



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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On Sunday morning, I was stopped by a church member after the 8:45 am worship service who said that the worship service on Commitment Sunday was moving and uplifting. It was the best "Money Sunday" service that she could remember. A big part of that, I believe, was our wonderful choir blessing us with beautiful music! But don't forget the prayers of the pastors, the acolyte, crucifer and ushers. Don't forget the ambassadors, and the folks who sharpen the pencils and place Prayer Cards in the pews. Don't forget our maintenance staff that cleans the Sanctuary.

The Body of Christ is every member in ministry. Every member doing their part and serving one another in love. We want to be sure that each and every person who desires to serve has a way that they can do so. If you haven't had a chance to complete your 2015 Financial Commitment Card or a 2015 Time and Talent Commitment Card, now is the time to do so!

This Sunday, we will celebrate the lives of those who have passed away in the past year. We will name members of our congregation on Sunday, but we will also give you time during Holy Communion to come forward and remember any loved one that you have lost in the past year. May God's Holy Spirit continue to mend our broken hearts as we remember and celebrate our loved ones together.

Habitat House Update

In just a few short weeks, a dedicated team of volunteers from our church have come together to provide a home for the Perry family. Starting on an overcast Saturday morning with a few stacks of lumber, lots of enthusiasm, and a good set of plans, they have built walls, installed windows and doors, and plenty more.

Our Habitat project involves a large group of people performing a wide range of work. From driving the bus and providing food and water to swinging hammers and sawing lumber. Every role is necessary to complete the work God has set before us.

There is one more week of work scheduled for the Perry house. Please keep this project in your prayers. If you would like to get involved, contact Tom Duley.



News of the Week

EVENING SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Starting this coming Sunday, November 2nd, the evening worship service will be held one hour earlier at 5:00pm. We are making this change in response to the end of Daylight Saving Time and will continue to worship at 5:00pm until the time shift in the Spring.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday and enjoy that extra hour of sleep.

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 by the Hoover High School Jazz Band and a presentation by Bluff Park's own Stretch Dunn.

HAM MOUNTAIN

It's that Ham Mountain time of year. 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 and 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.

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 con-

tact 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. 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.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, November 9th, we will host a Blood Drive in the gym. Please make plans to share the gift of life! You can make an appointment to donate by visiting the Red Cross website: www.redcrossblood.org.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

What is your favorite part of the Christmas season here at Bluff Park United Methodist Church? Is it the concerts or the children's Christmas Pageant? Do you like the Advent Morning Prayer time, the Festival of the Three Kings, or just sitting with your family on Christmas Eve? On Sunday, November 9th, Andrew Seltz will have a video camera setup during the Sunday School hour and 11:00am Service to capture your story and share it on our website. Plan to stop by and tell us what you love about Christmas at Bluff Park UMC.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Troyce Brunson on the passing of his wife Jolinda on October 26th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Betty Lou Hager—Brookwood
Jeannie Jenkins—UAB Hospital

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>

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL was a great success!!! A big thank you goes to all of the adults who volunteered to staff booths, served food, sold tickets, and set up different booths. A big thank you goes to the Youth for the efforts put forth on the Haunted House. The biggest thank you goes to Mandi Black for helping coordinate the endeavor.

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP is Nov. 11. Doors open at 7:30am. 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.

3rd GRADERS and their parents will have an acolyte training session in the sanctuary on Nov. 12 at 6:30pm. Sarah Thompson, our acolyte coordinator, will speak to the parents while the children are instructed.

THE DOLLY AND ME TEA is Sunday Nov. 16 at 1pm in the church parlor. All young girls are invited to attend with their favorite doll and favorite mother!

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is Dec. 7 at 5pm in the sanctuary. You will receive a letter next week about this special event. Please let Mrs. Leigh know by Nov. 24 if your child can participate. Contact Leigh Delashaw if you do not receive a letter. The Christmas Pageant is a wonderful way to ease into Advent!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11th
November 12th

OTRA Field Trip
December Crafts Study All 6:30pm in the Seekers Class

STUDENT MINISTRY

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. On November 5, 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, November 2, 10:00am

Sunday, November 2, 4:00pm

Sunday, November 2, 5:00pm

Sunday, November 2, 6:00pm

Sunday, November 2, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 5, 4:30pm

Wednesday, November 5, 5:30pm

Wednesday, November 5, 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: Risk! & HS: Serve Night

Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing

Hangout Time in the Youth Wing & Gym

Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing - Do No Harm

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3-

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Vonceil, Baptist Princeton

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM Dinner at 5:00; Program, to honor our veterans, at 6:00pm with Stretch Dunn and Hoover High School Jazz Band. Everyone welcome.

BILTMORE HOUSE CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR/BILLY GRAHAM MINISTRIES-CAMPUS, Christmas Dinner at Deer Park, Historical Church Tour, overnight in Asheville, NC. Thursday a guided tour of Billy Graham's Campus, Ruth's Attic, Library, live Nativity, Lights, Music, Cow Barn, Christmas Dinner, overnight in Charlotte. Cost: \$450.00. \$100.00 deposit balance due November 24th. Traveling by tour bus with Mr. Bob. Come - go with us.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION CHRISTMAS TOUR Gift Shop and Dinner. Traveling to Montgomery by tour bus. Cost: \$65.00pp 3:00-9:00pm. Need transportation to the Church - call Betty.

Special Moment with Jesus

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12



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The Week of November 2—November 8

Sunday, November 2—All Saints Sunday
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am New Member Class
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
11:00 am Commitment Sunday Lunch
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Tuesday, November 4
7:00am-7:00pm Election Day
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Building Team

Wednesday, November 5
9:00 am Food Pantry
4:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study
5:00-6:30pm Dinner
5:30 pm Disciple 1
5:45 pm Midweek Ministries
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

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

Friday, November 7
8:00 am Habitat Work Day

Saturday, November 8
8:00 am Habitat Work Day

SUNDAY, November 2, 2014
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Our Father in Heaven"
(Scripture - 1 John 3:1-7)
Rev. Mike Holly

6:00pm Evening Worship Service
Rev. Tom Duley

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Moore
Cross
8:45 Clayton Marshall 11:00 Ruskin Gold
Acolytes
8:45 John David Shanlever
11:00 Harrison Winter
Greeters: Fisherman
Meals on Wheels November 5:
Joy Shultz/Tina Hardy
Food Pantry November 5: Penny Burns

MIDWEEK MENU November 5th
Hamburger steak, creamed potatoes, green lima beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar.
Chicken fingers for the kids..

Last Week's Record

October 26, 2014

Children/Youth	92/54
Morning/Evening Worship	425/24
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$18,642.50
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$1,162,075.00
Received to Date	\$1,010,924.75
New Members in 2014	48

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,936.67
Received to Date	\$562,904.86

**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!

VALET PARKING

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