



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter June 5, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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At Discovery Weekend this January, one of our high school speakers led the rest of the students in prayer, asking God to guide us into new and deeper ways of serving others. We felt called to do more because we know that serving God is more than a weekend retreat for ourselves or a week-long mission trip in another state. It's a way of living every day for God and for others.

Bluff Park UMC has been meeting the needs of those in our community who face food insecurity at home through programs like the Weekend Backpacks at Bluff Park Elementary and through our monthly food pantry ministry. In talking with the faculty at Simmons Middle School, we learned that there are often students with holes in their socks, no food at home over the weekend, or only one notebook for the entire year. The staff there does an incredible job to identify and meet those needs. But we can help them do so much more.

Here's how we're going to do it!

We received a \$2,000 grant from a wonderful organization called Beav's Place to help us partner with Simmons Middle School in creating a supply room full of food, clothing, school supplies and toiletries that any student can take at any time, for any reason. Our church's students and parents will be taking the lead on this, first by setting up the room, next by spending our funds to stock it and then by going into the community's places of businesses to keep it resupplied as time goes on. We plan to launch this new resource room for Simmons students on Thursday, August 11th, their first day of the fall semester.

But we also have a vision to keep it going for much longer than that. We will be counting on you - our church family! Help us by making donations of supplies, as we learn more from the Simmons faculty as to what resources their students most need. Get the word out to members of our community - neighbors and business owners who can help us with free or discounted supplies. And pray for the students in our community that their physical and spiritual needs will be met, that through this they will know God loves them through our efforts for years to come.

In Christ,
Bart Styes
Director of Student Ministries!



Student Worship Team Leading Music at Annual Conference

On Tuesday, June 7th, our Holy Ground Team has been invited to lead morning worship next Tuesday for the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of North Alabama. Our students will head up Monday afternoon and then share their gifts at the Von Braun Center downtown the next day. Please say a prayer for safe travels and congratulate them the next time you see a member of our wonderful team.

News of the Week

SILENT AUCTION TICKETS

The date has been set for the 2016 Legacy Gala and Silent Auction. It will be held on August 12th, at The Club. Tickets are now on sale. You can purchase tickets on Sunday mornings or online. Reserve your spot early. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bluffparkumc.org/gala2016

SHOE BOXES ARE COMING!

This summer we will be putting together Shoe Boxes to be distributed to children throughout Latin America at Christmas time. The Shoe Boxes have small items that many of the children our missionaries work with have a hard time getting. We are setting aside the months of June and July to collect the items and assemble the Shoe Boxes. The list of needed materials will be published soon. This is a project in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and our United Methodist missionaries working in the region.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know you may be able to make a tax-free charitable contribution directly from your IRA?

Individuals 70 ½ or older may donate to a church or charity up to \$100,000 annually through their traditional Individual Retirement Accounts. Qualified Charitable Distributions (also called IRA Charitable Rollovers) are made from the IRA directly to the non-profit organization and can count toward the IRA owner's "required minimum distribution" (RMD), which would normally be taxable when distributed to the IRA's owner.

These contributions can be especially beneficial to those unable to itemize their charitable deductions and those whose charitable gifts are limited or reduced by certain tax provisions. These gifts cannot be made



YOUTH CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Bring your dirty car to church Sunday, June 5th, and our youth will wash it in the waters of BPUMC. They will be set-up in the parking lot by the Youth Wing from 11:00am-3:00pm. Proceeds from the car wash help pay for summer youth trips.

from other forms of tax-deferred retirement accounts, such as a 401k, 403b, SEP or Simple IRA.

Tax laws are complex and subject to change. You are encouraged to consult your tax advisor to determine whether this is appropriate for you and to discuss the process. Please notify the church finance office if you intend to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Bluff Park United Methodist Church.

2016 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2016 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: June 19, and 26 and July 10, 17, 24, and 31. 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 Bootsie Barry on the passing of her husband, Jack, on May 24th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

SPRC UPDATE

Dr. Lorna Lee Curtis is no longer the organist at Bluff Park UMC. Please be thinking of Dr. Curtis and her husband, Eddie, in this time of transition. We will begin looking for a new organist this June, but in the meantime, we will have several guest organists and pianists throughout the summer.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Christian Cooper—Still Burn Center, Augusta GA
Pat Reese—Aspire

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Alleen Stickler by the Opportunity Class
Barbara Brannum by the Opportunity Class
Shirley Smith by the Opportunity Class

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Elaine Clinton by Roy and Bobbye Guyton, JB and Frankie Thrasher
Darla Brown by Roy and Bobbye Guyton, Wayne and Jackie Walton

FOOD PANTRY

Barbara Brannum by Peggy Wyatt

Charles Holley Sparks by Sandra Miller

Honorariums

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Otis Bibb and the Green Team by Margaret Thompson
Bart Styes by Jim and Becky McCrary

