



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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This Sunday, Rev. Tom Duley will preach in worship as we begin our new sermon series: **Treasures of the Transformed Life**. In this special series, we will explore what it means to be fully committed to God and to the church. In the United Methodist Church, our commitment is expressed in the vows we make as members of the church. These vows cover how we will pray, be present, share our gifts, serve others, and live as a faithful witness of Jesus Christ in our lives.

We will spend the next six weeks exploring these vows, not only to invite you to go deeper in your commitment to God and the church – but to also invite you to live a transformed life of joy and contentment that comes with fully loving God and serving others! This is an exciting time for our congregation as we are exploring new opportunities in a new year of ministry. We hope you will join us!

Discover the Power of a Batch of Brownies!

Supporting the mission and ministry work of Bluff Park United Methodist Church doesn't always mean writing a big check, rolling up your sleeves to help with Bargains on the Bluff, or heading out of the country on a week long mission trip. A few hours in the kitchen baking a simple batch of brownies can help too.

The United Methodist Women of Bluff Park will again be operating a bake sale table at the Bluff Park Art Show. This bake sale raises money which is, in turn, used for mission projects like Pantry on the Bluff, Grace House, First Light, and Under the Bridge where we serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

Did you know that one donated cake can provide for enough groceries to serve 3 Pantry families. One dozen cupcakes provides for a night of housing to a friend at First Light, and that single batch of brownies can raise enough money to feed 3 homeless friends Under the Bridge.

Fire up the oven and bake a cake, or some cookies, brownies, or cupcakes. Drop them off in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, October 3rd from 12:00-6:00 pm. Don't forget, you can 'bake ahead' and freeze your goodies until drop-off day!



News of the Week

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.

STEWART JACKSON CONCERT

Singer and guitarist Stewart Jackson (member of the group The Dill Pickers) will be giving a solo performance in the Chapel. The concert takes place Sunday September 21st at 6:00 pm.

PARKING NEAR THE MAIN OFFICE

Due to several instances where emergency vehicles have had to respond to situations at BPUMC, we are asking everyone in our church to please not park in a fire lane at any time of the week. We have several places in our campus for loading and unloading that are very close to an elevator. Thank you for taking the steps to keep our fire lanes open for when they are needed.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5th, is World Communion Sunday. It is also the day when we receive our annual Offering of Blankets for the homeless. As the days grow cooler and then get cold, those who are homeless need protection from the cold. The Offering of Blankets is one way that we help to meet that need. Please bring your blanket to the worship service and place it at the altar rail on October 5th. We will be receiving blankets at the 8:45 and 11:00 am worship services.

LUNCH WITH JUDGE SHANTA OWENS

Everyone is invited on Sunday, October 5, for United Methodist Women's lunch and a program presented by Jefferson County Court Judge Shanta Owens. Judge Owens presides over the Jefferson County Drug Program. She will discuss the "Over the Mountain Initiative for Drug Awareness". Lunch will follow the late worship service, around 12:15. Lunch is \$6. RSVP to Tina Hardy, 979-8286, by September 29th.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA
Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives



395 LIVES SAVED SO FAR...

In the first weeks of our Imagine No Malaria fundraising campaign we have raised enough money to save 395 lives (\$3,950). This is a great start!

When we meet our church's total goal of \$25,000 over the next three years we will have been responsible for saving 2,500 lives. Each \$10 donation provides the treated bed nets, testing kits, medicine, and training needed to save one person from the tragic effects of malaria.

Make a commitment today to take a stand against malaria and give to the Imagine No Malaria campaign.

NEW NURSERY/PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR

BPUMC has hired a new nursery/preschool coordinator. It is Marcie Walters. Marcie is a part time preschool teacher at another school and has been working in the nursery for 1 ½ years. She is a bride of 5 months and comes to us with a lot enthusiasm and energy. If you are in the choir, you probably have seen her in the 2 year old room. The staff is thrilled that Marcie is taking the helm in the nursery and the preschool!

JOIN THE HABITAT BUILD TEAM

The Bluff Park Habitat Build Team needs more volunteers. We will be building a home in Calera for the Perry family starting in mid-October. Please make plans to join us for this mission project. There are a wide range of opportunities on the work site and previous construction experience is not required. The minimum age for volunteers is 14, so this is a perfect opportunity for families with older children to serve together. Please visit the website to register:

<http://bluffparkumc.org/habitat-2014>

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL PARENTS. We have tweaked the sign in/out process. All parents will sign their children in at the front desk. Each class has a clip board. Teachers and nursery staff will write in attendance in the room and parents will initial their children out of the class. If your child is in Children's church, Mrs. Leigh or an appointed volunteer will sign your child in and you will initial them out. Hopefully, this will streamline the process and save on repetition.

