



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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This Sunday, we will be wrapping up our sermon series on our new Vision Statement at Bluff Park UMC. We will explore what it means to serve others as children of God. Serving others in love is part of our family business as Jesus himself demonstrates for us. After worship on Sunday, you will have an opportunity to serve others across the world by participating in our second annual Fun Run supporting Neverthirst. Because of your involvement, we will be working towards, raising funds to build a fresh water well in India.

As we have learned in this series, our identity as children of God means that we are loved beyond belief by God, and that we matter to one another. If you haven't had a chance to come to our new Midweek Meetup on Wednesday evenings, please make plans to do so the rest of this month. We have a wonderful meal around tables where you can get to know others in our church family. We have also introduced some activities for you to enjoy each and every week. There is no better way to develop relationships of consequence than to join one another around the table as we break bread together!

During the month of October, we will turn our attention to the future of our wonderful church in the next year. I hope you will join us each Sunday as we explore the ways in which we hope to grow in our love of God and our service to God and our community.

Help Your Neighbors

On October 17th, the Church Life team is sponsoring a day of service in our community. Volunteers from the church will go out into our community to help people needing assistance with yard work, painting, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our neighbors and extend the love of God in a tangible way. Sign-up details will be coming soon, but right now we need your help identifying people to serve. If you know someone who needs a helping hand this fall, please contact the office and let us know.

COMMUNITY DAY of SERVICE



News of the Week

BLUFF PARK VOICE

We are considering having a musical talent show at an upcoming Midweek Meetup night in October. If you would like to participate in a solo act or an ensemble act, please contact Rev. Mike Holly at mholly@bpumc.org. Open to the whole community!

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY

On Monday, September 28th at 11:00am, the UMW is sponsoring a special mission study on climate change and sustainability. The speaker will be Kyle Crider, who has done doctoral research on climate change at UAB. He currently manages energy projects for the Alabama Environmental Council. He has 30 years' experience in sustainability, computer solutions development, and educational leadership. He will include the impacts of climate change on Alabama. Kyle has also reviewed the UMW's material and viewpoints to incorporate in his presentation. The presentation will take place in the Friendship classroom (room 168).

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to learn how to love God—and each other—better? Then join Becky Walker as she leads a unique Bible study focused on "Living" our relationships. The study is offered twice each week on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am (starting on September 15th) in the Fellowship Hall, and Wednesday evenings at



screamfree
Marriage

Marriage and family therapist Daniel Seigel will be leading this special scream-free marriage class on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15pm September 30th and October 7th, 14th, and 21st. Cost is \$40 per couple and includes the book. Call the church office to sign-up. Class size is limited.

rangements each Sunday. Dates available include: November 22, and December 13. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Rollina Oglesbay—Columbiana
Elaine Clinton—University
Charlotte Word—Brookwood

6:00pm (starting September 9th) in the Friendship classroom. Call Becky for more information 987-0404 or 531-7237.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY

The pastor's Bible study meets on Wednesdays at 4:30pm. This weekly study meets in Hudson Hall and will focus on the Sermon on the Mount.

SPECIAL THANKS

To all my extended Church Family, words are hard to come by to express my thanks and gratitude for all the prayers, calls and cards of encouragement during my recent surgery. Hope to see you all very soon. Love to all, JBThrasher.

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 ar-



Living Our Legacy Campaign

December 31, 2015 marks the end of our three-year campaign for renewed ministry space for Children and Youth, as well as the construction of a new Fellowship Hall. Please remember that it is vital for everyone to be faithful to their pledges for these renovations to move forward. We are getting so close to our goal, and you can be of assistance in making our dreams a reality. If you did not have a chance to make a pledge three years ago, we encourage you to consider making a special gift to the Living Our Legacy campaign. To check on the status of your gifts, please feel free to contact Joe Pirtard, or Jason McCrory, in our Office of Finance at BPUMC.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup happens every week from 5:00-7:30. The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, Bible Study/Classroom time, and more.

MIDWEEK MEETUP MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Each week a Bible verse will be given to everyone who attends. A prize will be given every week to anyone who has memorized their weekly verse. Then, on the last Midweek Meetup of the fall, any child who has memorized all 11 Bible verses will get to dump a large bucket of slime on Mr. Stanley's head! Will you accept the challenge?!?!? Congratulations to the following 11 children who memorized their Bible Verse for last week! I am so proud of you all: Kate Ryan, Amber Hyde, Harrison Winter, Annabelle Eaton, Natalie Self, Mary Lynn Williamson, Ellie Blanchard, Ian Chatterton, Keely Chadha, Mary El Neal, and Matthew Pitts!

