



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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At the beginning of the summer, we shared with you an opportunity to take #WanderingWesley with you as you traveled this summer. So far this summer, Wandering Wesley has been to the beach, to a water slide park here in Alabama, to meet President Carter in Georgia, to Disney's Hollywood Studios, on a honeymoon to Jamaica, and all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to Ireland! Thank you to everyone for participating and keep taking Wandering Wesley with you throughout the summer!

I think there is something very important we can learn from this fun summer activity. When we travel, or when we go on vacation, there are things we do not leave behind, and one of the most important things we do not leave behind is our faith. I often encourage our church family to worship on Sunday wherever they are, especially on vacation. I often receive bulletins from other churches with notes on them about what a family encountered, or learned from visiting a church in another state while on vacation.

Going to a worship service, while important, is not the only way we take our faith with us wherever we go. Whoever we encounter on our travels is a potential of God's love given through you and I. There is never a vacation from being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Just as the Holy Spirit goes with us wherever we go, our faith must and should go with us.

Mike

Everest VBS 2015



News of the Week

HEALTH KIT MISSION PROJECT

During the month of August we are having an inter-generational mission project to assemble Health Kits to be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Health Kits are used by UMCOR to "provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes." During August we will distribute the instructions for assembling Health Kits and ask that individuals and families assemble at least one health kit during the month. Our goal is to assemble at least 100 Health Kits. The approximate cost of a Health Kit is \$12.00. Health Kits is a project of the Bluff Park United Methodist Church United Appeal Fund.

WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR

Informational meetings for the 2016 Wesley Heritage Tour to England will be held on Sunday, August 16th at 3 PM and on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30 PM. During the meeting, we will discuss the basics of the trip and answer any questions that you may have. We will have a representative from Educational Opportunities with us at both meeting times. If you have already decided that you want to go, you can register and pay your deposit (\$300 per person) at the meeting. The dates for the trip are May 10-19, 2016. The meetings will be held in the Vitality classroom



Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive

During the month of July, Bluff Park United Methodist Women are partnering with Bundles of Hope to ensure that families experiencing financial hardship have an adequate and reliable supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers. Our Food Pantry clients who qualify will also receive diapers through this program.

How you can help:

- Donate disposable diapers (sizes newborn - 6)
- Make a financial donation

Designated Bundles of Hope bins will be placed around the church. Diaper donations should be placed in the bins. For financial donations, make checks payable to Bundles of Hope, a registered Alabama non-profit organization. Place checks in the offering plate or leave them in the church office.

across from the church library. The meetings will be identical so choose the time that is most convenient for you.

2015 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2015 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. Dates available include: August 16 and September 13. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

BPUMC KID'S GARDEN

If you have an elementary aged child who would enjoy working in the garden, join us on Mondays from 9-10am in the Kid's Garden to harvest, weigh, and record veggies; we'll also talk about soil, worms, bees, composting, day lilies, birds and more. Bring an adult. Questions, call Julie Adams 822-6516 or Olivia Howard 942-4157.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Elsie Medders on the passing of her Sister, Barbara Praytor, in Moulton Alabama. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Marilyn Williams—Brookwood
Louise White—St. Vincent's



Appalachian Service Project Volunteers

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Vacation Bible School this week! Whether you volunteered during the event, decorated before the event, helped us tear down on Friday, brought in supplies for us to use, or prayed for VBS, we could not have done it without all of you! Because of your generosity and support, we were able to share the Gospel and God's Mighty Power with over 160 children! I am so proud to serve at such a loving and giving church!

SUMMER FIELD TRIP: Our Summer Field Trips are a great way for the children to come and get to know me, Mr. Stanley! Our next field trip will be a fun/mission trip on July 29th. We will be going to Steel City Jump (a giant indoor trampoline park!), out for lunch, and then shopping for school supplies for children who are need of them with the start of school right around the corner. Cost is \$30 per child. Drop off begins at 7:30am, pick up ends at 5:30pm. Email Melissa at mhendon@bpumc.org if you would like to register. The field trips are for Rising 1st-6th graders.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015/2016. Recruitment for Elementary and Preschool Sunday School is under way. If you would like to volunteer, please go to <http://vols.pt/PFzJ4t> to sign up. Thank you for your help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: This week (7/19) we will continue our summer Kidmo series with lesson 3: Trustworthiness! Next week (7/26) we will do Kidmo Lesson 4: Caring for others!



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 19	Kidmo Lesson 3 Sunday School: Trustworthiness
July 26	Kidmo Lesson 4 Sunday School: Caring for others!
July 29	Summer Field Trip: Steel City Jump/Mission Trip

STUDENT MINISTRY

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH OUR FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on in July and August. The ASP Mission Trip, Magic City Tribes, Beach Retreat and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it. As well, be sure to pick up your four-page, color-coded Student Ministry Calendar in the Youth Wing so you don't miss a thing...

BEACH RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN. We'll be taking our students to Laguna Christian Retreat again this year, from Friday, July 31st through Monday, August 3rd. The cost is \$175 and includes transportation, accommodations, most meals and a t-shirt. You can register by making a full or partial payment on our church website by clicking on the GIVING tab at the main page. This trip is open to all rising 6th graders through 2015 high school graduates.

SAVE THESE DATES: *Beach Retreat:* Friday-Monday, July 31-Aug 3.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 19, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 19, 5:30-8:00pm	Instagram Scavenger Hunt (meet in Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, July 21, 3-5pm	Super Tuesday (arts/crafts in Fireside Room and sports in the Gym)
Wednesday, July 15, 1pm	HS Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, July 15, 6-8pm	Magic City Tribes at Loch Haven Park (check-in starts at 5:30pm)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JULY 23
THURSDAY JULY 30

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Season Performers will be here. Everyone invited.
SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jenny Breland, St. Vincents' a health program on COPD and ASTHMA.

FRIDAY JULY 31

TUSCUMBIA CHURCH TOUR - lunch at Rattlesnake Saloon. 8:30am - 4:00pm.
Call Betty to sign-up.

THURSDAY AUGUST 6

SHEPHERD'S CENTER MYSTERY FUN DAY ?????? The fun starts at 9:30am with refreshments.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11
THURSDAY AUGUST 13

PELL CITY DAY TRIP: Pink Bark, Flower Garden, The Ark. Call Betty.
SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jerry Ryan, and maybe Blue, will be here..

MACKINAC CITY and MACKINAC ISLAND

Sunday August 30-Saturday September 5

The fun starts at 6:30am with Breakfast Sandwiches/Coffee/ Juice in the Fellowship Hall.

Pick-up a Summer Brochure, at the WELCOME CENTER, for all the fun summer events going on with Senior Adults and the Shepherd's Center. Everyone's invited to join/participate - always room for one or two more.



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The Week of July 19—July 25

Sunday, July 19

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Vision Sharing Meeting
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, July 20

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, July 21

6:00 pm Permanent Endowment Committee

Wednesday, July 22

6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 23

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
7:00 pm Book Club

SUNDAY, July 19, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

"Square"

(Scripture - Ephesians 2:13-22)

Rev. Mike Holly

5:00pm Evening Worship Service

Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Psalm 89:20-37

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 McDonald 11:00 Footsteps

Acolytes

8:45 Jonathan Kerns 11:00 Patrick Williamson

Greeters: Covenant

Communion Setup 5pm:

JoAnn Huddleston

Food Pantry August 5: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

July 12, 2015

Children	
Morning Worship	
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$21,449.50
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$746,844.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$750,259.00
New Members in 2015	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,550.33
Received to Date	\$772,624.20

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

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.