



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter November 8, 2015

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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On Sunday, November 1st, we, as a church family, remembered the saints from our congregation who have passed away in the past twelve months. Family members from around Alabama joined us in worship as we thanked God for each and every person. We know that several family members who could not make the trip to Bluff Park were with us in spirit wherever they were.

As you read this newsletter, we invite you to pray over the following names this week and thank God for each person...

Remembering Our Saints

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| Ann Bass | James Michael Grissom | E. Doyle Shaw |
| Aubrey Baugh, Jr. | Betty Lou Hager | Dimples Delories K. Sherman |
| Betty Lou Black | Peggy H. Hardin | William Fred Teaford |
| Elizabeth Louise Brown Bogart | Frank Love | Bernie Thompson, Jr. |
| Opal Bonner | Tom P. Lyle | Walter Valentine, Jr. |
| Laura Lee Boren | Nan Moore | Joe White |
| Dot Copeland | Luther Murphy | |
| Joe Cummings | James E. Northington | |
| Chris Delionback | James Rupert Reinier | |
| Judy Farris | Marshall Reid Rodgers | |
| W. Ray Glaze | Rudy Schaefer | |

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rosemond and JD Byrd by A. Marie Cordes

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND
Glovon Poole by The Canterbury Class

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND
Louise Sturdivant by Bob Sturdivant

FOOD PANTRY
June Jenkins by The Canterbury Class

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Elizabeth Bogart by Tom and Dana Sherrord

CHRISTIN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Ann Bass by Col. Gene and Jean Brown

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Johnny Medders' birthday by Elsie and Carol Medders

Honorariums

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Robert Hamill by Brian Davies

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND
The Seekers Class by Curtis and Paula Thompson
Richard Joiner by JB and Frances Thrasher

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

News of the Week

VETERANS DAY SPECIAL EVENT

On Sunday, November 8th, we will have a very special Veterans Day celebration. The evening begins at 5:00 pm with dinner and the program begins at 6:00 pm. There will be music by the Hoover High School Jazz Band. The program is lead by Stretch Dunn and includes a tribute marking the 50th Anniversary of the entry of American troops into Vietnam, and an introduction to the new Veterans Leadership Ministry at BPUMC.

STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING

On Sunday, November 15 at 5:00pm we invite every member of Bluff Park United Methodist Church to attend this important State of the Church meeting in the Sanctuary. You will hear about important topics in the life of our church such as our 2015 Budget, our 2016 Stewardship Campaign results to date, and information about our upcoming Building and Renovation Plan that will come to the church in 2016.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The fun and famous Chick fil-a cows are here to help the Little Imaginations Preschool raise money. Their 2016 Cow calendar is now available through our program. Each calendar costs only \$7.00 and features 12 great offers for free Chick fil-A items.

HAM MOUNTAIN

During the month of November, we will be collecting canned hams for Ham Mountain. These hams will be distributed through the Bluff Park UMC food bank on December 2nd. Look for the Ham Mountain display in the Narthex beginning November 1st. Ham Mountain is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

FESTIVAL OF THREE KINGS

Each year we participate in the Festival of Three Kings event which provides Christmas gifts for local children

who might not otherwise have presents under the tree. If you would like to sponsor a child this year, please contact Debi Whitcomb at (205) 979-7626. Information sheets will be available in early November and gifts will need to be turned in by Sunday, December 6th. One of our children (female) for the festival of three kings needs a toddler bed and mattress. If you have one to donate, please let us know. The Festival of Three Kings event will be held on December 12th, at Birmingham Southern College. You are welcome to help at the festival as well.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 22nd at 5:00 pm at St. Alban's Episcopal. Ministers from BPUMC, Bluff Park Baptist, Shades Crest Baptist, BP Community Church, St. Alban's Episcopal and Shades Mountain Independent Church will be participating in the service. A reception will follow the worship service.

OFFERING OF BLANKETS

We will receive blankets on Sunday, November 15th and Wednesday, November 18th. On November 18th, at our Midweek Meetup we will have our church-wide Thanksgiving meal. As a part of our time together on November 18th, we will offer a prayer of blessing for the blankets and give thanks to God who enables us to share generously with others. The offering of blankets is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Hazel Drake who passed away on October 29th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Elaine Clinton—University

Prayer Shawls Ministry

Prayer Shawls wrap the wearer in a comforting embrace & are given to those going through personal difficulties of any sort. The creator of the shawl works while praying for the recipient, thus infusing the shawl with special meaning. They are for men, women, and children. We also have some crocheted baby blankets and chemo caps available. Shawls are hand-knit or crocheted. When a shawl is finished, the group lays hands on it and a group prayer is given.

If you know of someone in need, pick up a shawl in the church Library. The recipient does not have to be a member of our church. Please sign the book so we can keep a count of how many shawls are going out. The names of the recipients are not necessary.

Thank You to everyone who has donated to the Prayer Shawls Ministry! Some of you have donated yarn, tools, cloth, & cash. Some have anonymously donated. Some of you have created items for the Ministry at home because you cannot make the meetings. Please know that all of your efforts are extremely appreciated!

