



BLUFF PARK

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Newsletter August 23, 2015

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In the past, Bluff Park UMC has had a Rally Sunday at the start of the new school year. This was usually an exciting way to gather our church family together in the afternoon, after church, for a special event. This year, we want to change the focus to Sunday morning. We are encouraging every Sunday school class to have perfect attendance on Sunday, September 13th. Each class will have refreshments, and we will also have a special musical treat in our Sunday morning worship services. During worship, there will also be an opportunity for each and every person to come forward and remember their baptism with water from the baptismal font in the Sanctuary.

For those who are not members of a Sunday school class, we will have a special gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars for Back to Church Sunday - September 13, 2015. It will be a very special day in worship!

BPUMC Midweek MEETUP

WEDNESDAYS 5-7 PM | BluffParkUMC.org

BPUMC Midweek Meetup

As the summer comes to a close, we begin to look ahead to fall activities here at the church. On Wednesday, September 9th, we begin our mid-week gatherings. This year, we are going to change things up a bit with a focus on fun activities and theme nights that give us an opportunity to have some fun as a church family. It will also be a great opportunity to invite friends and neigh-

bors to a church event.

In recognition of this change, we are giving Wednesday nights a new name: BPUMC Midweek Meetup. You'll be seeing the new logo on posters and flyers.

The first theme, on September 9th, is Tailgate Night. We'll have burgers and hotdogs. Come in your team colors, hang out, and have some fun with your church family.

News of the Week

VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY UPDATE

The Veterans Leadership Ministry now has 50 volunteers committed to active involvement in this new ministry. The volunteers are supported by 22 associates from other churches, chaplains, and mental health professionals. They met for a 'Bootcamp' event on August first to begin organizing and planning. The ministry is focused on creating a safe place for veterans who are struggling to reintegrate after returning home. Through a process called "LISTEN-LOVE-TRUST-TALK-HEAL" we will be reaching out to veterans in our community. Please keep this ministry in your prayers. If you would like to know more, please contact Stretch Dunn (dunnst@bellsouth.net or 337-0820.)



New Sunday School Class Starting

Young professionals from Bluff Park UMC are starting a new Sunday school class meeting each week at 10:00 am. If you're a young adult, or young professional, consider joining this new class on our special kick-off Sunday on September 13, 2015, in the Parlor.

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: September 13, October 11, and November 8, 15, and 22. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Jeff Bogart, his children, and their family on the passing of his wife Elizabeth, on August 14th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

DIAPER DRIVE UPDATE

Our UMW sponsored July diaper drive collected over 5,800 diapers and received donations of \$945.00. We gave out many of them during our August food pantry distribution. Thank you to everyone who donated.

DISCIPLE II MEETING

On Sunday August 23, during the Sunday School hour, there will be a meeting in Hudson Hall to discuss plans for the Disciple II class to be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–5:30pm starting on September 6th. This class covers Genesis and Exodus followed by Luke and Acts, along with some associated reading material. Please call the church office or Joe Kerns (205-777-1934) for more information.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Melissa Smith and Greg Bass in the passing of their mother, Ann Bass on August 13th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Louise White—Mount Royal Rehab
Marjorie Dulin—Aspire Rehab
Rollina Oglesbay—Columbiana
Charlotte Word—Brookwood



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. Download the instructions at:

BluffParkUMC.org/healthkit

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS: We will be presenting Bibles to all of the children who have entered the 3rd grade on Sunday, August 30th at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. I am hoping to have the names of the children participating written in calligraphy within their Bibles. If your child plans on participating that Sunday, could you please email their full names to either myself or Melissa Hendon?

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TRAINING: On Wednesday, September 2nd from 5:00-6:30, there will be a training session for all people volunteering for Children's Sunday School in the 2015-2016 school year. Dinner will be provided. We hope to see you there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RETURN: Wednesday night programming will return on September 9th!!!! The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, Bible Study/Classroom time, and more. Our teachers this year will be Lori Beasley with Kindergarten and 1st graders, Carole Roegner and Betsy Britain teaching a Bible Skills Class with the 2nd and 3rd graders, and Stanley and Stephanie Davidson with the 4th and 5th graders.

