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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter August 21, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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On Sunday, August 14th, we commissioned our leaders for a new capital stewardship campaign that we hope will leverage our church to complete the construction of a new building for community ministries and for youth ministries. This campaign comes from our vision as a church family in that we hope to create relational experiences for our members and for people in our community so that they will come to discover who they are, why they matter and how they can serve the world in love through a relationship with God.

We will be exploring more about our 2016 capital stewardship campaign through the next few months, but in this article I would like to share with you the names of those that we commissioned in worship to carry our church family through the campaign. Please pray for each and every person listed. Next, please feel free to approach our leaders and ask any question that you might have about our plans. And finally, please pray for God's presence and wisdom along this journey that we might follow courageously forward!

Mike

2016 Capital Stewardship Campaign

CAMPAIGN DIRECTORS:
Marcus Chatterton and Tina Hardy

CAMPAIGN COORDINATORS:
Rusty and Julie Adams

PROMOTION TEAM:
Betsy Guy and David Miller

HOSPITALITY TEAM:
Kathryn O'Neal and Julie White

SMALL GROUP TEAM:
Bill and Joy Shultz, Lisa Avant

LEADERSHIP GIVING TEAM:
Jennie Alley and Lois Truss

CELEBRATION TEAM:
Julia Glass

PRAYER TEAM:
Ed Henderson

STEWARDSHIP TEAM:
Joe Campbell

**10,000
REASONS
1,500 PIECES
ONE VISION**

ROMANS 8:28

BLUFF PARK UMC

News of the Week

CHURCH WIDE MEET AND GREET

Join the pastoral staff in the Fellowship hall Sunday morning, August 21st, at 10:00am and learn more about what is coming this fall at Bluff Park UMC. There will be sign ups for fall Bible studies, classes, and small groups. Coffee and donuts will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM UPDATES

If you have checked in on the church's Facebook page this week you know that renovation work on the 3rd floor of the education building is nearly complete. Once finished, a number of Sunday School classes will be moving. The Cornerstone class has already moved to room 134 under the Chapel. A new class, Faith Builders, has been formed and are currently meeting in room 162 near Hudson Hall. They will be moving to the 3rd floor once their room is ready.

MIDWEEK MEET RETURNS

The kids are back in school and Labor Day is right around the corner. That means fall programming will be starting soon. September 7th will be the first Mid-week Meetup of the new season. Lots of exciting new programs and classes are coming. Make sure to mark your calendar.

FAITH BUILDERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

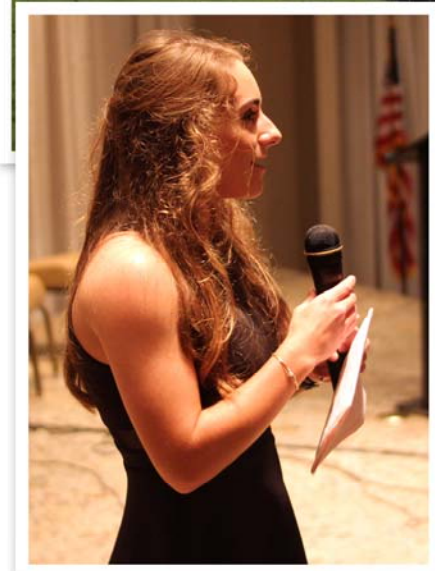
A new Sunday school class has been formed for older young couples....or younger middle aged couples. They have kids from preschool to college. This class uses discussion-style Bible studies. They are dedicated to service in the church and community. Mission efforts



include: serving at First Light shelter, stocking Week-ender Bags for Gwin Elementary, Feed My Starving Children, Festival of 3 Kings, among others.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Betty Hottenstein—Lakeshore Rehab
Shirley White—Brookwood



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!

MIDWEEK MEETUP RETURNS: Midweek Meetup returns on Wednesday, September 7th!!!! The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, Bible Study/Classroom time, Bible Memory Verse Challenges, and more. Our teachers this year will be Lori Beasley and Susan Prueter with Kindergarten and 1st graders, Carole Roegner and Betsy Britain teaching a Bible Skills Class with the 2nd and 3rd graders, and Stanley and Stephanie Davidson with the 4th and 5th graders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We will be visiting the Community Garden in Sunday School this week with members of our church's Garden Team. Drop off and pick up for Sunday School will still be in Hudson Hall!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK: Our lesson this week in Children's Church will be on "Abraham!"

STUDENT MINISTRY

INSTAGRAM SCAVENGER HUNT - SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 We'll have a free snack supper at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Then we'll divide into teams and find the best Instagram-able photo opportunities across Hoover. The competition will end with a devotion and a delicious treat for everyone when we all meet back up.

HOLY GROUND IN AUGUST Students will begin worshipping on Wednesday nights on the Youth Wing starting on the 17th. Once we get into September, there will be church-wide events, such as Fellowship Supper, adult small groups and children's programming as well.

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.

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. 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 Thursday-Friday, November 10-11: *One Night for the Homeless*; Friday-Sunday, November 18-20: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 21, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, August 21, 4:00pm	Worship Team & Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
Sunday, August 21, 5-7pm	Instagram Scavenger Hunt through Hoover (with FREE Snack Supper)
Wednesday, August 24, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY AUGUST 18

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Virginia Jones, Lyric Theatre Slide Show

THURSDAY AUGUST 25

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Frank Donaldson, former US Attorney General.

SUNDAY AUGUST 28

PEACH PARK - Ice Cream, BBQ, and Rocking Chairs. 4:00pm-7:00pm.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Stephen Margana, banking and investments.

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.

MESSAGE FROM BETTY:

"I am stronger, feeling wonderful, and missing everybody."

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20



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The Week of August 21—27

Sunday, August 21

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Churchwide Meet and Greet
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
12:30 pm Capital Campaign Meeting
5:00 pm BOTB Committee Meeting

Monday, August 22

10:00 am Prayer Shawls
10:00 am UMW Hope and Love Circles

Tuesday, August 23

6:30 pm Municipal Elections
Church Life Meeting

Wednesday, August 24

5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Communion Service
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, August 25

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, August 26

6:30 pm Fisherman Class Social

SUNDAY, August 21st, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Acts 8:26-39

"The New Business"

Rev. John Carl Hastings

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Footsteps 11:00am Davis

Acolyte

8:45 Andrew Pitts 11:00 Rebecca Rice

Greeters: New Light

Meals on Wheels: Wesson/Brown

Food Pantry September 7th:

Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

August 14, 2016

Children	98
Morning Worship	594
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$25,784.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$870,779.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$882,710.49
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$285.00
Received to Date	\$971,357.87

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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.