If you'd like to join the Prayer Shawls Ministry, We meet every Monday from 10:00am-noon, and Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. In the fall we make winter scarves and caps for the homeless. We supply the yarn and the tools so all you'd need to bring is "yourself". For more information contact: kandisscudder@mac.com



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP: Our next Mission/Field Trip will be on Wednesday, November 11th!! We will be taking the children to help us buy Christmas gifts for three children we have sponsored through Festival of the Three Kings, eating lunch at Pizza Hut, and then we will be going to see the new Peanuts movie. 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 Kindergarten-5th graders.

FAMILY ADVENT NIGHT: Come as a family and prepare for the Christmas season on November 29th from 4:00-5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be making Advent Wreaths, eating dinner, and watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas!" Cost is \$20 per family and includes Advent Wreath, Dinner, and a family devotional centered around your newly made wreath that can be used by your family throughout the Christmas season. Please RSVP by November 22nd by emailing Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org. We hope to see you there!

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: In order to abide by the Safe Sanctuary Policy of our church, we are in need of one adult volunteer for each session of Children's Church. This person will assist Mr. Stanley in crowd control and leading the worship service. There is no pre-planning for this volunteer spot. Simply show up and worship with Mr. Stanley and the children! If you would like to volunteer in Children's Church, please sign up at <http://vols.pt/22XY7w> or contact Stanley Davidson at sdavidson@bpumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: This Sunday (11/8) will be our second rotational Sunday School lesson in November on the story of Jonah and the Big Fish.

STUDENT MINISTRY

HOLY GROUND IN NOVEMBER - THE FAM As we get closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, we'll discuss what it means to be part of a family - both the family that we share a data plan with and the family that God calls his own. Our weekly topics will be inspired by Henri Nouwen's great book on Rembrandt's portrait "The Return of the Prodigal." Parents: I would LOVE for you to join us for worship in November!

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN: www.bpumc.org/fallretreat Our youth group will be joining students from Trussville FUMC, Mountain Chapel UMC in Vestavia and Cullman FUMC for a weekend at Camp Sumatanga next month. Cost is \$125 per person (with a discount for students of parents who attended our August training event). This price includes transportation, 2 nights stay, 5 meals and a t-shirt. Dates are Friday, November 20th through Sunday, November 22nd. Reserve your student's spot now with a \$25 online deposit.

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: Friday-Sunday, November 20-22: *Fall Retreat at Camp Sumatanga*; Saturday, December 12: *Festival of Three Kings*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 8, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, November 8, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, November 8, 5:00pm	MS Girls, MS Guys & HS Coed Small Groups
Sunday, November 8, 6:00pm	Snack Supper in the Youth Wing
Sunday, November 8, 6:30pm	Game Night in the Holy Ground Room (bring your smartphones & win prizes)
Wednesday, November 11, 5:30pm	Hang Out in the Youth Wing & Gym
Wednesday, November 11, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM - everyone's invited to honor and celebrate our Veterans. Dinner at 5:00, music by the Hoover High School Jazz Band, program by Stretch Dunn, A Tribute marking the 50th Anniversary of the entry of American troops into Vietnam and the Veterans Leadership Ministry.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

THE HOLIDAY SHOP and Lunch Call Betty.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - CAROL ARMISTEAD, Actress and Story Teller will be here at 10:00am. Charlie Trucks Bible Study at 11:00.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Bible Study, Its a Wonder Life, with Charlie Trucks.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 26

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER - For Members, Friends, and Community that will be home alone. Jerry Ryan, of Three-on-a-String will entertain us with music and laughter that will tickle your funny bone. Bring a covered dish for eight and join us for good food, good fellowship - a Happy Thanksgiving with old friends and the making of new friends.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30 - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2

Christmas Trip - Opryland - Nashville, TN

3 days - 2 nights at Opryland Hotel, Dinner Cruise/ Christmas Show on The General Jackson, ICE Fantasy, Carriage Ride, Gatlin Brothers Christmas Dinner Show, Mystery stops??? and much more.

Special Moment with Jesus

He who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust. Psalm 91:1-2



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The Week of November 8—14

Sunday, November 8

7:30 am Blood Drive in Gym
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
3:00 pm Veterans Leadership Ministry
5:00 pm Veterans Day Program

Monday, November 9

9:00 am UMW Board Meeting
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm UMW Fall Social

Tuesday, November 10

Youth: One Night for the Homeless
8:30 am Maintenance
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, November 11

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, November 12

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, November 13

12:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

SUNDAY, November 8, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Rescued by the Great Commandment"
(Scripture - Matthew 22:34-40)
Rev. Tom Duley

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover
Cross
8:45 Emma Patton
11:00 Carolyne Hecklinski
Acolyte
8:45 Jackie Fort 11:00 Natalie Self
Greeters: Friendship
Meals on Wheels: Martin
Food Pantry December 2:
Kay Adams/Penny Burns

Midweek Meetup—Wednesday, November 11

Bluff Park Voice: Fried chicken, rice, green beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

November 1, 2015

Children/Youth	146/53
Morning Worship	551
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$34,293.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,173,572.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,184,274.88
New Members in 2015	24

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$3,440.00
Received to Date	\$907,635.54

**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.