



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter June 12, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



I am writing to you from Annual Conference 2016 in Huntsville, AL, where Methodist Christians from North Alabama are gathered for worship, vision and decision-making. Rev. Jorge Acevedo and Bishop Young Jin Cho just gave inspiring messages about the importance of prayer and spiritual formation to the call of every church to truly love the community in which we are located. Tonight, our new associate pastor and his wife (Revs. John Carl and Tori Hastings) will be ordained as elders. Then tomorrow morning, our BPUMC Youth Praise Team will lead worship for the entire conference as the winners of the annual Battle of the Bands.

On Sunday, I thanked the Friendship Class for giving 10 feet off of the length of their classroom so that we could add an additional office on the second floor. Rev. Angela Martin will be moving into this new office later this summer. We have other office moves coming later this summer as well as some other improvements as well. Stay tuned for what is in store for our church!!!

Troop 226 Takes Action

The girls of Scout Troop 226 partnered with the food pantry ministry at BPUMC to make a difference in our community. They planned a 'meal in a bag' project to provide 260 healthy nutritious meals for distribution through the food pantry in May.

The Troop members worked with Rosemary Dallam, a registered dietician, to plan their meal and learn about the food related health issues faced by people who visit the food pantry. Once the menu was set, the girls priced out the ingredients and made a plan to raise money and collect food donations.

Troop members setup collection tables at Piggly Wiggly and the church, organized a food drive at Bluff Park Elementary, collected donations from friends and family. They raised enough to provide 260 complete meals and donate \$1,150 to the food pantry ministry.

The girls will receive 3 badges after completing this project. The Power of One Award, the Power of Team Award and the Power of Community Award.



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 HERE!

This summer we are 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 is provided when you pick up a box. You can get boxes in the Narthex on Sunday morning. This is a project in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and our United Methodist missionaries working in the region.

URBAN MINISTRY NEEDS A VAN

Urban Ministry is looking for a van to be donated (or sold at a reasonable price) for their mission and ministry. If you can help, please contact the church office.

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: 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.

WANDERING WESLEY RETURNS

Visit the church website and download a copy of Wandering Wesley to take with you on your Summer travels. Snap a photo of him during your travels and share it on our Facebook page!



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/



State Senator Jabo Waggoner visiting The Shepherd's Center on June 2nd

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Christian Cooper—Still Burn Center, Augusta GA



Fast and Secure Online Donations With EasyTithe

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has implemented a new set of online giving tools, powered by easyTithe.com. They provide the ability to donate on our website and through a mobile app! After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly using your debit or credit card. You can also make a pledge and track your online giving. You can also make Midweek Meetup meal payments.

To create your online account, visit the church website and select 'Donate Online' under the 'Give' link in the top menu. Step-by-step tutorial videos are available on the main 'Give' landing page.

www.BluffParkUMC.org/give-online

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

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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 Love!" We will be in Hudson Hall all summer.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH - SPRING VALLEY BEACH WATER PARK We're heading up to one of Alabama's best kept secrets - an incredible water park just an hour north of us. We'll meet at 1pm at the Church and arrive back around 7pm. Cost is \$25 per person + bring money for dinner/snacks. We have 26 student seats on our buses and you can reserve your spot by texting the names of people going to 205-790-1803 ASAP. Parents may arrange transportation for their students but NO students may drive themselves!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH - MESSY GAMES NIGHT! The tradition continues....Students need to wear clothes they don't mind getting messy, a beach towel and \$5 for dinner. We'll be in the Youth Parking Lot. The event starts at 6pm and ends at 8pm with a short devotion.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING 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, 10:00am, June 12
Sunday, 1:00pm, June 12
Wednesday, 6:00pm, June 15

Sunday School, 10am in the Youth Wing
Spring Valley Beach Water Park
Messy Games Night

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 9

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Blake Shultz, Realtor, will be here.

TUESDAY JUNE 14

MYSTERY TRIP??????

TUESDAY JUNE 21

SCOTTSBORO - Unclaimed Baggage, soda fountain.

THURSDAY JUNE 23

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Julia Basset, Birmingham, Zoo

THURSDAY JUNE 30

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Niki Sepsas will be here... St Petersburg: Treasures of Tsars.

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, TT, Ferry, Window Shopping, Walk the Brooklyn Bridge and much more. Overnight going and coming. Cost: \$1,000-1,250.00pp/dbl. If interested, call Betty.



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The Week of June 12—18

Sunday, June 12

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, June 13

8:00 am Children's Day Camp
Grow It 2 Eat It
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, June 14

8:00 am Children's Day Camp
Grow It 2 Eat It
8:30 am Maintenance
6:00 pm Under The Bridge

Wednesday, June 15

8:00 am Children's Day Camp
Grow It 2 Eat It
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Communion Service
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Board of Trustees

Thursday, June 16

8:00 am Children's Day Camp
Grow It 2 Eat It
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Finance Committee

Friday, June 17

Children's Day Camp

SUNDAY, June 12th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Luke 7:36-8:3

"The Grand Surprise"

Rev. Angela Martin

Lectionary Scripture Readings

1 Kings 21:1-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45am Adams 11:00am Vitality

Acolyte

8:45 Annabelle Eaton
11:00 Caroline Marshall

Greeters: Seekers

Meals on Wheels: McCallum
Food Pantry July 6th: Penny Burns

Last Week's Record

June 5, 2016

Children	78
Morning Worship	422
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$31,862.00
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$625,871.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$672,235.09
New Members in 2016	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,240.00
Received to Date	\$966,489.87

**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.