

# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter October 21, 2014*

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Why does Bluff Park United Methodist Church exist? Partly because in 1889, a Methodist worship service was held in a barn on the property of Daniel P. Hale at about 715 Shades Crest Road. One hundred and twenty-five years ago, people came together to be the Church on this bluff.

But there is another answer to that question. We exist as Bluff Park United Methodist Church because many devoted Christians lived up to their faithful commitments, commitments that they had made to God and to one another. They prayed fervently. They regularly participated with their presence. They shared their financial gifts to build these classrooms and hallways. They shared their time, energy, and talents to fill these classrooms and hallways with programs and missions. They served their neighbors and helped those in need.

We exist today because we stand on the shoulders of saints who understood faithful commitments. Now it is our opportunity to continue living the witness of our faith together. Please remember to bring your Financial and your Time and Talent Commitments to worship this Sunday! Let us celebrate together what God is going to do in and through this wonderful congregation.

## Worship Survey Online



The Leadership Team and the pastoral staff at Bluff Park are already looking ahead to a new year of ministry in 2015. The first step in this process is to learn more about how well the things we are currently doing are meeting the needs of the congregation.

We have created a short online survey designed to help us uncover opportunities to refine and grow our worship ministry.

Our goal is to hear from everyone in the congregation. The survey is online, but if you do not have access to the Internet and want to participate, contact the church office and we will get a printed survey form for you to fill out.

To take the survey online visit:

<http://bluffparkumc.org/worship-survey>

## Stewardship Sunday October 26, 2014

Please bring your completed Pledge Card and Time & Talent Commitment Card to worship this Sunday. If you have not gotten them in the mail, we will have extras available at the Welcome Center.

Please make plans to join us after worship for a free 'celebration lunch' from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. This lunch is a way of celebrating the abundance that God has blessed us with and the generosity of his faithful servants.

For your convenience, the 2015 Time Talent Commitment Cards can be filled out online. To submit your responses online visit: <http://bluffparkumc.org/2014-time-and-talent-commitment-card/>

# News of the Week

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL IS HERE!

On Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00-8:00pm, we will host our annual Halloween Carnival at the church. There will be carnival games, prizes, food and more. Come dressed in your costume.

The Halloween Carnival is a great opportunity to invite new people to the church. Extend a personal invitation to your friends and neighbors.

## HABITAT BUILD TEAM UPDATE

The Perry house is really beginning to take shape. The walls are up. Windows and doors have been installed, and the exterior is covered with sheathing and insulation. We have many more opportunities to participate over the next few weeks, so it's not too late to volunteer. All who want to participate are welcome, but please sign-up at the church website or contact Tom Duley so we know you are coming.

The church vans leave from the church each work day at 7 am. Lunch is provided, as is water. If you would like to drive to the site in your own car, the street address is 329 Creek Run Circle, Calera, AL 35040.

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

## HAM MOUNTAIN

It's that Ham Mountain time of year again. Once again, we will be receiving 1 pound canned hams for use in the Bluff Park Food Pantry. We will receive them during the month of November. The hams will be distributed through the Food Pantry on December 3rd. The Ham Mountain display will be in the Narthex of the church beginning on Sunday, November 2nd, so bring those hams by and help us build a huge Ham Mountain this year. Ham Mountain is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

## CELL PHONES

During the month of November, we will be collecting old and unused cell phones. These phones will be donated to a program that provides cell phones for victims of domestic abuse who are getting a new start on their lives. A box will be in the Narthex of the church beginning on November 2nd. Please find those old cell phones you no longer need and bring them to the church. They will be cleaned of information, refurbished, and made available to those who need them.

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 2nd is All Saints Day. We invite you to come to worship as we set aside time to remember all of those who have passed away in the past year.

## VETERANS DAY SPECIAL EVENT

On Sunday, November 9th we will have a very special Veterans Day celebration. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with dinner and at 6:00 pm there will be music and a presentation by Bluff Park's own Stretch Dunn.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OCTOBER MEETINGS

Compassion and Friendship Circles will meet together on Monday, October 27, 6:30 pm, in the Parlor. The StrengthsFinder Study will continue, so read your book and be ready to discuss.

The Hope-Love Circle will meet Monday, October 27, 10:00 am, in the home of Sally Frederickson.

The Joy Circle will meet Monday, October 27, 10:00 am in the Friendship Classroom, room 168.

## CHILE VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015

We are now forming our Chile Volunteer in Mission team for 2015. The dates of the trip are March 13-27, 2015. The team is limited to 10 members. We currently have four persons committed to the team. If you are interested in being a member of the team, please contact Tom Duley. The deadline for making a commitment is December 17, 2014.

## COMMUNION PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

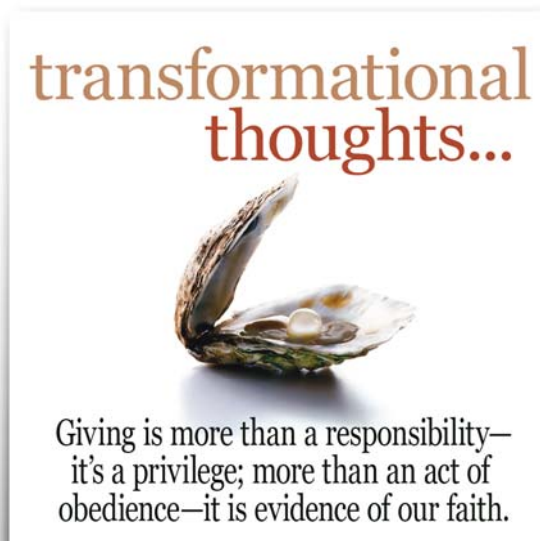
The opportunities to participate in Holy Communion have grown here at Bluff Park. In addition to the monthly celebration in the Sunday morning worship, we now celebrate Communion every Sunday evening as well. This means we need some additional volunteers to help prepare and clean up the table each week. The commitment of time is small, but the work is important to the life of our church. Thanks to Martha Leard, Wayne Freeman, Ann Williams, Pam McDonald, Frances Belows, Betsy Britain, Cathy Clement and Ellen Finley who have been helping over the past year. If you are interested in participating, please call Joan Davis at 824-3415 or call the church office at 822-0910.

