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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter October 9, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Have you ever started something new? It's an interesting spot in which to find yourself: there exists the endless possibilities of what could be combined with the daunting task of building something that does not yet exist, something that carries with it the possibility of failure. In my life as a preacher, this is the scariest part of the task of writing a sermon – not the delivery on Sunday morning, but the blank screen that stares at me before I begin to write. There is so much space for God to move, yet I am still me, and therefore have the capacity to mess it all up!

This is the place in which we find ourselves as Bluff Park UMC. Not only are we launching into the season of stewardship campaigns, capital campaigns, and the business of fall, but we are also in the process of partnering with God to birth a new worshipping community in Bluff Park. You've heard Mike talk about the endless possibility that exists in our community – 10,000 households in our community in the next ten years! Through a new worship service, we hope to add a space to our church that welcomes some of these new residents into communion with God, the world, and our church.

As always, there exists the possibility that the tasks God places in our hands will fail. We are a broken people, after all. But the best moments – the moments where the New Creation begins to burst forth – often come when we offer up to God our own brokenness and God redeems it, using it for a purpose greater than we could have imagined ourselves.

In the coming months, we will begin to form teams, chart a course, engage in long-term planning, speak with members of our community, and do all the other things that are necessary when beginning a new church community. But for now, will you join us in prayer? Will you pray that God begins to open our church to the possibilities before us?

God is about the business of bringing new life. Generally, though, that business always begins with prayer. I hope you'll join me in praying for our church, our community, and the exciting possibilities God has placed before us.

John Carl



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/

News of the Week



New Organist

We are excited to welcome Jay Tumminello as our new church organist. Jay studied piano and composition at the University of Alabama and studied organ at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He has 22 years of experience as an organist and has served at Epworth United Methodist Church and The Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd in Huntsville, Holy Trinity Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Birmingham and Greek Orthodox Holy Trinity Church in New York. He has experience working as a Composer, Arranger, Musical Director and Digital Sound Designer for Alabama Public Television, Time Life in New York, Birmingham Children's Theater and Virginia Samford Theater. He is currently employed as the Sound Designer for Red Mountain Theater Company in Birmingham. Jay comes to Bluff Park with a wealth of experience and talent and we look forward to his service as our organist at Bluff Park!

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PINE STRAW NEEDED

The church is in need of pine straw for our grounds around the shrubs in the playground or islands in the parking lots. If you are willing, please bring and donate your pine straw at any time. Simply stop in at the main office where they will direct you to the donation area. After October 19 members of the Green Team can assist with pick up and delivery of the pine straw.

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.

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.

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.

SYMPATHIES OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Robert McClure on the passing of his mother. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Marty S. Clements who passed away on September 3rd. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

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.

Our sympathy is extended to Steve Caufield on the passing of his mother Voncile Elizabeth Caufield on September 25th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Willis "Will" Jordan Jr. who passed away on September 27th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.



Our sympathy is extended to Mark Griggs on the passing of his father on September 28th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

Our sympathy is extended to Jim and Tammy Sparks on the passing of their son Christopher on September 28th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mary Louise Ballard who passed away on October 2nd. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

- Julia Hughes—Aspire
- Bill Lawyer—St. Vincent's
- Brett Wood—UAB
- Susan Strain—UAB

<p>Please join us!</p> <p>Questions? Call Julie Adams 205-936-8149 or Tina Hardy 205-718-1502</p>		<p><i>Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire - be contagious!</i></p> <p><i>St. Catherine</i></p>		
<h2>Young Women's Event</h2>				
<p>Bluff Park United Methodist Church 733 Valley Street, Hoover, AL</p>			<p>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 5:00 - 7:00 AT BLUFF PARK UMC</p>	
	<p>Love one another</p>	<p>Come enjoy a time of fellowship</p>		<p>Being your friends</p>
	<p>Act Justly, Love Mercy, and Walk Humbly</p>		<p>Dinner and Childcare RSVP by October 12 to Tina Hardy tinasaylorshardy@gmail.com</p>	

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!).

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL: The annual Bluff Park UMC Halloween Carnival will be held on Wednesday, October 26th, from 6:00-8:00! There will be carnival games, raffle baskets, prizes, a haunted house, inflatables, a cake walk, food, Steel City Pops, and so much more. Each event requires tickets and each ticket costs 25 cents. All proceeds support the children's ministry, youth ministry, and Little Imaginations Preschool. Come in costume and have a great night of fellowship and fun with your friends and neighbors in Bluff Park!

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: Our Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Samson" and our Elementary Sunday School lesson will be on "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our Children's Church lesson will be on "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho."

STUDENT MINISTRY

BUBBLE SOCCER ON SUNDAY NIGHT We are bringing back a student favorite this weekend. We'll start with FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm and then move to the gym for a night of banging into each other while wearing giant inflatable soccer balls. All 6th-12th graders are invited. Bring \$10 to participate.

FALL SMALL GROUPS Continuing on Tuesdays at the Dover home (4743 Marywood Circle), our HS Girls small group meets and on Wednesdays, 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.

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN We're heading to Camp Sumatanga on Friday-Sunday, November 18-20 with several other area youth groups for a weekend of fun, relaxation and worship. Cost is \$135. Contact Kathryn at kdavis@bpumc.org for registration details.

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

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct 9, 10:00am	Sunday School
Sunday, Oct 9, 4:00pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct 9, 5:00pm	FREE Snack Supper & Bubble Soccer
Tuesday, Oct 11, 7:00pm	HS Girls Small Group @ Dover home (4743 Marywood Circle)
Wednesday, Oct 12, 5:00pm	Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing & the Gym
Wednesday, Oct 12, 6:00pm	Small Groups in the Youth Wing (Coed, Boys & Girls Groups)
Wednesday, Oct 12, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

COOKING CLASS—Rosemary Dallum, Cooking with Herbs! Spice up your cooking with fresh and dried herbs. 6:00-7:00pm.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 13

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Fun BINGO!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19

MAGIC SHOW FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES! 6:15-7:00pm on the Fireside Room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dinner servers are needed for 4th Wednesday evenings. If you would like to volunteer, please call Betty.

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

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20



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The Week of October 9—15

Sunday, October 9

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:30 pm Disciple II
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 10

7:30 am Children's Ministries Field/
Mission Trip
9:00 am UMW Executive Committee
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, October 11

8:30 am Maintenance
9:30 am Covenant Bible Study
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, October 12

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 Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
6:00 pm Cooking Class
6:30 pm Walk/Run with Laura Ann Pitts
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Holy Communion
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, October 13

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, October 14

12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

SUNDAY, October 9th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Matthew 5:43-6:4

"Focused on Others"

Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45am Adams 11:00am Alley

Cross

8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Ellie Blanchard

Acolyte

8:45 Vivi Shanlever 11:00 Avery Edwards

Greeters: Canterbury

Meals on Wheels: White

Food Pantry November 2nd:

Kay Adams

Midweek Meetup Menu—October 12

WORDplay: Menu TBA

Last Week's Record

October 2, 2016

Children/Youth	89/59
Morning Worship	467
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$37,441.53
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,061,263.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,040,058.38
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,245.00
Received to Date	\$976,336.87

**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.