



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter September 4, 2016

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BPUMC Midweek MEETUP
WEDNESDAYS 5-7 PM | BluffParkUMC.org

TAILGATE NIGHT

WEAR YOUR TEAM COLORS

**Midweek Meetup Returns
September 7th**

Important Events this Fall in the Life of our Church Family

September 11 and 18 - Sermon Series about our Church's Purpose and Vision

September 16 and 17 - Bargains on the Bluff

September 18 - Building Team Report in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm

September 25 - Community Block Party and NeverThirst Fun Run

Things are about to take off this fall at Bluff Park UMC! Look for the Fall 2016 Mission and Ministry Guide in the mail for details about new classes and small groups!

2016-2017 Scholarship Recipients

Bluff Park UMC is honored to present the following scholarships to our wonderful students! Have a great fall semester!

JAMES MICHAEL GRISSOM SCHOLARSHIP

Kirsten Puchta

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP

Ben Cathers
Nick Cathers

CRISTIN CROCKET SCHOLARSHIP

Charlotte McCrary

GENERAL HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Daryl Clinton
Hannah Thomas
Alex Jameson Cooch

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

ROMANS 8:28 BLUFF PARK UMC

October 2—30, 2016

News of the Week

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM UPDATES

If you have checked in on the church's Facebook page recently you know that renovation work on the 3rd floor of the education building is complete, and classroom moving is underway. A number of Sunday School classes will be moving. The Cornerstone class has moved to room 134 under the Chapel. The new Faith Builders class has settled into room 370. The Footsteps class has moved into room 368, and the Vitality class has moved into room 367. Additional class moves will take place over the coming weeks and those room changes will be announced as they are completed.

RENOVATIONS AT BPUMC

You may know about our current renovations, including the moving of offices, the movement of Sunday school classes, and even creating new space for our Children's Ministry that is taking place this month. But did you also know that: We will be renovating the bathrooms closest to the Fellowship Hall this September? We are currently organizing our church's Library so that it has the books and resources that you might need to grow in your faith or to help you prepare a lesson for a small group or class. A new organizational system will help you find what you need! And finally, we will be renovating our church parlor this September and October as well to make sure it can be sustained as a place for comfort, care and gatherings.

LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF

The worst disaster to hit the United States since Superstorm Sandy has devastated the people of southeast Louisiana. From now until September 11th we are gathering financial donations to support the recovery efforts. All of the donations we receive will be distributed through the United Methodist Committee on



Relief (UMCOR.) 100% of all donations will go directly to the relief efforts. To make a contribution, either visit our website or write a check to Bluff Park UMC and put 'Louisiana Flooding' in the memo line to designate the money to flood relief. Thank you for your generosity.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The worship committee will meet on September 25th at 3:30 in the Library.

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Dot Quinnelly by Wayne and Jackie Walton

FOOD PANTRY
Elsie Medders by Mike and Sandy Miller
Esther Love Thorn by Mike and Sandy Miller

BUILDING FUND
Elsie Medders by Wayne and Jackie Walton, MT and Ann Bice, Carol Medders, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sims, Dalen M. Livingston, Preston and JoAnn Huddleston, Marvin and Diane Broome, Mrs. Billy Leach, Janet T. Youngblood, Julia Dunne, Edna M. Furman, Marsha Alexander, Phil and Ann Cork and family, Tommy, Cindy, Lola, and Chancey Praytor, Gail D. Wood, Ginny and Ron May, Delores Sherman, Ann M. Clemmer, Robert F. Reinhardt, Jr. James S. and Betty W. Miller, June Ousley, Bruce and Judy Key, Mary Lynne and David Wilson, Becky and Jimmy Neal, Robert and Linda Yearty, Pat and Red Hamilton, Kay Knowlton, Mark, Ginny, and Ellen Ezekiel, Robert and Charlotte Wise
Arris Jebeles by Xanthi Hahamis

SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Elaine Clinton by Jim and Pam McIntosh

Honorariums

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
London Michael Gibson by Pony Thompson

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND
Durwood and Jo Ann Freeman, their 72nd Wedding Anniversary by J.B. and Frances Thrasher
Andrew Seltz by Pat and Carol Westbrook

CHILDREN'S FUND
Melissa Hendon by Pat and Carol Westbrook
Stanley Davidson by Pat and Carol Westbrook

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP
Troyce Brunson by Curtis and Paula Thompson

BUILDING FUND
Mike Holly by Jacqueline Teaford

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!

BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS: We will be presenting Bibles to all of the children who have entered the 3rd grade this year on Sunday, September 18th at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If your child plans on participating that Sunday, could you please Melissa Hendon atmhendon@bpumc.org letting us know which service they will be attending and giving us their full names?

NEW ACOLYTE TRAINING: On Wednesday, September 14th, there will be a new acolyte training meeting for any elementary students 3rd grade or older who would like to begin serving as acolytes in our Sunday morning worship services at BPUMC this Fall. This training will be held from 6:00-6:20 in the sanctuary. This is a great way for our children to serve in their church! We hope to see you there!

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: Our lesson in Sunday School this week will be on "Forgiveness."

STUDENT MINISTRY

ANTHEM: FIGHT SONG on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30pm. Our Wednesday night worship theme for the month of September is Anthems. We'll explore the songs, stories and scripture that inspire us to live fuller lives each day. So each Holy Ground will feature a different pop music "anthem" performed by our worship team that has a tie in to our Bible-based message.

YOUTH TAILGATE PARTY on Sunday, September 11th at 5:00pm. We are inviting all 6th-12th graders and their families to join us for food, music, games and a devotion in the youth wing parking lot. Wear your team colors and bring your favorite game day food to share. We'll have a Punt/Pass/Kick competition and we'd love to find out who is our best corn hole player as well.

FALL SMALL GROUPS Starting on Wednesday, September 7th, we will have Coed, Boys, and Girl small groups meeting in the youth wing from 6:00-6:30pm before Holy Ground each week. Groups will share how their week is going, what they are excited or stressed about and pray for each other.

HS GIRLS SMALL GROUP Our 9th-12th grade girls are invited to a weekly small group starting on Tuesday, September 13th. The group will meet in the home of Bethany Dover (4743 Marywood Circle). The fall group calendar will run for eight weeks and members will help develop the topics of study over the first couple of weeks. Contact Bethany at bddover4@yahoo.com if you'd like to learn more about the group or want to know how you can support their experience with snacks, etc.

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.

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Sept 4, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, Sept 4	No Afternoon/Evening Activities
Wednesday, Sept 7, 5:00pm	Student Hangout & Dinner Time
Wednesday, Sept 7, 6:00pm	Small Groups
Wednesday, Sept 7, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship - Fight Song

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Steven Mangenia, PNC Bank. All about money.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 8

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - The Alexanders: Wayne and Margaret—Musical program. Meet in the Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jinni Lacey, Lakeshore HealthSouth.

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:

"Thank you for your prayers, your cards, and phone calls. I miss you. Hope to be back soon. Love to all."

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

No one can serve two masters, either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. Matthew 6:24



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The Week of September 4—10

Sunday, September 4

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

Monday, September 5—Labor Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, September 7

VIM Team Leaves for Chile
9:00 am Food Pantry
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Communion Service
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir
6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, September 8

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, September 9

12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

SUNDAY, September 4th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Psalm 139:1-6, 11-18

"Known"

Rev. Angela Martin

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1:1-21

Luke 14:25-33

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Carlisle 11:00am Lawson

Acolyte

88:45 Lily Matheson 11:00 Charlie Redding

Greeters: Opportunity

Meals on Wheels: Guy

Food Pantry September 7th:

Theresa Richerson

Midweek Meetup Menu—September 7

Tailgate Night: Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Last Week's Record

August 28, 2016

Children	78
Morning Worship	545
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$17,656.30
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$925,203.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$918,120.79
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$587.00
Received to Date	\$972,939.87

**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.