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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter July 3, 2016*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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## A Prayer for Independence Day

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.  
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed  
the responsibility of government and leadership  
in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,  
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country  
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,  
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

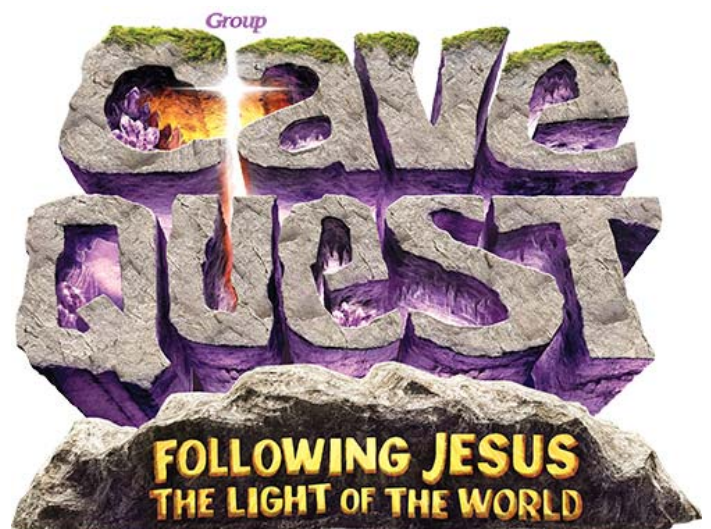
Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;  
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.  
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*(ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)*

### 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](http://bluffparkumc.org/VBS2016)



# News of the Week

## BPUMC KID'S GARDEN CAMP

If you have an elementary aged child who would enjoy working in the garden, join us on Mondays from 10am-1pm in the Kid's Garden to harvest, weigh, and record veggies; we'll also talk about soil, worms, bees, composting, day lilies, birds and more. Questions, call Julie Adams 822-6516.

## BPUMC FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Enjoy an evening of baseball and fellowship on Wednesday, August 3rd, @ 7:05 (game time) - \$12 ticket includes admission and meal ticket (hotdog, chips and soda). We will provide transportation via the church buses. Limited seating available. Sign up at table in narthex on Sunday mornings or email amartin@bpumc.org to reserve your tickets! Payment needed at time of sign-up.

## 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](http://Bluffparkumc.org/gala2016)

## THANK YOU...

A very special thank you to Bill Garwick, Roy Shanlever, Stokely Morgan, Ed Thomas, John Irwin, and Charlie Trucks for an outstanding job building the wall for the office of our associate minister. And, thank you to the Friendship class for your generosity and cooperation. -J.B. Thrasher

## 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.



## Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive

During the month of July, Bluff Park United Methodist Women are partnering with Bundles of Hope to ensure that families experiencing financial hardship have an adequate and reliable supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers.

How you can help:

- Donate disposable diapers (sizes newborn - 6)
- Make a financial donation

Designated drop-off bins will be in the narthex and on the 1st floor by the fellowship hall/nursery entrance. For financial donations, place checks in the offering plate or leave them in the church office.

*All diapers collected will be distributed exclusively through the BPUMC Food Pantry.*

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 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.

## COFFEE RECEPTION

On Sunday, July 3rd, there will be a come & go coffee in the Parlor from 10:00-11:00 am for Penny and Jay Burns. If you have worked with Penny, or been involved in church activities with her in any way, bring a thank you card and stop in to visit with her.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dot Quinnelly who passed away on June 27th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Christian Cooper—Still Burn Center, Augusta GA  
Butch Powell—Walker County Hospital

## Memorials

### FOOD PANTRY

**Robbie Sumners** by Elizabeth Davis, The Executive Women's Golf Association

### BUILDING FUND

**Trudy Lawyer** by Bill Lawyer

## Honorariums

### PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

**The Faith Class** by Johnny and Betsy Guy

### UNDER THE BRIDGE

**The Maintenance Crew** by JB and Frankie Thrasher  
**Evelyn Harper** by Pony Thompson

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The BPUMC nursery is looking to hire 3 or 4 people to work on Sunday's and/or Wednesday's. These people (at least 19 years old) would need to have a love for children and be willing to go through a small interview process. If interested, please contact Marcie Walters at [nursery@bpumc.org](mailto:nursery@bpumc.org) or Stanley Davidson at [sdavidson@bpumc.org](mailto:sdavidson@bpumc.org).

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:** Come as a family and enjoy a movie night at Bluff Park UMC on Thursday, July 14th from 6:00-8:00. We will be in Hudson Hall watching Zootopia on the big screen with Popcorn and Drinks for all those who attend! You don't want to miss it!

