



# BLUFF PARK

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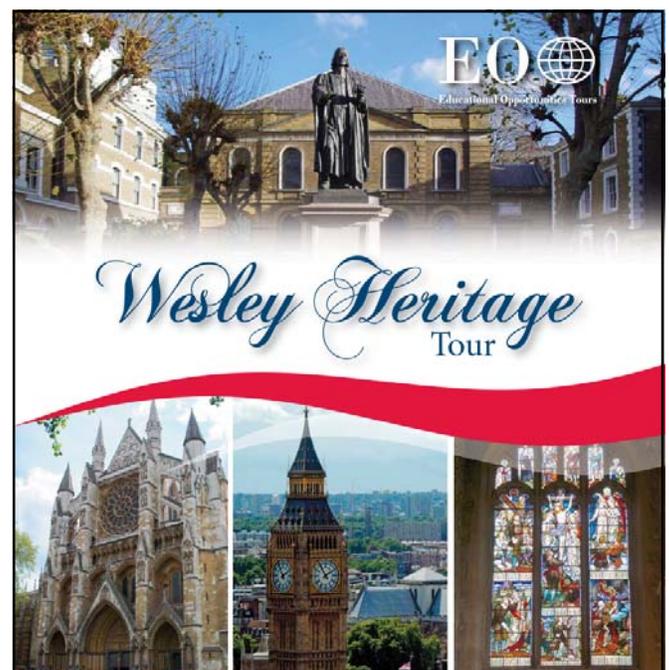
**I**n worship this Sunday, August 2nd, we will recognize the United Methodist Women at Bluff Park UMC. The UMW, as we Methodist insiders call it, is the sum of all the various circles and groups of women throughout our church who meet regularly in fellowship, to study and expand the concepts of mission and justice throughout the Church. Their global mission statement is as follows:

**United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.**

One way that the United Methodist Women at Bluff Park UMC are helping to expand the concept of mission in our church and community is to help us learn and understand about serious relevant issues in society, such as human trafficking. We will be having another important learning opportunity related to human trafficking on the evening of August 10th. Look for more information as the UMW of BPUMC leads us all in how we can be the presence and action of God in the world today, as we look out for those most in need.

## 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.



# News of the Week

## UMW RECOGNITION DAY

This Sunday, August 2, is UMW Recognition Day. United Methodist Women Members will be recognized during the worship service and there will be a coffee reception for members and ladies interested becoming members following the morning worship. The reception will be held in the Parlor.

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

Monday, August 10, the United Methodist Women will host a program about Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Birmingham Deputy Chief of Police, Henry Irby, III, will be the special guest speaker, and we will also hear from a representative of the Hoover Police department. The program will take place in the Chapel starting with refreshments at 6:30 pm and the program at 7:00 pm.

## 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



## Health Kit Mission Project

Over 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.

appointment to donate by visiting the Red Cross website: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use the keyword BPUMC.

## 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.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the staff, residents, and volunteers of the Promise Home, and to the family and close friends of James Michael Grissom as they mourn his passing on July 22nd. Our thoughts and prayers are with them in this difficult time.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Marilyn Williams—Brookwood  
Marjorie Dulin—St. Vincent's  
Elizabeth Bogart—University

## Memorials

### BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Joe White** by David Wininger, Elizabeth Davis

**John Steger** by Stokley and Sandra Morgan

**Sam Reeder** by Stokley and Sandra Morgan

### PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Joe White** by J.B. and Margaret Dover

**Ray Glaze** by Mary C. Doles

### FOOD PANTRY

**Ray Glaze** by Beth Gibson and Johnny Lee, Mary Raney, JB Mackinaw, Janice Scarbrough, Jack and Carole Armistead, Elizabeth and Christopher Eldridge, Ernest Simpson, Ann and Robert Nelson

### BUILDING FUND

**Joe White** by Bobbie Tohill, Margaret Grubb, Kitty and Tom Coleman, Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston, Glenace Klinker

**Ray Glaze** by Terry and Julia Dunne, Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston

**Luther Murphy** by Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston

**Bernie Thompson** by Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston

**Patrick Crotty** by Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston

## LEGACY

**Joe White** by Robert Nelson

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

**Sean Poole** by Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston

## MISSIONS FUND

**Luther Murphy** by Betty Elliot

## NEVER THIRST

**Sam Reeder** by Sylvia Harper, Sue Pearson

**John Steger** by the Covenant Class

## MUSIC FUND

**John Steger** by Sylvia Harper

## BUILDING OUR LEGACY FUND

**Joe White** by Alice Chase

## Honorariums

### FOOD PANTRY

**Pat and Carol Westbrook** by Pony Thompson

**Davis Holly** by Anonymous

### CHRISTIN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP

**Harry and Peggy Hill** by Margaret Cook

Please Note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**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 (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

August 2	Elementary Mission Sunday School (Book Bags/ School Supplies)	August 16	Promotion Sunday/Elementary Celebration & Parent Meeting
August 16	Blessing of the Backpacks	August 23	Preschool Celebration & Parent Meeting

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**WHAT ABOUT AUGUST?** Students and families have lots to get done in August. There are supply lists, fees for choirs and teams, meetings, practices and rehearsals. So we take a small step back in August to give our families some breathing room. Our ministry team will use this as a time to prepare for a great September through May. So we'll see you at Sunday School and at a few more opportunities to stay connected in the meantime.

**DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH OUR FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE.** There's so much going on as we go leave the summer and get ready for the fall: small groups, Holy Ground worship, Fall 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.

**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 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:** Sunday, August 23, 6pm: *Broomball Trip to Pelham Ice Plex*; Wednesday, September 9: *Holy Ground Worship Returns!*

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 2, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, August 2	NO AFTERNOON/EVENING ACTIVITIES
Monday, August 3	Our Beach Retreat Participants will return from Panama City Beach, FL in the afternoon
Tuesday, August 4	Bagging Groceries for the Food Pantry

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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:**

YOU show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.  
Psalm 16:11



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## The Week of August 2—August 8

### Sunday, August 2

7:30 am–12:00 pm Blood Drive in Gym  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am UMW Reception  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
5:00 pm Evening Worship

### Monday, August 3

9:00 am UMW Board Meeting  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am Senior Fun Day Trip

### Wednesday, August 5

9:00 am Food Pantry  
6:00 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, August 6

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

### SUNDAY, August 2, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship  
*"What Is It?"*  
(Scripture - John 6:24-35)  
Rev. Mike Holly

5:00pm Evening Worship Service  
Rev. Angela Martin

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a  
Psalm 51:1-12  
Ephesians 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

### SERVING SUNDAY

**Ushers**  
8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality  
**Acolytes**  
8:45 Lena Holly 11:00 Andrew Pitts  
**Greeters:** Fisherman  
**Communion Setup 5pm:** Betsy Guy  
**Meals on Wheels:** Wesson/Brown  
**Food Pantry August 5:** Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

July 26, 2015

Children	48
Morning Worship	457
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$18,843.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$800,190.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$791,573.43
New Members in 2015	15

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,726.67
Received to Date	\$778,885.87

**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.