4TH/5TH GRADE EVENT: On Sunday, October 4th, we will be holding a special event that is only open to 4th and 5th graders! This event will run from 4:00-6:00 and will consist of a Bible Study with Mr. Stanley followed by 45 minutes of Bubble Ball Soccer and Free Play in the Gym. Cost is \$5/child. You don't want to miss it! Please RSVP with Mr. Stanley at sdavidson@bpumc.org as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: This week (9/27) will be our Mission Sunday and we will be doing a project for the Kairos Prison Ministry. Next Sunday (10/4) will be our first rotational Sunday School lesson in October on the escape of the Israelites from Egypt.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4	4th/5th Grade Bible and Bubble Ball	October 28	Halloween Carnival
October 12	Mission/Field Trip		

STUDENT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL. Our Holy Ground team members will meet for about an hour (arrive between 4:00-4:30pm) for warm-up and sound check for that night's worship. All students are welcome to join us and hang out on the youth wing after school. Most students choose to bring their meals downstairs and eat among friends. There will be hours posted on the door to the gym when students have the court as well. From 6:30-7:30pm we have student-led worship which we call Holy Ground. All ages are welcome to join us. We do want to remind families that students must either participate fully in programming, stay with their parents while on church property OR must check out with a student ministry staffer if they need to leave before 7:30pm. Students are not allowed to leave the premises and return during programming.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY: WEDNESDAYS THIS SEPTEMBER. Each month at our Holy Ground Worship service we'll have a different theme. Starting out we'll spend our first four weeks exploring the main characters in one of 2014's biggest superhero films. We'll take a biblical approach to finding out what made them tick, what were their weaknesses or challenges, and how did they overcome them with the help of friends - just like God calls us to do as a church family or inside of our youth group. You won't have to have seen the movie to get it - but's definitely a film we'd recommend.

STUDENT SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE THIS SUNDAY AT 5:00PM. Our middle school groups will focus on becoming strong young men and women of faith while our high schoolers will discuss the intersection of faith and pop culture. MS Guys (leaders: Trey Cathers, Tosh Kirchikov & Sammy Slack) will meet in the Bistro, MS Girls (leaders: Kaci Brasher & Sarah Miller) will meet in the Rec Room and HS Coed (leaders: Ivy Holmes & Bart Styes) will meet in the Cave.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING FALL SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we 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.

SAVE THESE DATES: Wednesday, October 28: *Halloween Carnival*; Friday-Sunday, November 20-22: *Fall Retreat at Camp Sumatanga*; Saturday, December 12: *Festival of Three Kings*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 20, 10:00am
Sunday, September 20, 4:00pm
Sunday, September 20, 5:00pm
Sunday, September 20, 6:00pm
Sunday, September 20, 6:30pm
Wednesday, September 23
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Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
MS Girls, MS Guys & HS Coed Small Groups
Snack Supper in the Youth Wing
Dodgeball in the Gym
Hang Out & Dinner in the Youth Wing (after school)
Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Rick Karle, Fox 6 will be here. Come hear what going on with Sports.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

SENIOR FUN DAY with Mike, Angela and Tom The fun starts at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Special entertainment by Bobby Horton of Three on-a-String. Come See, Come Hear, Come Laugh. Lunch \$6.00. Everyone's invited.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 1

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Ginny Lacey, Lakeshore Rehab will be here sharing tips on how to prevent falling, information on Gout and Shingles. Exercise at 11:00 with Valerie and Kristen.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7

COOKING CLASS - DELORES HYDOCK will be here with a good story and may be a surprise or two. 6:00-7:00pm in the Fireside Rm. Everyone's invited.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 8

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jason Kirby, Botanical Gardens will tell us all about Fall Planting.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 - 10

CHRISTMAS TRIP - Nashville, Tn - 3/days 2/night at the Opryland Hotel. Carriage Ride, Christmas Lights, Hotel River Boat, Christmas Show/Dinner, ICE, Holiday Treasures. More information to come.

*******FLU SHOTS—SUNDAY OCTOBER 11*******

Mark your Calendar. Robert, Robert's Discount Pharmacy, will be giving Flu Shots in the Gym 8:30am-12:30pm. Bring your insurance cards.

Special Moment with Jesus

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:2



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The Week of September 27—October 3

Sunday, September 27

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:30 pm Neverthirst Fun Run

Monday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 29

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 30

4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
6:00 pm Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, October 1

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

SUNDAY, September 27, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

"The Platinum Rule"

(Scripture - John 13:1-17)

Rev. Mike Holly

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Youth

Cross

8:45 Will Thompson 11:00 Mikey Lagan

Acolyte

8:45 Neiley Mann 11:00 Andrew Pitts

Greeters: Wesley Forum

Meals on Wheels: White

Food Pantry October 7:

Penny Burns/Kay Adams

Midweek Meetup Menu—September 30

Win-It In a Minute: Chicken fried steak,
creamed potatoes, lima beans, baked chicken,
baked potato, and salad bar. Corn Dogs for
the kids.

Last Week's Record

September 20, 2015

Children/Youth	87/65
Morning Worship	461
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$17,321.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,013,574.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,006,613.15
New Members in 2015	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,395.00
Received to Date	\$804,892.87

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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.