



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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On Sunday evening, we officially began our campaign to raise \$25,000 for Imagine No Malaria. As a congregation, we have pledged to raise \$25,000 over the next three years to help prevent, treat and eradicate malaria from the continent of Africa. The global United Methodist Church is seeking to raise \$75 million by the end of 2015 and the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church has pledged to raise \$1 million dollars. The number that has been in my mind ever since we began studying about malaria earlier this year is that \$10 saves one life. If we think about it this way, at the end of our campaign, we will have saved 2500 lives! You will hear more very soon about how you can help give to this important campaign.

Next we want to remind you about our upcoming “God Questions” sermon series where we will be studying two burning questions that people have when talking about God:

1. *Does everything happen for a reason?*
2. *Where is God when I need him?*

This special two-week sermon series will be on September 7th and 14th. We are excited about the fall at BPUMC! Don't miss out on all that is happening in and around our church!

It's Time to Make a Difference

On Sunday, August 24th, Mrs. Jane Robinson came to share her experiences doing short-term mission work in Africa. She opened our eyes to the devastation malaria visits on the people in Africa and also marked the beginning of our Imagine No Malaria campaign.

On Wednesday, September 3rd Dr. Magdalena Paczkowski, an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers For Disease Control in Atlanta, will join us to give a deeper understanding of the challenges that need to be overcome to end malaria in Africa.

Dr. Paczkowski's presentation will be the kick-off for our fall mid-week ministries. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Dr. Paczkowski's presentation will be in the Chapel beginning at 6:30pm.

Next, we must each decide how we will respond to the needs of those in Africa suffering from the devastating impact of malaria.



Malaria's Dirty Dozen: Twelve

For an investment of \$10 you can save a life through the Imagine No Malaria campaign. When we as a church meet our total goal of \$25,000 over the next three years we will have been responsible for saving 2,500 lives. Donating to the Imagine No Malaria campaign enables us to do so very much for so very little.

News of the Week

FINAL CHURCH DIRECTORY MAKE-UP DATE

Sunday, September 7 will be the last photo make-up day for our 2014 Church Directory. If you have not had your picture taken yet, please call Betty to schedule an appointment. We want to be sure everyone is included in our new directory.

SEARCHING FOR SERVANTS

In September, our Nominations Committee will be looking for new servants and new leaders in several areas around the church. If you have had an interest or a calling to serve in some way in the mission and ministry of our church, please contact Mike Holly and share that with him: (205) 822-0910, ext. 104 / mholly@bpumc.org. If you are not sure where you can best serve, there will be a 2-part spiritual gifts assessment class held September 10th and 17th at 6:00pm.

1ST ANNUAL FUN RUN

Run a mile and help bring clean drinking water to a village in India. The New Light Sunday School class is organizing a fun run September 28th at 2:30pm to raise money for neverthirst—a non-profit group focused on providing clean drinking water to people around the world. Registration fee is \$20 per runner. Visit the church website for more information and to register online.

BEAUTIFUL BLUFF PARK UMC—PART 2

On August 12th, the Hoover Beautification Board awarded our church a Commercial Beautification Award for 2014. The event program featured images of the renovated courtyard and the Columbarium. This week, the city of Hoover sent a crew to install a new sign in front of the courtyard to identify the church as an award winning site.

BLUFF PARK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Please start making plans to join us as we build the Bluff Park Habitat House in October and November. Please set these work dates aside on your calendar and make your plans to be with us as much as you can.

WORK DATES: October 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31. November 1, 6, 7, 8.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On September 15, at the Riverchase Country Club in Hoover, Bluff Park United Methodist Church and St. Mark United Methodist Church will hold their annual benefit golf tournament. Proceeds from the event support the youth and children's ministries at the churches. Register today to reserve your spot or to become a sponsor. Forms and more details are available on the church website or stop by the office.

FALL MISSION & MINISTRY GUIDE

Keeping track of all the activities going on here at Bluff Park UMC can be a challenge. Help is on the way. The fall 2014 guide to missions and ministries has just been completed. The guide highlights the major events, sermon series, mission opportunities, Bible studies, and other important activities happening in the church. The new guide is available to download on the website and printed versions will be mailed to members and also available at the welcome station in the Narthex.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to everyone that traveled on the recent trip to San Antonio, Texas. Thank you for your support and kindness but most of all for your friendship. Additional thanks to everyone that kept those of us traveling in your prayers each day. What a great time we had. - Betty

GOD QUESTIONS?