## SEMI -ANNUAL CHARITY SALE

Support the local mission work of the United Methodist Women and save money too! Tickets are only \$5 and the sale takes place on November 8th from 6-10am. Contact Peggy Comer for tickets 822-5649.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Joe White, at Brookwood  
J.B. Dover, at Brookwood  
Sally Frederickson, at Brookwood



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** is coming up!!! Wednesday Oct. 29 6-8p.m. SPOILER ALERT- As part of the festivities, there will be a Popsicle cart from Steel City Pops! There will also be food, fun, and fellowship for all who participate! Invite your friends and neighbors!!! Come dressed in Costume!

**NEEDED** - Large brown paper grocery sacks. These will be used for a missions' project for Sunday School. Please bring them to the office.

**CHILDREN'S COUNCIL** will meet Oct. 22 in the New Light Classroom from 6:30-7:30p.m.

**ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** is Nov. 11. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We will be making a craft for a missions' project in the morning. We will then go to Little Italy for pizza. Cost is \$30.00 a child. We have room for 21 children. A reservation is needed! E-mail Leigh Delashaw, ldelashaw@bpumc.org.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 29th	Halloween Carnival 6pm-8pm, gym
November 11th	OTRA Field Trip
November 12th	December Crafts Study All 6:30pm in the Seekers Class

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL PLANNING: Students must come and help in order to volunteer at the carnival!** On Wednesday, October 29th, our church will hold it's annual Halloween Carnival, and that means our students must plan and set up our Haunted Youth Wing! To volunteer as part of our team at the carnival, students must have either attended our planning session on October 5th OR our setup time this Sunday, October 26th.

**FALL RETREAT - NOVEMBER 21ST-23RD.** Our annual fall retreat to Camp Sumatanga is the weekend leading into Fall Break. We will "retreat" to the camp to "re-center" ourselves on Christ. Cost is \$125 and includes transportation, lodging for two nights, five meals and a t-shirt. Registration is now open online at the church website under the GIVE->Online Donations tab.

**HOLY GROUND WORSHIP - THREE SIMPLE RULES.** After the Halloween Carnival, we start a new series at our youth worship service based on three very simple rules for Christian living: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. We'll learn how to follow these simple rules in a complex world.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 26, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, October 26, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing
Sunday, October 26, 5:00pm	MS Guys, MS Girls and HS Coed Small Groups
Sunday, October 26, 6:00pm	FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 26: 6:30pm	Haunted House Setup begins
Wednesday, October 29, 4:30pm	Haunted House Setup continues (dinner break for youth at 5pm)
Wednesday, October 29, 6-8pm	Haunted House, Creepy Crawly Tunnel & Fortune Teller Booth

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 30

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3 -  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - ??? - come see/hear

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** Niki Sepsas will be here. Ghost Ships and Rough Waves????

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM** dinner at 5:00 Special music and program at 6:00 with Stretch Dunn. Everyone invited.

**BILTMORE HOUSE CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR/BILL GRAHAM MINISTRIES-CAMPUS**, Deer Park, Historical Church Tour, overnight in Ashville, NC. Thursday a guided tour Bill Graham's Campus, Ruth's Attic, live Nativity, Light Music, Mr. Graham's Library, Cow Barn, Carriage Ride, Christmas Dinner, overnight in Charlotte. One or two surprises. Come go with us. Call Betty.

**CHRISTMAS TOUR - GOVERNOR'S MANSION** and Gift Shop 3:00-9:00pm. Traveling to Montgomery by Tour Bus. \$Cost: \$65.00pp includes dinner.

### Special Moment with Jesus

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16



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## The Week of October 26—November 1

### Sunday, October 26

8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
11:00 am Commitment Sunday Lunch  
6:00 pm Evening Worship

### Monday, October 27

10:00 am UMW Hope-Love Circle  
10:00 am UMW Joy Circle  
6:30 pm UMW Friendship Circle

### Tuesday, October 28

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 29

5:30 pm Disciple 1  
6:00 pm Halloween Carnival  
6:00 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, October 30

8:00 am Habitat Work Day  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
6:30 pm Handbell Choir

### Friday, October 31

8:00 am Habitat Work Day

### Saturday, November 1

8:00 am Habitat Work Day

### SUNDAY, October 26, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

*"All of Me"*

(Scripture - Micah 6:6-8)

Rev. Mike Holly

6:00pm Evening Worship Service

Rev. Mike Holly

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

### SERVING SUNDAY

#### Ushers

8:45 Montz 11:00 Lawson

#### Cross

8:45 Ethan McGriff 11:00 Kate Culverhouse

#### Acolytes

8:45 Jonathan Kerns 11:00 Logan Watts

#### Greeters: Faith

**Meals on Wheels October 29:**

Pam and Fred McDonald

**Food Pantry November 5:** Penny Burns

### MIDWEEK MENU October 29

Halloween Carnival Day: Hot dogs, chicken fingers, nachos, and a popsicle cart from Steel City Pops!

## Last Week's Record

October 19, 2014

Children/Youth	89/62
Morning/Evening Worship	481/23
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$20,310.11
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$1,135,050.00
Received to Date	\$992,282.25
New Members in 2014	48

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$3,951.85
Received to Date	\$560,968.19

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

### FREE PLAY BASKETBALL in the gym

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

### 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.