



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

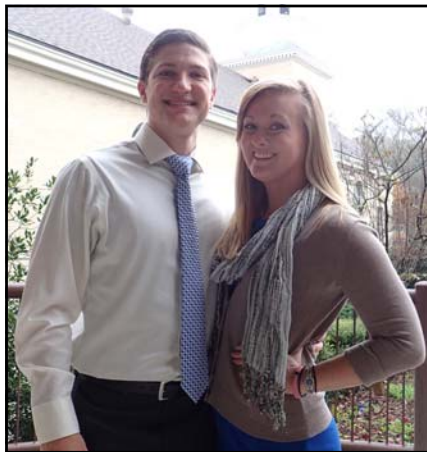
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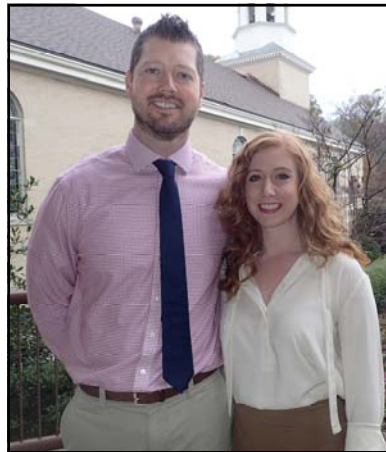
Membership in the United Methodist Church has very little to do with what the church can offer you. In fact, the process of becoming a member requires each person to make a vow of commitment to God and to the church. We vow to turn our lives, both individually as disciples and corporately as a community of faith, over to God and God's wishes for us.

We do this through the framework of five vows: our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Membership in a United Methodist Church is then a vow of discipleship where we promise to become less of what we used to be and more of what God wants us to be ~ particularly as a community as we bless one another with love and care.

This month we welcome five wonderful households into our church family. I pray that you will seek to bless them all as they become a blessing to the rest of us!



Jeff and Becca McGalliard



Erik and Jill Moller



Sara Brissie and Robert



Susan and Charles Prueter, Walton and Lois Lee



Michelle and Bobby Lee, and Crawford

News of the Week



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.

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!

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.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Elaine Clinton—University

Bluff Park United Methodist Church
presents
The Sixth Annual Christmas on the Bluff
*Under a
Starry Sky*
Sunday, December 6
6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary
Directed by Lonnie Parsons
with the BPUMC Choir
Featuring Special Guests
Natalie Valentine and Mike Stephens

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.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Congratulations to the following 24 children who memorized their Bible verse for the week: Kate Ryan Black, Lily Matheson, Penny Rose Pearson, Will Thompson, Harrison Winter, Charlie Blackwell, Andrew Pitts, Sophia Marchant, Allie Beth Pair, Ava Holden, Anabelle Beasley, Kathryn Holden, Ellie Robinson, Avery Dover, Davis Holly, Jack Beasley, Jack Hendon, Ian Chatterton, Mary Lynn Williamson, Natalie Self, Mary El Neal, Ellie Blanchard, Grayden Robinson, and Matthew Pitts.

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 (11/15) will be our third rotational Sunday School lesson in November on the story of Jonah and the Big Fish.

STUDENT MINISTRY

YELLOW DOT NIGHT - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 A Yellow Dot on the driver's side rear window of a vehicle alerts first responders to check in the glove compartment for a folder with information on the driver, including name, an identifying photo, emergency contact info, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies and any medications being used. We will be offering this program to anyone in the community for FREE on Sunday night, November 15th, in the Fellowship Hall from 6:00-7:15pm. Keep your child passenger or teenage driver safe in an emergency!

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 15, 10:00am

Sunday, November 15, 4:00pm

Sunday, November 15, 5:00pm

Sunday, November 15, 6:00pm

Sunday, November 15, 6:00-7:15pm

Wednesday, November 18, 5:30pm

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Friday-Sunday, November 20-22

Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

MS Girls, MS Guys & HS Coed Small Groups

Snack Supper in the Youth Wing

Yellow Dot Program in the Fellowship Hall

Hang Out in the Youth Wing & Gym

Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Fall Retreat at Sumatanga

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15

YELLOW DOT SIGN-UP for our YOUTH and anyone else who would like to participate in the Yellow Dot Safety program. Fill out the required safety form with emergency care information to place in the glove compartment of your vehicle - have your picture taken and receive a YELLOW DOT sticker to place on your vehicle. Bring information, names, phone# and list of medication, for your information sheet. Time: 5-7:00pm - Fellowship Hall.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17

DAY TRIP-SCOTTSBORO- UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE, Fall Leaves, Lunch and more... 8:00am-3:30pm Call Betty

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - It's A Wonderful Life Bible Study with Charlie Trucks. This is the last session of this study - come see how it ends!!!!!!!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE - St. Alban's Episcopal Church
THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER for our Members, Community and Friends that will be home alone. Jerry Ryan, of Three-on-a-String, will entertain us with music and lots of laughter. Bring a covered dish for eight and join us. Good food, fellowship a Happy Thanksgiving Day with old friends and the making of new ones. Call Betty.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 27

NASHVILLE CHRISTMAS TRIP

MONDAY NOVEMBER 30

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Christmas Memories

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

SANTA'S WORKSHOP, lunch and maybe a surprise or two. Go with us for a day of fun and excitement. Call Betty.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 8

Special Moment with Jesus

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you O God. Psalm 41:12



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The Week of November 15—21

Sunday, November 15

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Board of Stewards
5:00 pm State of the Church Meeting
6:00 pm Yellow Dot Signup

Monday, November 16

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Church Life Committee

Tuesday, November 17

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 18

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

Thursday, November 19

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Finance Committee

SUNDAY, November 15, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

*"The Most Important Thing:
Wonderfully Made"*

(Scripture - Romans 12:1-8)
Rev. Julie Holly

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 113
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 McDonald 11:00 Footsteps
Cross
8:45 Andrew Pitts 11:00 Penny Rose Pearson
Acolyte
8:45 Will Thompson 11:00 Tate Turner
Greeters: Home Improvement
Meals on Wheels: Guy
Food Pantry December 2:
Kay Adams/Penny Burns

Midweek Meetup—Wednesday, November 18
Thanksgiving Dinner and Offering of Blankets.

Last Week's Record

November 8, 2015

Children/Youth	106/42
Morning Worship	522
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$25,963.60
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,200,245.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,210,238.48
New Members in 2015	24

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$5,040.00
Received to Date	\$912,675.54

**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.