NEW SERMON SERIES

September 7 – September 14

Have you ever wanted to ask God a question that has been troubling you? In a special two week series, Rev. Mike Holly will explore two common theological questions: Does Everything Happen for a Reason? Where is God When I Need Him?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THE NEW SIGN IN/OUT POLICY is presently established. Parents of K5-2nd graders- You will sign your children out with the grade shepherd in the room, not at the table. 3rd-5th graders will sign themselves out to go meet their parents. If you have a child who has permission to sign out K5-2nd grader, the shepherd needs to have the release waiver card in hand or the child will not be released to the sibling. The same goes for adults picking up other children other than their own.

8:45A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH If your preschooler comes to Children's church the nursery staff will continue to take the them to Sunday School without you coming down to sign them in. Mrs. Leigh or the Children's Church volunteer will sign them in. When you pick your child up from either Children's Church, after the service, OR from Sunday School you will sign them out.

MIDWEEK PROGRAMMING will begin Wednesday Sept. 3rd. The nursery opens at 5:30p.m. Elementary children will have Open Gym at 5-5:45p.m. Children's Choir is at 5:50-6:25p.m. From 6:30-7:30p.m K5-1st Graders will have Holy Moly time, 2-3 graders will meet with Mrs. Carole Roegner for her class on "How to use your Bible," and 4th and 5th graders will meet in the Zoo Room on the 3rd floor for 4th 5th Fellowship.

BIBLES FOR 3rd GRADERS Each 3rd grade student will receive their Bibles at the 11a.m. service on Sept. 7. Please let Mrs. Leigh know what name your child will want in his or her Bible. ldelashaw@bpumc.org

STUDENT MINISTRY

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES. All of our students have now returned to school. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin the fall semester. We also lift up our 2014 graduates who are beginning their college or vocational careers.

HOLY GROUND WORSHIP RETURNS THIS FALL. Our student worship team is hard at work getting ready for our first worship series. On September 3, we'll participate in the church-wide Imagine No Malaria program. Then we'll start worshipping a week later on September 10.

HIGH SCHOOL RAFTING TRIP, SEPTEMBER 5-7. We are offering an experience just for our 9th-12th graders to go rafting, play paintball, experience a high ropes course AND worship with students from across the country. Cost is \$150 with a \$50 deposit due this Sunday and this price includes all activities and four meals/two nights stay. This is limited to students who are either members or active non-members. This is because we hope to use this experience to build more cohesion among our older students going into the fall. We know this is a tight turnaround from the summer, so we'll be discussing quick fundraising options with the students who sign up to go.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 31, 10:00am

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Wednesday, September 3, 4:30pm

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Friday-Sunday, September 5-7

Sunday School in the Youth Wing

No Afternoon/Evening Activities

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Hang Out Time in the Youth Wing

HS Rafting Trip on the Ocoee River

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

SHEPHERD'S CENTER -Ginny, Lakeshore, will be here.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

PEACH PARK - BBQ, Dogs, Peach Ice Cream, 4:00-7:30pm. Filling up quickly - call Betty to sign-up. \$5.00/gas donation.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

LABOR DAY Holiday - Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

MID-WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Spend some time with Julia Tutwiler...a presentation by Carol Armistead.

GOD' BLESSINGS:

It's such a delight to count the blessings of the LORD; HE is so good to us; Our hearts just overflows with gratitude and praise; Because HIS children we have the privilege to be.



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The Week of August 31– September 6

Sunday, August 31

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:30 am Covenant Class Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Peach Park Daytrip
5:00 pm Living Room Study
No Evening Worship Service

Monday, September 1

Office Closed for Labor Day

Wednesday, September 3

5:00-6:30pm Dinner
5:30 pm Disciple 1
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Imagine No Malaria Program
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, September 4

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, September 5

8:00 am Youth Leave for Rafting Trip

SUNDAY, August 31, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"A Community Shares its Resources"
(Scripture - 2 Corinthians 8:1-14)
Rev. Peter von Herrmann

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Doran 11:00 Arthur

Cross

8:45 Emma Patton 11:00 Emily Toth

Acolytes

8:45 Jonathan Kerns 11:00 Preston Scott

Children's Church:

8:45-Mann, 11:00-Prudhomme

Greeters : New Horizons

Meal on Wheels September 3:

Robin and David Martin

Food Pantry September 3: Sylvia Sumners

MIDWEEK MEAL MENU

September 3rd

Pork chops, cabbage and peas, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll, and dessert.

Last Week's Record

August 24, 2014

Children	70
Morning/Evening Worship	548/56
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$11,011.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$918,850.00
Received to Date	\$826,125.49
New Members in 2014	44

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$4,486.67
Received to Date	\$536,251.34

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**
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!

VALET PARKING

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