New this year will be a Memory Verse Challenge, with prizes each week for those who memorize their weekly Bible verse and a grand prize for those who memorize all of their verses for the Fall. Be on the lookout for more information!

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 (8/23) will be the second lesson in our Sunday School Series Spy Chase: we will be studying the prophet Elisha! Next week (8/30) will be our Mission Sunday: we will be putting together UMCOR health kits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 23	Preschool Celebration & Parent Meeting	September 2	Sunday School Volunteer Training
August 30	Bibles for 3rd Graders	September 9	Midweek Returns

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. Our first Sunday REACH event is Broomball on August 23rd, we begin Holy Ground worship on Wednesday, September 9th and Small Groups begin on Sunday, September 13th.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING FALL 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 free app. Just search the key words **Youth Wing** to find it.

DINNER & TRAINING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS IN CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRY: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND HEY PARENTS. We'll have a free dinner just for you. We'll feed you in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Then after that, you'll learn more about our approach to student ministry and receive training to better equip you to teach a class, lead a small group or chaperon a retreat or evening activity. PLUS any parent who attends the training and volunteers for an upcoming activity or event will receive a discount on an upcoming trip for their student!

SAVE THESE DATES: Wednesday, September 2: *Parent Volunteer Dinner & Training*; Wednesday, September 9: *Holy Ground Worship Returns!*; Wednesday, October 28: *Halloween Carnival*; Friday-Sunday, November 20-22: *Fall Retreat at Camp Sumatanga*; Saturday, December 5: *Festival of Three Kings*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 23, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, August 23, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Info Meeting
Sunday, August 23, 5:00pm	Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 23, 5:45pm	DEPART for Broomball at Pelham Ice Plex (\$10 per person)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

SHEPHERD'S CENTER...MYSTERY Bingo - the fun starts at 9:30 with refreshments, catch-up-time.

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

PEACH PARK - BBQ, Ice Cream and Rocking Chairs. 4:00 - 7:30pm. Call Betty.

TUESDAY AUGUST 25

CARDS TO OUR SICK/SHUT-INS. 11:00am in the Library.

THURSDAY AUGUST 27

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jack Owens, retired FBI Agent and Author and one of our favorites, will be here. Everyone's invited.

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - A morning of Music by The Alexanders, a husband/wife team from Pell City.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Leonette Slay will be here sharing her Chili Mission Trip.

MACKINAC CITY and MACKINAC ISLAND

Sunday August 30-Saturday September 5

A week of fun, excitement, lots of laughter, and maybe a surprise or two.

Please keep our group of 44 in your prayers as we travel each day.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. Psalm 125:1



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The Week of August 23—August 29

- Sunday, August 23**
- 8:45 am Morning Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 9:45 am Disciple Bible Study Org Meeting
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Scholarship Committee
- 4:00 pm Senior Trip to Peach Park
- 5:00 pm Evening Worship
- Monday, August 24**
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 10:00 am UMW Hope Circle
- 10:00 am UMW Joy Circle
- 6:30 pm UMW Friendship Circle
- Tuesday, August 25**
- 5:00 pm Preschool Parent Orientation
- Wednesday, August 26**
- 9:00 am Preschool Parent Orientation
- 6:00 pm Men's Chorus
- 6:30 pm Choir
- Thursday, August 27**
- 9:30 am Shepherd's Center
- 7:00 pm Book Club
- Friday, August 28**
- 5:00 pm Fisherman Class Dinner

SUNDAY, August 23, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Inside Out: Sadness and Disgust"
(Scripture - Psalm 22:23-26)
Rev. Mike Holly

5:00pm Evening Worship Service
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Montz 11:00 Lawson
Acolytes
8:45 Caroline Marshall 11:00 Jackson Boyd
Greeters: New Light
Communion Setup 5pm:
Lois Truss
Meals on Wheels: Britain
Food Pantry September 2: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

August 16, 2015

Children	86
Morning Worship	580
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$27,642.19
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$880,209.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$872,286.23
New Members in 2015	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,385.00
Received to Date	\$785,174.20

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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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.