



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Summer is always a busy time at Bluff Park UMC! We've had students on the go all summer, most recently on a mission trip to the Appalachian Service Project in Tennessee. We've had a wonderful Vacation Bible School with 160 children singing, learning, and raising money for Bibles for children overseas, and Betty has been taking groups all over the Southeast to visit, explore, and learn about churches and persons of significance. Not only are our programs and ministries on the go, members of our church are on the road as well. Last week, I shared that you have taken our Wandering Wesley pictures around the United States and even across the Atlantic Ocean.

With so many people on the move during the summer months, we wanted to remind you of two very important ways to stay connected at Bluff Park UMC. First of all, we have our sermons posted online each week. You can access them directly from our website: www.bpumc.org. Simply navigate to the worship page and you will find audio and video recordings of our most recent sermon which is posted early in the week. There is also an archive of past sermons available so that you can go back and catch up on a message that you may have missed earlier in the year, or revisit a favorite. You may also visit the Bluff Park UMC channel on YouTube.com and subscribe. YouTube will notify you when new sermon videos are published.

Bluff Park United Methodist Church offers evening worship most Sunday nights at 5:00 pm in our Chapel. This service is a wonderful way to stay connected to the worship life of Bluff Park UMC. It also is an excellent way to be involved in reading more Scripture each week, and celebrating Holy Communion more regularly. Each and every time we gather for evening worship, we have a short sermon along with four readings of Scripture and a service of Holy Communion. We have a regular crowd that has fallen in love with the format, but we have noticed that a few folks have discovered that it is a good option for those coming back into town on a Sunday morning.

Whatever way you choose to stay connected in worship, we hope you will be blessed with God's presence and message to you as you encounter it with others!

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.



News of the Week

BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

The Board of Stewards will be meeting on Sunday, July 26th, at 4:00 pm in the former Opportunity classroom.

VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY BOOTCAMP

The Veterans Leadership Ministry will be holding a one-day bootcamp for volunteers on Saturday, August 1st from 9:00 am–noon. If you have not yet signed up for this bootcamp, will be unable to attend, or need more information, please contact Stretch Dunn (dunnst@bellsouth.net or 337-0820.)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The deadline for scholarship applications for the 2015-16 school year is August 15th. All Bluff Park United Methodist college students who would like to apply must have their forms submitted to the church office by the deadline. If you need application forms or more information, please contact the church office.

BLOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, August 2nd, from 7:30am-12:30pm, 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 and use the keyword BPUMC.



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.

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, September 13, October 4 and 11. 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 Milana Timko on the passing of her father, Milan Evanoff, on July 16th in Fort Myers, Florida. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

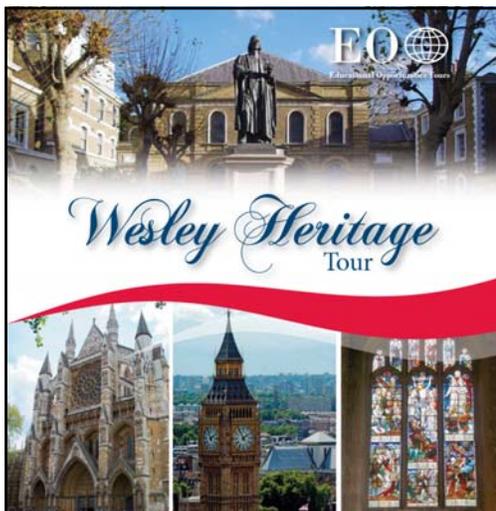
IN THE HOSPITAL...

Marilyn Williams—Brookwood

Louise White—Lakeshore

Kandis Scudder—Brookwood

Rollina Oglesbay—Columbiana Rehab



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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 (7/26) we will do Kidmo Lesson 4: Caring for others! Next week (8/2) will be our mission Sunday, and we will be packing book bags full of supplies for children who need them at the beginning of the new school year.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: On Sunday, August 16th, we will be blessing the children and their backpacks in both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. As part of this blessing, the children will receive a backpack tag that they can wear on their book bags throughout the year.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: All children will be promoted to the Sunday School class of their new grade on Sunday, August 16th. There will be a short celebration held in the chapel that morning at 10:00 for all elementary aged children and their parents, followed by the children going to Sunday School and the parents filling out a registration packet on their child for the new year. The next week, August 23rd, the same celebration and meeting will be held for the preschool aged children and their parents at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26	Kidmo Lesson 4 Sunday School: Caring for others!	August 16	Blessing of the Backpacks
July 29	Summer Field Trip: Steel City Jump/Mission Trip	August 16	Promotion Sunday/Elementary Celebration & Parent Meeting
August 2	Elementary Mission Sunday School (Book Bags/School Supplies)	August 23	Preschool Celebration & Parent Meeting

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.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2015-2016 academic year are now available in the church office. Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can be submitted to the church office. The deadline for applications and nominations is August 15, 2015. If you know someone who would like to contribute to our scholarship fund, encourage them to contact our church financial administrators.

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 26, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 26, 6:00-8:00pm	Messy Games Night (meet in Fellowship Hall for Snack Supper)
Tuesday, July 28, 3-5pm	Super Tuesday (arts/crafts in Fireside Room and sports in the Gym)
Wednesday, July 29, 12pm	HS Lunch Bunch
Friday-Monday, July 31-Aug 3	Beach Retreat

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JULY 30

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

PELL CITY DAY TRIP: Pink Bark, Flower Garden, The Ark. Call Betty.

THURSDAY AUGUST 13

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jerry Ryan, and maybe Blue, will be here.

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

SCOTTSBORO HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR, Lunch and Unclaimed Baggage. Call Betty

MACKINAC CITY and MACKINAC ISLAND

Sunday August 30-Saturday September 5

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.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
Psalm 100 1-2



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The Week of July 26—August 1

Sunday, July 26

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Board of Stewards Meeting
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, July 27

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00 am UMW Hope Circle
10:00 am UMW Joy Circle
6:30 pm UMW Friendship Circle

Wednesday, July 29

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

Thursday, July 30

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, July 31

8:00 am Senior Day Trip

Saturday, August 1

8:30 am Veterans Leadership Ministry
Bootcamp

SUNDAY, July 26, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"When Christ Moves In"
(Scripture - Ephesians 3:14-21)
Rev. Angela Martin

5:00pm Evening Worship Service
Rev. Tom Duley

Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Youth
Acolytes
8:45 Jackie Fort 11:00 Penny Rose Pearson
Greeters: Faith
Communion Setup 5pm: Lois Truss
Meals on Wheels: McCallum
Food Pantry August 5: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

July 19, 2015

Children	177
Morning Worship	499
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$22,471.43
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$773,517.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$772,730.43
New Members in 2015	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$4,535.00
Received to Date	\$777,159.20

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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.