



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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The Board of Stewards adopted the Vision Steering Team's proposal this past Sunday afternoon. This important document details several ways in which our church hopes to move forward in carrying out our purpose and mission. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing some of those goals with you. The full document is available for you to view on our website.

The proposals adopted detail how we will be a church...

- ◇ ...that welcomes and connects with all people.
- ◇ ...that helps people discover that God desires their heart, their head, their hands...their whole life.
- ◇ ...that gathers together for vibrant worship, celebrating God for who He is and all that He does.
- ◇ ...that empowers everyday people to become disciples who do meaningful ministry.
- ◇ ...that makes a difference in Bluff Park, in Birmingham, and in the whole world through service.

Don't forget that we will have a Meet and Greet with the pastors on August 14th and 21st during the Sunday school hour in the Fellowship Hall (10:00 - 11:00 am). During this event, you will also have the opportunity to sign up for classes, mission opportunities and teams for ministry. Come and see what is in store for this fall!

New Members



Daniel and Shannon Vann
Molly and Amelia



Tiffany and Greg Smyth
and Eleanor

News of the Week

UMW SUNDAY AND COFFEE

Sunday, August 7th, is UMW Sunday. Members will be recognized during the worship service and there will be a coffee fellowship gathering for members and women in the congregation interested becoming members following the morning worship. The reception will be held in the Parlor.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The deadline for scholarship applications for the 2016-17 school year is August 11th. All Bluff Park United Methodist college students who would like to apply must have their forms submitted to the church office by the deadline. Application forms are available on the church website, or the church office. If you need more information, please contact the church office.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

We need your help with items for the auction. Popular items include everything from cakes and cookies, jewelry, sports memorabilia, sporting event tickets, gift cards, themed baskets, beach houses and everything in between! Monetary donations are also welcome! We will take these donations and purchase items to be placed in the auction or heads or tails items. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, please email Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com

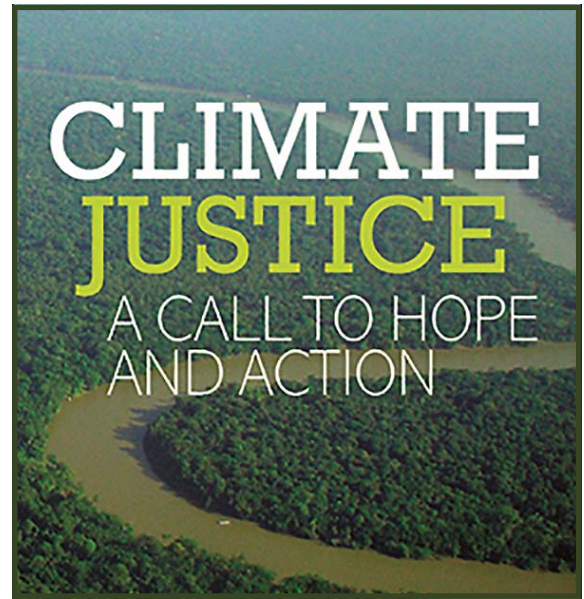
SILENT AUCTION TICKETS

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

BPUMC BLOCK PARTY—SAVE THE DATE

On September 25th, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will be hosting a party here at BPUMC. There will be free hotdogs, chips and drinks; carnival games and prizes, inflatables, a Velcro wall, a trackless train, music, and face painting! Invite your friends and neighbors.



Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action

Monday, August 8, the Bluff Park United Methodist Women will host a program about climate justice. Kyle G. Crider, Energy Project Manager for the Alabama Environmental Council and the Alabama Solar Knowledge project, will be the special guest speaker.