MUSIC FUND

Bill and Joy Shultz by Margaret Thompson

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

REGISTER FOR VBS 2016! Excitement is building in Children's Ministry!! Vacation Bible School for summer 2016 takes place July 18th-22nd. Daily sessions will run from 5:15-7:50pm. Dinner will be available each night of VBS, from 4:45pm-5:15pm, in the Fellowship Hall, at a cost of \$2 per plate. This is not part of the programming but a service to our parents, students, and volunteers. Parents must stay with their kids during dinner as programming begins in the Sanctuary at 5:30pm. Online registration is now open. To register visit: bluffparkumc.org/VBS2016

GROW IT 2 EAT IT Grow It 2 Eat It is a four day camp experience. Each day we will work in the garden and learn something new. Kids will harvest fresh produce and cook it for lunch, followed by a craft or activity that reinforces all that we've learned that day. Camp dates are June 13th-16th from 9:30am-12:30pm. The cost of the camp is \$10 per child with a family max of \$15. Register online at: bluffparkumc.org/grow-it-2-eat-it-registration/

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS: Did you know that we have been averaging 25 children in Children's Church since we started in November, with a high mark of 40 children one Sunday?! The children have loved having a service specifically geared towards them, learning how much God loves them, and talking about ways they can put their faith into action! We would love for some of you to come and worship with us! If you would like to sign up to join our rotating volunteer schedule or sit in with us one Sunday, please email Stanley Davidson at sdavidson@bpumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday our theme will be "God is Powerful!" We will be in Hudson Hall all summer.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH - WORSHIP AT CHURCH OF THE RECONCILER & CAR WASH FUNDRAISER We have a busy first Sunday in June. Our student worship team will be leading worship at Church of the Reconciler downtown at 9:30am. And then from 11:00am to 3:00pm, we also have a car wash in the Youth Wing parking lot as a summer fundraiser for student trips. Hey parents: We'd LOVE your help supervising students at the car wash. Parents who volunteer for a specific slot can earn extra money for their students!

TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH - OUR STUDENT WORSHIP TEAM WILL BE LEADING MUSIC AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE Our Holy Ground Team has been invited to lead morning worship next Tuesday for the Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of North Alabama. Our students will head up Monday afternoon and then share their gifts at the Von Braun Center downtown the next day. Please say a prayer for safe travels and congratulate them the next time you see a member of our wonderful team.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH - WELCOME 6TH GRADERS! The tradition continues...next Wednesday afternoon, a select group of staff and students will 'kidnap' our incoming 6th graders and bring them with us to meet up with other youth at a nearby location for a FREE snack. We'll email/text out details soon. Please don't share any of this with the students! (And don't worry - this is all coordinated with their parents.)

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move deeper into 2016: Summer Mission Trips, the Beach 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 July 10-15: *Urban Ministries Middle School Mission Trip*; Sunday-Saturday, July 24-30: *ASP High School Mission Trip*; Friday-Monday, August 5-8: *Beach Retreat*; Friday, August 12: *Legacy Gala & Silent Auction*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 9:30am, June 5	Worship at Church of the Reconciler
Sunday, 10:00am, June 5	Sunday School, 10am in the Youth Wing
Sunday, 11:00am, June 5	Car Wash in the Youth Parking Lot
Wednesday, 6:00pm, June 8	Welcome Rising 6th Graders (TBA)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>THURSDAY JUNE 2</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - JABO WAGNER, State Senator will share his experience of 50 years in public service.
<u>THURSDAY JUNE 9</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Blake Shultz, Realtor, will be here.
<u>THURSDAY JUNE 16</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Ginny lacy, Lakeshore Rehab will be here.
<u>TUESDAY JUNE 14</u>	MYSTERY TRIP???????
<u>TUESDAY JUNE 21</u>	SCOTTSBORO - Unclaimed Baggage, soda fountain.
<u>THURSDAY JUNE 23</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Julia Basset, Birmingham, Zoo

ENCORE!

A Community Respite Ministry

Enriching the lives of adults of all faiths, with memory loss, to live fully and well. They gather each Tuesday and Thursday at Canterbury United Methodist Church for fellowship and engaging activities, while providing resources and support for families and caregivers in the Birmingham community. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Kristen Snell at Canterbury. (205) 874-1525

NEW YORK, NEW YORK - AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 2

9-11 Memorial, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity, Empire State Building, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Central Park, Broadway, Wall Street, Yankee Stadium, TT, Ferry, Window Shopping, Walk the Brooklyn Bridge and much more. Overnight going and coming. Cost: \$1,000-1,115.00pp/dbl. If interested, call Betty.



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The Week of June 5—11

Sunday, June 5
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Youth Car Wash
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
Monday, June 6
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
Wednesday, June 8
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Communion Service
6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, June 9
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
Friday, June 10
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

SUNDAY, June 5th, 2016
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
Luke 7:11-17
"Seized by Fear"
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
1 Kings 17:8-24
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45am Thompson 11:00am Arthur
Acolyte
8:45 Jonathan Kerns 11:00 Mary El Neal
Greeters: Opportunity
Meals on Wheels: Fugit
Food Pantry June 1st: Penny Burns

Last Week's Record

May 29, 2016

Children	31
Morning Worship	343
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$28,003.51
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$598,659.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$640,373.09
New Members in 2016	13

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$390.00
Received to Date	\$965,249.87

**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.