MIDWEEK PROGRAMMING began on Wednesday Sept. 3rd. The nursery opens at 5:30p.m. Elementary children will have hand bell choir rehearsal at 4:30p.m., Open Gym at 5:15-5:45p.m., and 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.

LOOKING AHEAD. The Halloween Carnival is coming up!!!! Wednesday Oct. 29 6-8p.m. There will be food, fun, and fellowship for all who participate! Invite your friends and neighbors!!! Adult classes will be getting the fun and games sign up this Sunday in the class mailboxes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10 - October
September 24th
October 8th - November
October 29th

Unit Study Hall, 6:30pm, New Light class
Children's Council Meeting. 6:30pm, New Light class
Unit Study Hall. 6:30pm, New Light class
Halloween Carnival 5pm-8pm, gym

STUDENT MINISTRY

STUDENT SMALL GROUP STUDIES. Our middle school student small groups started on Sunday, September 7th at 5:00pm in the Youth Wing. The middle school girls will continue with "Girl Talk" while the middle school boys continue "Dangerous Devotions for Guys." Our high school student group began on the 14th with a video and discussion. We hope you'll join us each week as we travel further on our faith journey.

HOLY GROUND WORSHIP - "BACK TO THE FUTURE" SERIES. Each week will feature a theme decade from the 60's, 70's, 80's & 90's. We encourage students to come in costume as we look at our past to plan for our future. Sept 24 (80's) & Oct 1 (90's).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 21, 10:00am
Sunday, September 21, 4:00pm
Sunday, September 21, 5:00pm
Sunday, September 21, 6:00pm
Sunday, September 21, 6:30pm

Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing
MS Guys, MS Girls and HS Coed Small Groups
FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
MS Hunger Games & HS Hike at the Preserve
(we'll meet at the Preserve, details TBA)
Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Hang Out Time in the Youth Wing
Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, September 24, 4:30pm
Wednesday, September 24, 5:30pm
Wednesday, September 24, 6:30pm

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Music by Wolfgang

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23

MYSTERY TRIP 9:00AM - 4:00PM

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24

CARDS/SICK and SHUT-INS - Library 11:00am

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Fun Bingo - What's in Your Purse/Pocket??

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26

SENIOR FUN DAY with Mike, Peter, & Tom the FUN starts at 10:30am with Bobby, Brad and Jerry, **Three-on-a-String** and a surprise MYSTERY GUEST, Lunch by Doris and Anita. A fun time for everyone. Cost: \$6.00pp
Call Betty for reservations or reserve a table(s) for your class.

Special Moment with Jesus

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:10



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The Week of September 21-27

Sunday, September 21

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
6:00 pm Stewart Jackson Concert

Monday, September 22

10:00 am UMW Hope-Love Circle
10:00 am UMW Joy Circle

Tuesday, September 23

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Building Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 24

4:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study
5:00-6:30pm Dinner
5:30 pm Disciple 1
5:45 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Midweek Ministries
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Children's Council

Thursday, September 25

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
4:00 pm Fisherman Class Dinner
7:00 pm Book Club

Friday, September 26

11:00 am Senior Fun Day

SUNDAY, September 21, 2014
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"We NEVER Talk About Money in Church"
(Scripture - Matthew 14:22-33)
Rev. Tom Duley

6:00pm Special Concert Event in Chapel
Stewart Jackson

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 McDonald 11:00 Footsteps
Cross

8:45 Neiley Mann 11:00 Logan Watts
Acolytes

8:45 Ethan McGriff 11:00 Ruskin Gold
Children's Church

8:45 McGriff 11:00 Smith

Greeters : Vitality

Meal on Wheels September 24:

Leigh Ann Agent

Food Pantry October 1: Becky McCrary

MIDWEEK MENU SEPTEMBER 24

Fried fish, hash brown casserole, baked beans,
baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn
dogs for the kids.

Last Week's Record

September 14, 2014

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| Children | 104 |
| Morning Worship | 532 |
| Weekly Operating Needs | \$29,189.36 |
| Operating Receipts | \$16,025.00 |
| 2014 Operating Budget | \$1,517,847.00 |
| Expected to Date | \$999,925.00 |
| Received to Date | \$884,152.14 |
| New Members in 2014 | 47 |

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013-December 31, 2015

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| Amount Pledged | \$1,083,250.00 |
| Received Last Week | \$2,288.33 |
| Received to Date | \$543,444.67 |

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

FREE PLAY BASKETBALL in the gym

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| 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.