTOS

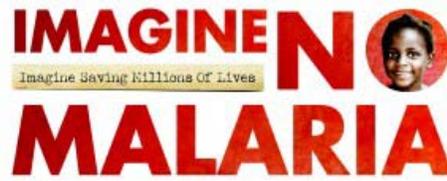
If you have not made an appointment to have your picture taken for our new Church Directory please call Color Craft directly at 1-800-638-9107. We want everyone in the new Church Directory.

SPECIAL PRAYER TIME

On Sunday morning, August 3rd, our worship services will focus on the comfort we find in God through prayer. As a way of marking this prayer emphasis the sanctuary will be available for prayer from 10:00 am to 10:45 am. There will be no other activity in the sanctuary during this time. We invite individuals and Sunday School classes to come to the sanctuary to pray during this time. The ministers will be in the sanctuary during this time should you wish to pray with one of them.

BLOOD DRIVE SUNDAY

There will be a blood drive in the Gym from 7am-12:30pm on Sunday, August 3rd.



Malaria's Dirty Dozen

Eight: While an effective vaccine and new drugs are being developed, what tools are available now to combat malaria? One proven resource is the insecticide-treated net (ITN). Only pyrethroid insecticides are approved for use on ITNs because they pose low health risks to humans and other animals but are toxic to insects even at low doses. One challenge with ITNs is the need to periodically retreat them with insecticides (every 6-12 months or after washing). Some companies have developed long-lasting insecticide-treated nets (LLINs) that maintain effectiveness for up to 3 years, even after washing. The CDC is testing several LLINs to assess performance and durability and WHO has recommended free distribution of LLINs where malaria is endemic.

Next: The United Methodist malaria timeline

IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Wiley and Rachel Truss on the birth of a 6 lb. 15 oz. son, Caleb Benjamin on July 27th. Maternal grandparents are Bennie and Amanda Vinson and paternal grandparents are Chris and Lois Truss.

LEARN HOW TO LEAVE A LEGACY

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Permanent Endowment Fund. Bluff Park United Methodist Church has a strong giving history. The Permanent Endowment Committee is sponsoring a lunch on Sunday, August 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief presentation and a chance to answer any questions. Anyone interested in learning about how you can leave a legacy for generations to come is welcome to attend. Please call Cindy at 822-0910 to make a reservation by Wednesday, August 6.

BASS CLUB MEETING

Bass Club planning meeting

August 7th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

MEMORIALS

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Marvin Broome Sr. by Preston and JoAnn Huddleston
Jack Gray by Protective Life Crop

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Studivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

FOOD PANTRY

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Jeanne and Neal Matthews

JD and Rosemond Byrd by Marie Cordes

CHOIR ROBE FUND

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Carol and Wayne Hamlin

MUSIC FUND

Jack Gray by Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class, Ann Gilliland, Laura Boren, Sue Crunk, Jack and Sue Pearson, Susan Measel

MISSIONS

Jack Gray by Ellen Ferrell

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Pat Adair by Bill Adair

HONORARIUM

CHOIR ROBES

Claire Harris by Bill and Leila Harris

Stretch Dunn by Lynn Jackson

Ann Bice by Canterbury Class

Betsy Britain by Bill and Peggy Best

Lonnie Parson by Fred and Jackie Teaford

FINE ARTS CAMP

John Baird by Stretch and Joan Dunn

Please note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SURVEY The Children's Ministry Team is updating the list of volunteers. The spiritual education of our children is the responsibility of our whole congregation and we want to encourage everyone to be a part of this important work. In order to connect each volunteer with the opportunities that best fit their gifts, we have prepared a short survey. Please take a few moments and fill out the survey today. The survey is on our website at: BluffParkUMC.org/childrensvolunteersurvey

PROMOTION SUNDAY is this Sunday August 3. All 3k - 5th meet in THE CHAPEL at 9:45a.m. to welcome the new school year. We will talk about our new sign-in/out policy, celebrate our children, and fill out registration forms. We will also have doughnuts and coffee in the CHAPEL for the adults after we meet.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS will be Sunday August 10. Each child is invited to bring their backpacks up to the altar where we will say a special prayer over them. This will be for both services.

A NEW POLICY will be instituted on Aug. 3rd. All children (birth through 5th grade) will need to be signed in for all activities by their parents. This includes Sunday School and Wednesday night Midweek programming. Further information is forthcoming!

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

Promotion Sunday	Sun. Aug. 3	All Children!
Blessing of the Backpacks	Sun. Aug. 10	All school children!

STUDENT MINISTRY

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT. A team of 28 students and adults served in Greene County, TN through Saturday, July 26. They dug drainage ditches, tarred a roof, built a deck, and repaired and resurfaced floors. This marked the eighth consecutive year that our students have served rural Appalachia through ASP. We couldn't have done this work without the support of our church. THANK YOU.

BEACH RETREAT, AUGUST 1-4. Our students are heading out for one last trip to the beach before school starts back. We're staying at the Laguna Christian Retreat, west of Panama City Beach, FL. Our devotion time will focus on answering God's call for our lives. Please pray for safe travels, great weather and a lot of fun.

YOUTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 10. Our students will take a leadership role in the morning worship services as we go back into the school year. We hope that your family will choose to worship with us.

Wednesday, July 30, 12:00pm	HS Lunch Bunch (location TBD)
Thursday, July 31, 6:00pm	Art Night in the Youth Wing (until 8:00pm)
Friday-Monday, Aug 1-4	Beach Retreat at Laguna Christian Retreat

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JULY 31:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Ron Jones - Artist-on-the-Bluff. Come hear what's happening at Old Bluff Park Elementary School.

THURSDAY AUGUST 7:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Stewart Welch, of The Welch Group, specializing in providing Wealth Management services to Healthcare Professionals and Retirees.

TUESDAY AUGUST 12

CAMP SUMATANGA DAY RETREAT - 8:30am - 4:00pm. Worship, Music, Bible Love Story, lunch and much more. Join us for fun, fellowship, lots of laughter and maybe a surprise or two. Cost: \$10.00pp - call Betty.

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Special Moment with Jesus

"O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works." Psalm 105: 1-2



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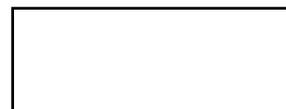
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The Week of August 3-9

Sunday, August 3

8:30 am Blood Drive in Gym
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Promotion Sunday
10:00 am Church Directory Photos
10:00 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Family Night at BPUMC
6:00 pm Communion and Prayer in the Chapel

Tuesday, August 5

10:00 am Church Directory Photos

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 am Food Pantry
10:00 am Church Directory Photos

Thursday, August 7

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Bass Club Meeting
6:30 pm Choir

Friday, August 8

6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

SUNDAY, August 3, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Consolation Granted Through Prayer"
(Scripture - 2 Corinthians 1:3-11)
Rev. Tom Duley

6:00pm Communion and Prayer in the Chapel

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 15

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 UMW 11:00 Vitality

Cross

8:45 Davison Dover 11:00 Ruskin Gold

Acolytes

8:45 Sally Frances Little

11:00 Harrison Winter

Greeters : Fisherman

Meal on Wheels August 6: Becky McCrary

Food Pantry August 6: Theresa Richerson

VALET PARKING

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

Last Week's Record

July 27, 2014

Children	56
Morning/Evening Worship	556/55
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$25,970.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$810,750.00
Received to Date	\$735,748.00
New Members in 2014	44

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,741.67
Received to Date	\$524,657.34

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

FREE PLAY BASKETBALL in the gym

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st Wednesday each month
We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!