



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter July 10, 2016*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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One of the things that we as a church family desire to do is to be exactly who God calls us to be for one another and for our community. In many ways, this is buried deep into our DNA as a congregation. We have a very active mission and outreach program at BPUMC. We feed over 260 households a month with our Food Pantry, we feed the homeless and we provide healthy food to children over the weekends during school. This summer, we are hosting a weekly camp in our Community Garden to help young people understand about where food comes from and how God's creation can provide nourishment for us.

As we prepare to begin a new season together as a church family this fall, we will all be invited to consider how we can more deeply commit ourselves to God, to one another, and to others together. We are a church that cares about making disciples. And we are a church that cares deeply about making a difference in the world around us. There is a part to play for each and every one of us!

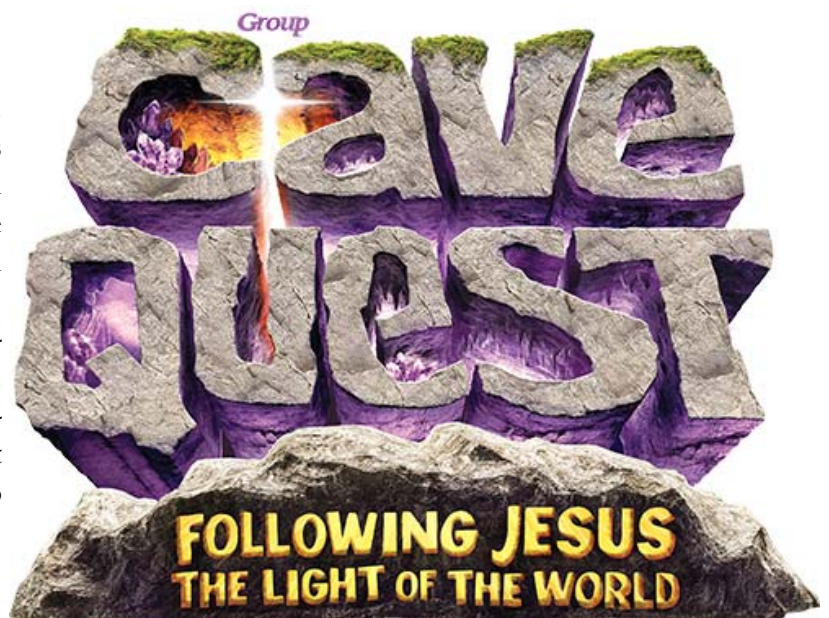
But it all begins with God's calling. Have you begun to sense a calling in your own heart and life? If so, please contact us in the church office. We would love to be able to help you begin to serve in the ways that you are called!

*Mike*

## 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

## YOUTH CAR WASH FUND-RAISER

The first time was rained out, but we are ready to try again on July 10th, from 11:00am-2:00pm. Bring your dirty car to church Sunday, and our youth will wash it in the waters of BPUMC. They will be setup in the parking lot by the Youth Wing. Proceeds from the car wash help pay for summer youth trips.

## 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](mailto:amartin@bpumc.org) to reserve your



## 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.*

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)

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Sympathy of the Congregation goes out to the family of Dot Quinnelly. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

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Sympathy of the Congregation goes out to the family of Katherine Upshaw. 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



## Family Movie Night

Thursday, July 14th

6:00-8:00pm

Hudson Hall

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!

## 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

**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 10, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 10, 11:00am	Car Wash Fundraiser in Youth Parking Lot
Wednesday, July 13 6:00-8:00pm	Messy Games - \$5 for dinner

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>TUESDAY JULY 12</u>	TALLADEGA MOTORSPORTS MUSEUM-9:00am-3:00pm. \$6 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 and More... Lunch at Cypress Inn - 9:00a-3:00p
<u>THURSDAY JULY 21</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Fran Gilroy will share information on the Birmingham Zoo.
<u>TUESDAY JULY 26</u>	EWTN, Pilgrimage Shrine of Blessed Sacraments Whistle Stop Cafe - 9:00a-3:00p.
<u>THURSDAY JULY 28</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Chuck King Band - Come See, Come Hear, Come Sing.

### 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**

Our Mission: To enrich the lives of adults with memory loss meets each Tuesday and Thursday at Canterbury United Methodist Church for fellowship and activities. We could use a few good volunteers from BPUMC.



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## The Week of July 10—16

### Sunday, July 10

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

### Monday, July 11

9:00 am UMW Executive Committee  
10:00 am Prayer Shawls

### Tuesday, July 12

8:30 am Maintenance  
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

### Wednesday, July 13

9:30 am Garden Camp  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Communion Service  
6:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, July 14

9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
6:00 pm Family Movie Night

### SUNDAY, July 10th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Luke 10:25-37

*"Law vs. Gospel"*

Rev. Angela Martin

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Nelson 11:00am Dover

Acolyte

8:45 Lily Matheson 11:00 Avery Edwards

Greeters: Canterbury

Food Pantry August 3rd: Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

July 3, 2016

Children	30
Morning Worship	446
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$23,630.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$734,719.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$760,050.50
New Members in 2016	15

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,390.00
Received to Date	\$969,091.87

**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.