



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

733 Valley Street  
Hoover, AL 35226  
205.822.0910

*Newsletter July 24, 2016*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

[www.BluffParkUMC.org](http://www.BluffParkUMC.org)



**H**ave you ever wondered what our children do when they leave to go to Children's Church in our morning worship services? The short answer is this: they worship. Our children are lead to a place of worship by the staff and volunteers where they begin with prayer. They pray the Lord's Prayer together and take up an offering for others in need. Next, the leaders share a Bible story and teach a lesson, engaging them in the story from the Bible so that they can learn it for themselves. The children sing and receive a prize or keepsake and then are led back to the Narthex where their parents pick them up as the worship service ends. While we hope that our children learn about the importance of worship in this special time set aside for them, we also hope that they will grow in their love of God and others along the way.

Another way that we strive to provide the children of our church and our community to grow in the love of God and neighbor is Vacation Bible School. The first evening of VBS 2016 was a wonderful evening where over 150 children laughed, sang and learned about how God gives them hope. In the midst of all of the fun, our fire alarm went off. We ushered the children to safety and the wonderful Hoover Fire Department arrived. We discovered that it was a false alarm and our Trustees and fantastic staff took care of making sure that everything was fixed for future evenings. But I can tell you that I personally saw the children of VBS excited to see the firefighters. Two young girls came up to the two firefighters who came to assist us, saluted them, and then thanked them for their service!

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who are make VBS possible at Bluff Park UMC! It is truly making a difference.

*Mike*

## 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

## VISION STEERING REPORT

Come hear the Vision Steering Report presented by Rev. Mike Holly. There is a second opportunity for you to attend on Sunday, July 24th, at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. The presentation will be the same as the first meeting, so you don't have to attend if you were at the first meeting.

## 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)

## 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.

## BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bluff Park UMC gym on Sunday, July 31st, from 7:30am–



## 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.*

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](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and use the keyword BPUMC.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Worley and Hopper families on the passing of Mary Ann Hopper, on July 12th. Our prayers are with the families in their time of sorrow.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Toni Gwin on the passing of her husband, Johnny, on July 15th. Our prayers are with her in her time of sorrow.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Carol Medders on the passing of her mother, Elsie, on July 18th.

Our prayers are with her in her time of sorrow.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Christian Cooper—Still Burn Center, Augusta GA  
Jack Phillips—Brookwood  
Linda Davis—Grandview

## 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](mailto:amartin@bpumc.org) to reserve your tickets! Payment needed at time of sign-up.



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS THANKS! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS WEEK - JULY 18-22** We have around 30 students volunteering with our VBS program this week. What a great job of giving back to our 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).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** This Sunday will be our Sunday with the Garden Club! We will meet in Hudson Hall, visit the garden, and then be back to Hudson Hall at the end of Sunday School for pick-up.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LAST WEEK** We had around 30 students volunteering with our VBS program this past week. What a great job of giving back to our children's ministry!

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT NEXT WEEK - JULY 24-30** We have 20 students and 9 adults heading out Sunday morning for Allardt, TN where they will spend a week in service and mission in rural Appalachia. Please pray for a productive and safe week. You can follow our progress on Facebook at Appalachia Service Project: Fentress County.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST - JULY 31** If you've volunteered with our student ministry in the past year, we hope you will enjoy a free breakfast in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, July 31st, 10am until noon. We are grateful for all that you do!

**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 24, 9:00am	ASP Mission Team Leaves for Allardt, TN
Sunday, July 24, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Saturday, July 30, 3:00pm	ASP Mission Team Returns
Sunday, July 31, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<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.
<u>THURSDAY AUGUST 4</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Alabama Highway Patrol.

### 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

If you love me, you will keep my commandments  
John 14:15





## Bluff Park United Methodist Church

733 Valley Street  
Hoover, AL 35226  
(205) 822-0910

**NON-PROFIT ORG.  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
AUTO  
BIRMINGHAM, AL  
PERMIT NO. 1816**

### Pastors

Mike Holly, mholly@bpumc.org, ext. 104  
Angela Martin, amartin@bpumc.org, ext. 107  
Tom Duley, tduley@bpumc.org, ext. 112  
John Carl Hastings, jchastings@bpumc.org, ext. 120  
**Director of Senior Ministries**, ext. 103  
Betty Hottenstein, bhottenstein@bpumc.org  
**Director of Student Ministries**, ext. 118  
Bart Styes, barts@bpumc.org  
**Director of Children's Ministries**, ext. 105  
Stanley Davidson, sdavidson@bpumc.org  
**Director of Finance and Administration**, ext. 117  
Jason McCrory, jmccrory@bpumc.org  
**Financial Manager**, ext. 101  
Joe Pitard, jpitard@bpumc.org  
**Director of Communications and Media**, ext. 119  
Andrew Seltz, aseltz@bpumc.org  
**Secretary**, ext. 111  
Catherine Ward, cward@bpumc.org  
**Director of Worship Music**,  
Lonnie Parsons  
**Preschool Director**,  
Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org



## The Week of July 24—30

**Sunday, July 24**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Vision Steering Team Report  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
**Monday, July 25**  
10:00 am Prayer Shawls  
10:00 am UMW Hope Circle  
**Tuesday, July 26**  
6:30 pm Investment Committee  
**Wednesday, July 27**  
9:30 am Garden Camp  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Communion Service  
6:30 pm Choir  
**Thursday, July 28**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
**Friday, July 29**  
6:30 pm Fisherman Class Social

**SUNDAY, July 24th, 2016**  
**8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship**  
**Rev. Mike Holly**

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**  
Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)  
Luke 11:1-13

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**Ushers**  
8:45am Chatterton 11:00am Lawson  
**Acolyte**  
8:45 Caroline Marshall  
11:00 Charlie Redding  
**Greeters:** Faith  
**Meals on Wheels:** Adams/Pearson  
**Food Pantry August 3rd:** Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

July 17, 2016

Children	54
Morning Worship	506
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$18,359.72
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$761,931.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$778,410.22
New Members in 2016	19

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$642.00
Received to Date	\$969,733.87

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**  
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.