



Joy to the World
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

733 Valley Street Hoover, AL 35226 205.822.0910

December 27, 2015

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

*Happy
New Year*

News of the Week

DECEMBER 27TH SUNDAY WORSHIP

On the Sunday after Christmas, we will have a special worship schedule. There will be one morning worship service at 10:00am and a church-wide coffee hour from 9:00-10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. There is no Sunday School. Our normal schedule resumes January 3rd.

FINANCE OFFICE YEAR-END HOURS

The Finance Office will be open on December 31st from 8:00am–12:00pm. Any contributions that need to be recorded in 2015 must be dropped off by noon on the 31st.

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE UPDATE

There will not be a newsletter published next week due to the holidays. Instead, be watching for the Winter/Spring Mission and Ministry Guide for 2016.

MISSION STUDY: LATIN AMERICA

On Wednesdays in January, the UMW will be sponsoring a church-wide mission study on Latin America. We will explore the history of the region, its people, and their faith, from pre-Colombian times until colonization and the struggle for independence. Classes will be led by Tom Duley in the Fireside Room starting at 6:00pm.

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2016

We will host four blood drives in 2016. They will be held on January 10, April 17, July 31, and November 13. Please mark your calendar and make plans to donate in the coming year.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Elaine Clinton—Lakeshore
Roxie Langham—Lakeshore

2015 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF...

Lou Ellen Naron Lamb by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
Inez Lamb Sturdivant by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
Louse Sturdivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
Ruby Chestine Sturdivant by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
J. Raymond and Nancy Isom Bailey by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
Rob and Mollie Isom by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
Hugh and Elizabeth Smith by Jerry and Barbara Thorn
Our Parents and Don by Charles and Carolyn Arthur
Kate and Marion Catanzano by Russ, Kay, and Nick Bridges
Robert Westwater by Jim and Anne Foote
Mary Ann Bass by Sandra Britt
Paul William Hunt by Sandra Britt
Patricia Judd by The Vogt Family
Charles Lyman Vogt by The Vogt Family
Pearl and Bryce Montgomery by Joan Davis
Richard and Gayle Sadler by Joan Davis
Tiffany Davis by Joan Davis
Elizabeth Bogart by Megan, David, and William Wise
Brown and Gloria Saunders by Mark and Ann Williams
Luther and Mary Murphy by Lisa, Shelby, and Savannah Avant, Charlie and Becky Murphy, and Trey Cathers
Rowe Driver by Roger, Donna, Leslie, and Katie Norris
Tommy Norris by Roger, Donna, Leslie, and Katie Norris
Bill Snow by the Thagard and Flowers families
William Adams by Peggy Adams
Ann Bass by Melissa and Gene Smith

Jim Bass by Melissa and Gene Smith
Betty and Victor Harbor by Randy, Judy, Laura, and David Smith
Justin Cole by Blake and Rachel Shultz
Charles Rose (Paulette Pearson's father) by Ed and Mary Pearson-(Bill's parents)
Lois Graham by Martha Wade
Billy K. Graham by Martha Wade
Pat Adair by Bill Adair
Ralph Drennen by The Drennen Brothers
Joe Knight by the Knight/Drennen Families

IN HONOR OF...

The Staff of BPUMC by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant
Adam, Chris, and Emily Wilkins by Fred and Pam McDonald
Carol McFadden by Marie Cordes
Mary Francis Westwater by Jim and Anne Foote
Elaine Clinton by Jack and Carole Armistead
Jesus Birthday by Andy and Linda King
Taylor R. Carlisle by Ronda and Dyer Carlisle
Jen Jen (Jennie Alley) by William Wise
Betsy Britain and her grandkids (2) by Mom and Dad
Evelyn Lawrence by Lena and Davis Holly
Cindy Burnes by Marie Cordes
Libby Snow by the Thagard and Flowers families
Odessa Harbor by Randy, Judy, Laura, and David Smith
Mahala McKinney by the Adult Choir
Lonnie Parsons by the Adult Choir
Lorna Lee Curtis by the Adult Choir
Ann Gilliland, Richard and Derilda Joiner, and J.B. and Frankie Thrasher by Durwood and JoAnn Freeman
Judith Smith, our mother by her children and family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT: We will be having a Church-Wide Skate Night on Sunday, January 17th, at Roller Motion (2474 Morgan Road in Bessemer.) The party goes from 5-7pm. All skate rentals and dinner are free! We encourage you to attend as a family and bring your friends.

MISSION TRIP/FIELD TRIP: Due to the busyness of the holidays and the strong attendance we have had by placing these trips on school holidays, we have decided to move the field trip/mission trip that was scheduled on December 30th to Martin Luther King Day, January 18th. We will be shopping for supplies to help a local backpack ministry that sends food home with elementary aged children who are not getting enough to eat at home, going to Pizza Hut for lunch, and then going Ice Skating in the afternoon. Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 9:30, and pickup will be at the church between 4:30 and 5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon atmhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible as we only have 26 spots available.

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.

STUDENT MINISTRY

DISCOVERY WEEKEND - JANUARY 29-31, 2016 Save the date for this incredible weekend of spiritual formation, when our high school students will lead our middle school students in worship, discussion, prayer and fellowship with the assistance of our college students and adults. High school students will begin meeting to prepare on Sunday afternoons as soon as we're back from Christmas break. We cannot wait to see what God has planned for our students! Online registration will be open very soon.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we end the fall and get ready for 2016: Discovery Weekend, Confirmation Class 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, January 29-31: *Discovery Weekend.*

THIS WEEK

No Scheduled Youth Activities Until January 3rd

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The Week of December 27—January 2

Sunday, December 27

9:00 am Coffee Hour
10:00 am Sunday Morning Worship

Monday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 31—New Year's Eve

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, January 1—New Year's Day

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SUNDAY, December 27, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Angela Martin

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

10:00 Montz

Cross

10:00 Charlie Redding

Acolyte

10:00 Andrew Pitts

Greeters: Wesley Forum

Meals on Wheels: Britain

Midweek Meetup Returns on January 6th.

Last Week's Record

December 20, 2015

Children	67
Morning Worship	618
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$44,624.50
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,360,283.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,376,609.77
New Members in 2015	25

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$905.00
Received to Date	\$942,307.87

**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.