The program will take place in the Chapel starting with refreshments at 6:30 pm and the program following at 7:00 pm.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Betty Hottenstein

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Joseph Cummings by Rena Cummings
Dot Quinnely by The Friendship Class

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND
Dot Quinnely by Barbara Morgan

BUILDING FUND
Howard M. and Elizabeth G. Whitcomb by Martha McCary
Elsie Medders by Richard and Kay Bridges
Trudy Lawyer by Bill Lawyer

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Buddy Harper by Pony Thompson

Honorariums

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Bob Walker by Jim and Becky McCrary

FOOD PANTRY
Penny Burns by Peggy White
Sylvia Sumners by Jane Denson McGriff
Charlotte Word by Curtis and Paula Thompson
Tom Duley by Patricia Strahan
Tina Hardy by Patricia Strahan

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S PARENT MEETING: The Children's Ministry's annual parent meeting to discuss the upcoming calendar year of children's events and update children's contact/medical information will be held on Sunday, September 11th from 10:00-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a child between birth-5th grade, please plan on attending this very important meeting!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Elementary Sunday School lesson this week will be on "Forgiveness!"

STUDENT MINISTRY

ROOM 35226 This new project is part of our student ministry's response to meet the needs of those in our community. Our vision is to have a room at Simmons Middle School stocked with school supplies, clothes, toiletries and food. Students and guidance counselors will have access to it throughout the day, for any needs that may arise. Each time a student takes something that they need, they will have the opportunity to post a note on the wall, not of what they took, but of what they plan to give back - to another student or to the community. Even now, we've already expanded to Bluff Park Elementary and we hope to eventually provide this to the Green Valley, Gwin and Shades Mountain Elementary Schools. We have letters explaining the program with a list of items needed which students can take to local businesses and neighbors. Contact our student ministry via email youth@bpumc.org to coordinate your family's effort and arrange a drop-off time of items.

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.

FALL STUDENT PROGRAMMING NEWS We will be rotating REACH, Service, Worship and "Wild Card" events on Sunday nights (5-7pm) starting in September with something for everyone from week to week. On Wednesdays, beginning on September 7th, there will be Girls, Guys and Coed Small Groups meeting (6pm) before Holy Ground worship (6:30-7:30pm).

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING FALL SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move deeper into 2016: Holy Ground Worship, the Fall 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 Friday, August 12: *Legacy Gala & Silent Auction*, Thursday-Friday, November 10-11: *One Night for the Homeless Friday-Sunday*, November 18-20: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*.

THIS WEEK

Friday-Monday, Aug 5-8	Beach Retreat
Sunday, Aug 7, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Friday, Aug 12	Legacy Gala and Silent Auction
Sunday, Aug 14, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, Aug 14, 4:00pm	Worship Team & Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday, Aug 14, 5-7pm	Scavenger Hunt w/ Free Snack Supper
Wednesday, Aug 17, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>THURSDAY AUGUST 4</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Alabama Highway Patrol.
<u>TUESDAY AUGUST 9</u>	MYSTERY LUNCHEON????? with Special Entertainment
<u>THURSDAY AUGUST 11</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Carol & Pat Westbrook Wesley Heritage Tour
<u>THURSDAY AUGUST 18</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Virginia Jones, Lyric Theatre Slide Show

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.

TRIP CANCELATION NOTICE:

The New York City trip has been cancelled. If you have reserved a space on this trip, please contact the church office to arrange for the refund of your deposit.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

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



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The Week of August 7—13

Sunday, August 7—UMW Sunday
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:30 am UMW Coffee in Parlor
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
Monday, August 8
Youth Return from Beach Trip
10:00 am Prayer Shawls
6:30 pm UMW Program on Climate Justice
Tuesday, August 9
8:30 am Maintenance
6:00 pm Under the Bridge
Wednesday, August 10
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, August 11
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
Friday, August 12
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon
6:00 pm Legacy Gala & Silent Auction

SUNDAY, August 7th, 2016
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
Luke 12:32-40
"It's Gritty Out There"
Rev. Tom Duley

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality
Acolyte
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Penny Rose Pearson
Greeters: Friendship
Meals on Wheels: Britain
Food Pantry September 7th:
Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

July 31, 2016

Children	43
Morning Worship	486
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,920.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$816,355.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$826,593.76
New Members in 2016	21

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$174.00
Received to Date	\$970,397.87

**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.