**FIELD TRIP:** Our next mission trip/field trip for our rising Kindergarten-5th graders will be on Thursday, July 7th. We will be shopping for school supplies for children who need them in our community and then going to a church member's farm for a pool party and pizza lunch! There will be a trained life guard on site for this field trip! Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 10:00, and pickup will be at the church between 5:00-5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org) as soon as possible as we only have 26 spots available.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our theme this Sunday will be "How to Pray!" We will be in Hudson Hall all summer.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6TH - DINNER & A MOVIE AT PATTON CREEK** We'll meet for dinner at Baumhower's Wings at 6pm and then head over to the Carmike 15. Students will need to bring money for dinner and tickets and arrange their own transportation.

**CHANGE FOR MS MISSION TRIP WEEK - JULY 10-15** Due to several youth family trips, we did not have enough students who could commit to the whole week's trip. So...we're going to use July 10-15 to get a lot accomplished here in Hoover. Bart is meeting this week with Principal Cain of Simmons Middle School to learn more about the space at the school we will be able to use for our new Supply Room. As well, we are in talks to create a room like this at Bluff Park Elementary! So once we have the details, we will use that week in July to put our plan in motion - getting the word out in local businesses and then collecting and organizing supplies. Stay tuned for more info!

**BEACH RETREAT IS OPEN!** We have been able to open our Beach Retreat back to the students! So all rising 6th through graduating seniors are invited to travel with us to Laguna Beach in Florida, Friday-Monday, August 5th-8th. Deposits are \$50 and the total is \$175.

**LEGACY GALA & SILENT AUCTION - FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH** This great fundraising event for all kinds of ministries and mission across our church will be on Friday night, August 12th at The Club. You can buy your tickets online or in the Narthex on Sunday morning. Auction items are great appreciated and needed. So contact the church office or Megan Wise [megan.f.wise@gmail.com](mailto:megan.f.wise@gmail.com) if you have food, art, sporting event tickets or vacation rentals or other creative items or services that you would like to donate to this worthy cause.

**MISSING SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUMMER? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT.** All of our student Sunday School lessons will have a corresponding Weekly Devo uploaded to our *Youth Wing mobile app* each week. So if your family is on the road or at the beach, your student can still have some quiet time in the Word. Each lesson follows the chronological story of God's people through the Old Testament with an everyday application. We've also kept up last summer's devos as well.

**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** 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, July 3, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Wednesday, July 6, 12:00pm	HS Lunch Bunch @ Capers (Bluff Park Arts Center)
Wednesday, July 6, 6:00pm	Dinner & A Movie (meet at Baumhower's-Patton Creek)

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>THURSDAY JUNE 30</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Niki Sepsas will be here St Petersburg (Russia) : Treasures of Tsars.
<u>MONDAY JULY 4</u>	INDEPENDENCE DAY
<u>THURSDAY JULY 7</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Artist-on-the-Bluff—Program and lunch at Capers on Park Avenue.
<u>TUESDAY JULY 12</u>	TALLADEGA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM-9:00am-3:00pm admission charge.
<u>THURSDAY JULY 14</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Program by Leonette Slay—Reflections on the Wesley Tour of England.
<u>TUESDAY JULY 19</u>	TUSCALOOSA CHURCH TOUR - Lunch - Cypress Inn

### NEW YORK, NEW YORK - AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 2

9-11 Memorial, St Patrick's Cathedral, Trinity Church, Empire State Bld, Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge (or ride), Wall Street, Central Park Strawberry Fields, Window shopping, Ferry ride, Broadway, TT, Wall Street, Chinatown, Greenwich Village and much more. Over-night going and coming.  
Cost: \$1,250.00pp/dbl. \$200.00 deposit - Balance due August 20.

### ENCORE!

#### A Community Respite Ministry

Enriching the lives of adults of all faiths, with memory loss, to live fully and well meet each Tuesday and Thursday at Canterbury United Methodist Church for fellowship and 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



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## The Week of July 3—9

**Sunday, July 3**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
**Monday, July 4**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
**Wednesday, July 6**  
9:00 am Food Pantry  
9:30 am Garden Camp  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Communion Service  
6:30 pm Choir  
**Thursday, July 7**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
**Friday, July 8**  
12:00 pm Friendship Class Social

SUNDAY, July 3rd, 2016  
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship  
Galatians 6:1-10  
*"Broken and Blessed"*  
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings  
2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

SERVING SUNDAY  
Ushers  
Carlisle 8:45 Lawson 11:00  
Acolyte  
8:45 Lena Holly 11:00 Abbey Gray  
Greeters: Cornerstone  
Food Pantry July 6th: Penny Burns

## Last Week's Record

June 26, 2016

Children	57
Morning Worship	434
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$25,185.00
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$707,507.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$736,420.50
New Members in 2016	15

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$150.00
Received to Date	\$967,701.87

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.