



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter October 2, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Sunday evening, September 25th, was an important date for our church family. We added a new ministry to our repertoire of offering relational experiences to our community. The Fall Block Party was a tremendous success with around 400 in attendance and many new faces in the crowd. Our hope and prayer is that each and every person had a positive experience. Our church family served with such generous hospitality on all fronts from the volunteers serving dinner to the volunteers at each booth. Teenagers worked in the carnival games and we even had a clown making balloon animals! Even though it was a rare steamy day for the end of September, our church family welcomed and served with a smile. I am very proud to be the pastor of such a loving church!

The next step for our church family is to continue to find ways to create relational experiences like this for the benefit of our community. The Halloween Carnival on October 26th will be one of those offerings and if you would like to serve as a greeter or helper for that event, I hope that you will contact Rev. Stanley Davidson (sdavidson@bpumc.org) to offer your assistance.

We are also looking for new leaders and servants on several committees and teams in 2017. If you have had an interest or a calling in a particular area, I hope that you will reach out to me with your area of interest: mholly@bpumc.org.

Mike

10,000 REASONS 1,500 PIECES ONE VISION

ROMANS 8:28
BLUFF PARK UMC

SUNDAY

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
- ★ Fresh Eggs & Cheese
- ★ Homemade Jams, Jellies & Preserves

- ★ Local Syrup & Honey
- ★ Ham

October 2—30, 2016

News of the Week

WALKING ON WEDNESDAYS

Laura Ann Pitts is leading a walking group in the church parking lot on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30pm. Meet under the portico by the Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all!

BISCUITS ON THE BLUFF DONATIONS

We are requesting donations of local jams, jellies, honey, butter, etc. for the Biscuits on the Bluff event this coming Sunday. Drop off donations at the church office.

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.

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.



10,000 Reasons Videos

We are publishing a series of videos as part of our Capital Campaign. They'll be shown in the building at various times during the week, but you can watch, re-watch, and share them on our Facebook page. Be sure to 'like' the page while you are there!

www.facebook.com/bluffparkumc/

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.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Bruce Stone, on the death of his wife Sherry Allen Stone, on September 22nd. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Julia Hughes—Aspire

Bill Lawyer—St. Vincent's



Memorials

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Larry Booth by JB and Frankie Thrasher

Charles Henderson by JB and Frankie Thrasher

BUILDING FUND

Paul Doyle by Jan Doyle

MUSIC FUND

Elaine Clinton by Jim and Jan Scarbrough

UNDER THE BRIDGE

Esther Lovethorn by the Canterbury Class

Honorariums

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mike Holly by Jim McCrary

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

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: 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?!?!?!?

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Preschool Sunday School will be having their "Mission Sunday" and our Elementary Sunday School lesson will be on "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal."

STUDENT MINISTRY

7 YEARS W/ LUKAS GRAHAM (AND TOM DULEY) Did you know that the average age of first use of drugs or alcohol among girls in Alabama is around 12, and among boys is even younger? Rev. Tom Duley will be giving the message at this week's Holy Ground. A lot of our students (and possibly you) have never heard Tom preach on a Sunday morning. If that's the case then you have no idea what you've been missing! If your child can only come to one Holy Ground this year, then this is the one to make. Tom will be speaking candidly on addiction and recovery, encouraging our students to make good choices over the next several years of their lives. For students who have already struggled with this issue, it will be a message of hope and redemption from someone who has come out on the other side. And as always, parents are invited to worship with us at 6:30pm.

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 28th, 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.

ALL-STAR NIGHT is this coming Sunday, October 2nd at 5:00pm. We will start with FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall before we move to the Youth Wing for funny games, music and videos and a message from church member Andrew Holder on the challenges and rewards of being an "all-star" Christian student inside and outside the walls of the church.

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*. (Contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org if you have any issues.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct 2, 10:00am	Sunday School
Sunday, Oct 2, 4:00pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct 2, 5:00pm	FREE Snack Supper & All-Star Night
Tuesday, Oct 4, 7:00pm	HS Girls Small Group @ Dover home (4743 Marywood Circle)
Wednesday, Oct 5, 5:00pm	Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing & the Gym
Wednesday, Oct 5, 6:00pm	Small Groups in the Youth Wing (Coed, Boys & Girls Groups)
Wednesday, Oct 5, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 29

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

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

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

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

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

COOKING CLASS—Rosemary Dallum, Cooking with Herbs! Spice up your cooking with fresh and dried herbs.

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

Strive first for the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33



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The Week of October 2—8

Sunday, October 2

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:00 am Biscuits on the Bluff
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:30 pm Disciple II
4:00 pm Children's Council Meeting
5:00 pm 1st Corinthians Bible Study
5:00 pm Elementary Children's Bible Study
5:00 pm Boundaries for Kids Study
6:00 pm Holy Communion

Monday, October 3

9:00 am UMW General Meeting
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 am Municipal Voting
9:30 am Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday, October 5

9:00 am Food Pantry
9:30 am 1st Corinthians Bible Study
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
6:00 pm Encore! Presentation
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Holy Communion
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, October 6

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Saturday, October 8

4:00 pm Capital Campaign Meeting

SUNDAY, October 2nd, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Matthew 5:1-16

"It Begins With Our Heart"

Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalms 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Thompson 11:00am Vitality

Cross

8:45 Lily Matheson 11:00 Avery Edwards

Acolyte

8:45 Lena Holly 11:00 CJ Lorino

Greeters: Cornerstone

Meals on Wheels: Shanlever

Food Pantry October 5th:

Becky McCrary and Rosemary Dallam

Midweek Meetup Menu—October 5

Birthday Party for the Whole Church: Menu
TBA

Last Week's Record

September 25, 2016

Children/Youth	91/57
Morning Worship	475
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,523.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,034,051.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,002,616.85
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$470.00
Received to Date	\$975,091.87

**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.