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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter September 25, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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To Bluff Park UMC:

I want to begin by saying something simple - thank you. There are not enough adjectives to describe how influential the outpouring of love and prayer has been from this congregation. So again, thank you. It is truly incredible what the Lord and His followers are able to do when prayer is focused on one single outcome.

I have a lot to be thankful for: a second chance at life, a loving and supporting family and the ability to receive some of the best care in the country. But among those important things, I am thankful for my brothers and sisters in Christ. Without the power of prayer and faith in God's great plan, I likely would not be writing this note today. Again, I say all of this to say thank you because I could not have achieved the outcome I have obtained without this great congregation.

To God be the glory, forever and ever.

Your brother in Christ,

Christian Cooper

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

ROMANS 8:28

BLUFF PARK UMC

October 2—30, 2016

**Block
Party**

**September 25
4:00-6:00pm**

Free hotdogs, chips and drinks;
carnival games and prizes,
inflatables, velcro wall, trackless
train, music, and facepainting.

News of the Week

READY, SET, BAKE!

The Bluff Park United Methodist Women will be selling baked goods, on October 1st, at The Bluff Park Art Show to raise money for local mission projects. You can help by providing baked goods (cakes, cookies, brownies, and cupcakes) to sell. Please package items for individual sale, label them and note whether they contain nuts. Drop off your goodies in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, September 30th, before noon.

BPUMC FUN RUN

The New Light Sunday school class has chosen a mission goal to provide clean drinking water to people around the world in partnership with Neverthirst, an organization dedicated to bringing clean and Living water to the poor through the local church in India, Sudan and the Central African Republic. As part of this effort, they are organizing the 3rd annual BPUMC Fun Run, on September 25th @ 5:45pm. This is the same day as our Block Party, so you can enjoy the party first, and then come for the run! Registration opens at 4:00pm. The money raised from previous Fun Runs was used to provide a well for the 32 families of the village of Kako, in the Indian state of Bihar. To register online for the 2016 BPUMC Fun Run, visit our website: BluffParkUMC.org/funrun

COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Holy Communion is an important part of the worship life here at Bluff Park UMC. In addition to celebrating Communion during morning worship on the first Sunday of each month, we have added special Communion services on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. This has increased the need for volunteers to prepare the elements, set the table, and clear the altar. If you would like to serve in this joyful ministry, please contact Joan Davis (824-3415 or 516-3620) or the church office.

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to express our gratitude for those who have been serving the congregation by preparing the table for Holy Communion: Cathy Clement, Wayne Freeman, Betsy Guy, Jan Harris, JoAnn Huddleston, Martha Leard, Diane Moore, Frankie Thrasher, Janet and Charlie Trucks, Lois Truss, Carol and Pat Westbrook, and Ann Williams.

MIDWEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need volunteer dinner servers for 4th Wednesday evenings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.

OFFERING OF BLANKETS

We will once again be collecting blankets to share with our homeless neighbors during the month of October. There will be a table set up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings to receive blankets or you can bring yours by the church office during the week. We will have a Blessing of the Blankets during worship on Sunday, October 30th.



JOIN US FOR
BISCUITS
ON THE **BLUFF**
AT BLUFF PARK UMC
CELEBRATING THE KICKOFF
FOR OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

HOT & TASTY
BISCUIT
Bar
SOUTHERN STYLE

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ROMANS 8:28 BLUFF PARK UMC

10.02.16
9AM-11AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL
FEATURING

- ★ Southern Style Gravy
- ★ Local Syrup & Honey
- ★ Fresh Eggs & Cheese
- ★ Ham
- ★ Homemade Jams, Jellies & Preserves

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAYS

We will have Habitat work days on Thursday, October 27th and Friday, October 28th. You can join us for both days or one day, the entire day or part of a day as your schedule allows. You can sign up by sending an email to Tom Duley at tduley@bpumc.org. The location of the house is not yet known. Marvin Broome will be catering lunch on both days.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

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

UPCOMING BAPTISM

This Sunday, September 25th, we celebrate the baptism of Eleanor Mae Smyth at the 11:00am worship service.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Peggy Sisson on the passing of her husband Howard on September 19th. Our prayers are with her and the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Laverne Boles—Aspire
Julia Hughes—Aspire
Bill Lawyer—St. Vincent's

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MISSION TRIP/FIELD TRIP: Our next Mission/Field Trip will be on Monday, October 10th (Columbus Day)!! We will be taking the children to buy blankets for our church's Homeless Blanket Drive and then we will be going to the Great Pumpkin Patch in Haden, AL. There the children will get to pick their very own Pumpkin, take a Hayride, play on inflatables, tour the petting zoo, and enjoy the beautiful Fall weather. This mission/field trip is open to Kindergarten-5th grade and the cost is \$30 per child. Drop off begins at 7:30 am and pick up ends at 5:30 pm. Email Melissa at mhendon@bpumc.org if you would like to register (Only 26 spots available!).

