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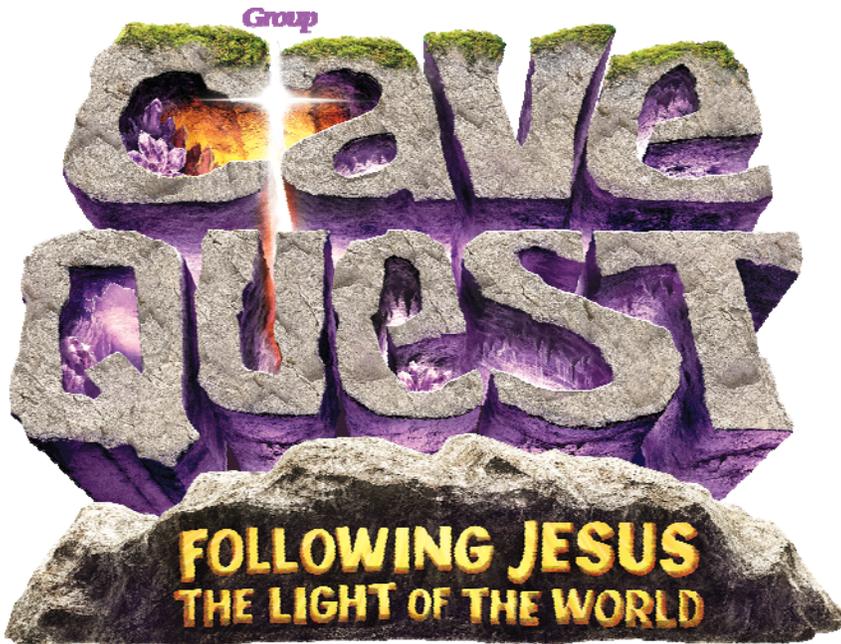
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter July 17, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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It's VBS Week

The Children's Ministry at Bluff Park UMC will be very busy this week as they host our Vacation Bible School program. This year's theme is **Cave Quest: Following Jesus—The Light of the World**.

Please keep our staff, volunteers, and the children in your prayers this week. Here is the Prayer for the week from the Leap of Faith Prayer Journal:

Summer VBS Prayer

Loving God, your Son Jesus called for the children to come close to him for they are loved and cherished within Your Kingdom. I ask this week for your holy presence at Vacation Bible School that you might be with the

children, the teachers and the volunteers. May each be moved by your grace and instructed by your love. Bless each one gathered here, enabling them to be channels of your grace. Amen.

Vision Steering Report

Come hear the Vision Steering Report presented by Rev. Mike Holly. There are two opportunities for you to attend. The presentation will be the same at both meetings, so pick the one that best fits your schedule.

July 17 at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

July 24 at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

Save The Dates

As we prepare for an important Board of Stewards meeting at the end of July, we are working hard on plans for the fall at BPUMC. We want to invite you to save two new dates as important options for getting plugged in this fall!

Sunday, August 14 and Sunday, August 21

On these two Sundays, you will have the option to come to the Fellowship Hall to see what new classes, studies and opportunities will be offered in the coming year. There will be new groups and new ministries so it should be a great way for you to learn more and get the word out about courses beginning after Labor Day. Please come, enjoy some coffee and see what is in store!

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 Wednesdays 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.

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

SHOEBOX UPDATE

We have had a wonderful response to our summer mission project. The deadline for returning shoeboxes is Sunday, July 31st.

BOARD OF STEWARDS MEETING

The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, July 31st at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



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.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bluff Park UMC gym on Sunday, July 31st, from 7:30am-12:30pm. Please make time to stop by and give the gift of life. A Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID is required to make a donation. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit their website at RedCrossBlood.org and use the keyword BPUMC.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Bluff Park Student Ministry car wash last Sunday. Our students raised over \$600 for their summer trips! They leave Sunday, July 24th for Allardt, TN where they will build and repair homes through Appalachia Service Project.

SPECIAL THANKS...

Thanks to everyone for the cards, flowers, and prayers during my surgery. - Pat Reese

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Christian Cooper—Still Burn Center, Augusta GA



BPUMC Family Night at the Ballpark

Wednesday, August 3rd

Game-Time 7:05pm

\$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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS IS HERE! Children's Ministry is in high gear!! 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. If you haven't registered yet visit: bluffparkumc.org/VBS2016

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 or Stanley Davidson at sdavidson@bpumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: This Sunday will be our mission Sunday! We will be packing book bags with school supplies that we bought on our last field trip/mission trip for children in our community in need of them. We will be in Hudson Hall all summer.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH - ASP TEAM MEETING & VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING All students going on the ASP Mission Trip and their parents will have a brief meeting on Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. Then all students volunteering for VBS will meet with Stanley and Melissa at 6pm. Dinner provided.

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 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 17, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 17, 5:00pm	ASP Leader Meeting
Sunday, July 17, 5:30pm	ASP Total Group Meeting
Sunday, July 17, 6:00pm	Vacation Bible School Training

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

<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.

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.

Remember your Care n' Contact person this week... visit, mail a card, or call to inquire on their needs and share Church activities.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians: 1: 3



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The Week of July 17—23

Sunday, July 17
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Vision Steering Team Report
5:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting
Monday, July 18
10:00 am Prayer Shawls
4:30 pm VBS Dinner
5:15 pm Vacation Bible School
Tuesday, July 19
4:30 pm VBS Dinner
5:15 pm Vacation Bible School
5:30 pm Permanent Endowment Committee
6:00 pm Under the Bridge
Wednesday, July 20
9:30 am Garden Camp
4:30 pm VBS Dinner
5:15 pm Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Communion Service
6:00 pm Building Team
6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, July 21
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
4:30 pm VBS Dinner
5:15 pm Vacation Bible School
6:30 pm Finance Committee
Friday, July 22
4:30 pm VBS Dinner
5:15 pm Vacation Bible School

SUNDAY, July 17th, 2016
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
Colossian 1:15-28
"TBD"
Rev. John Carl Hastings
Lectionary Scripture Readings
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42
SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45am McDonald 11:00am Youth
Acolyte
8:45 Vivi Shanlever
11:00 Caroline Hecklinskie
Greeters: Covenant
Food Pantry August 3rd: Sylvia Sumners

Last Week's Record

July 10, 2016

Children	75
Morning Worship	508
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	17

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.