MIDWEEK MEETUP RETURNS: Midweek Meetup programming for children happens every Wednesday night from 5:00-7:00! The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, Bible Study/Classroom time, Bible Memory Verse Challenges, and more. Each week this Fall at Midweek Meetup a Bible verse will be given to everyone who attends. A prize will be given every week to anyone who has memorized their weekly verse. Then, on one of the last Midweek Meetups of the Fall, any child who has memorized all of their Bible verses will get to have an ice cream (with all the toppings)/pizza party with Mr. Stanley! Will you accept the challenge?!?!?

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our children's church lesson this week will be on "Moses and the Ten Commandments!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Gideon" and it is Mission Sunday for Elementary Sunday School!

STUDENT MINISTRY

SIT WITH US APP Last Wednesday at Holy Ground we talked to our students about the everyday things that they can do that could have a huge impact on someone else's lives. One thing we highlighted was a new mobile phone app called Sit With Us. Created by a high school junior who ate alone her entire 7th grade year, it helps students find others in the cafeteria who are happy to have someone join them. We encouraged our students to download the app and begin SitWithUs groups during their lunch periods.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY GROUND: Our Anthems series continues as we ask the question, how do we handle it when a friend starts to drift apart?

HS GIRLS SMALL GROUP CONTINUES TUESDAY NIGHT Our 9th-12th grade girls are invited to a weekly small group on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. 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.

FALL SMALL GROUPS Continuing on Wednesday, September 21st, we will have Coed, Boys, and Girl small groups meeting in the youth wing from 6:00-6:30pm before Holy Ground. Groups will share how their week is going, what they are excited or stressed about and pray for each other.

CHURCH-WIDE BLOCK PARTY is this coming Sunday, September 25th at 5:00pm. There will be food trucks, carnival games, live music and more for all ages. Students who come will get FREE sunglasses that we are giving away to all 6th-12th graders that we meet that afternoon..

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 25, 10:00am	Sunday School
Sunday, Sept 25, 4:00pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
Sunday, Sept 25, 5:00pm	Church-Wide Block Party
Tuesday, Sept 27, 7:00pm	HS Girls Small Group (at Dover home)
Wednesday, Sept 28, 5:00pm	Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing & the Gym
Wednesday, Sept 28, 6:00pm	Small Groups in the Youth Wing (Coed, Boys & Girls Groups)
Wednesday, Sept 28, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Charlie McAfee, Fun Music.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Dr. Larry Lee, A Healthy Active You.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

ENCORE SPECIAL PROGRAM—Presented by Canterbury UMC, from 6-7pm in the Fireside room. Come see, come hear how we can help our friends and loved ones with Alzheimer's.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Libby O'Neil, Galleria Woods, Tuning Your Brain.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dinner servers are needed for 4th Wednesday evenings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.

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.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits. Psalms 103:2



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The Week of September 25—October 1

Sunday, September 25

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:30 pm Disciple II
3:30 pm Worship Committee Meeting
4:00 pm Block Party
5:45 pm Fun Run

Monday, September 26

10:00 am Prayer Shawl
10:00 am UMW Hop-Love Circles

Tuesday, September 27

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study
5:30 pm Capital Campaign Meeting

Wednesday, September 28

9:30 am Capital Campaign Small Group
4:30 pm Pastors Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Gospel of John Study
6:00 pm Communion Service
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Growing in the Christian Life
6:30 pm Healthy Eating
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Holy Communion
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, September 29

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, September 30

9:00 am-noon Bake Sale Drop-Off

SUNDAY, September 25th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Psalm 91

"Try"

Rev. John Carl Hastings

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45am Chatterton 11:00am Youth

Cross

8:45 Andrew Pitts 11:00 Kate Ryan Black

Acolyte

8:45 Jackie Fort 11:00 Penny Rose Pearson

Greeters: Wesley Forum

Meals on Wheels: McDonald

Food Pantry October 5th:

Becky McCrary and Rosemary Dallam

Midweek Meetup Menu—September 28
iPad Pictionary: Menu TBA

Last Week's Record

September 18, 2016

Children	108
Morning Worship	498
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$15,749.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,006,839.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$983,093.85
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,022.00
Received to Date	\$974,621.87

**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.