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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter October 16, 2016*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

[www.BluffParkUMC.org](http://www.BluffParkUMC.org)



*"One of my passions is to go out and serve; to show God's love through our actions and through helping others. We have so many opportunities at this church!"*

- Lydia Coltrane, 9th Grader at Hoover High School

Two weeks ago, forty-eight students plus adult staff and volunteers squeezed into the Holy Ground room in the Youth Wing for our Wednesday night worship service. Students led the music and liturgy, read scripture, prayed for each other, and ran the technology and sound booth. Holy Ground meets each week during the school year in what was once two ad-

joining preschool classrooms. Having this space is a huge blessing to our Student Ministry, but it is getting a little tight. There is just enough space for three rows of chairs, so for larger Student Ministry events, like our annual Discovery Weekend, the students must move all of their equipment up two flights of stairs to the Chapel.

Thanks to our existing space, the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of our current students. But, growth in both our Children's and Student Ministry programs, we are going to outgrow our space very soon. Our current fourth grade (15 active children) and fifth grade (18 active children) classes will soon graduate into the Student Ministry program. The fifth grade group will enter the program in June 2017. With that influx of active, excited young disciples, we need a fitting place for them to have fun, build memories, deepen their faith and anchor themselves as lifelong, committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

*"Please keep being the great church family that you've always been to me so that my sister and all of her friends get to experience the great things that I did."*

- Leslie Norris, 12th Grader at Hoover High School

Our students' prayer, not only for themselves but for their community and the children of our church, is for a space that is truly designed and dedicated to gathering them into a loving and affirming community, building them up and equipping them as disciples of Jesus Christ, and sending them out into the world as missionaries and evangelists of Good News. We are excited for the vision of this congregation and we are dreaming of new ways to grow in faith, glorify God, and serve our community.

## Student Ministry Activities

Room 35226  
Holy Ground Worship and Vocal Ensemble  
Youth Band Tour  
Appalachia Service Project  
One Night for the Homeless and Our Veterans  
Discovery Weekend  
Confirmation Class  
Student Small Groups  
Sunday School  
Journey Track for Youth Spiritual Formation  
Summer and Fall Retreat  
Festival of Three Kings  
VBS Volunteers



# News of the Week

## YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENT

Come fellowship and connect with other women as Jennifer McCombs helps us explore women's needs and ministries at the Young Women's Event on October 16th at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP for dinner and childcare by October 12 to Tina Hardy - [tinasaylors-hardy@yahoo.com](mailto:tinasaylors-hardy@yahoo.com). If you have questions, contact Julie Adams 205-936-8149 or Tina Hardy 205-718-1502.

## FLU SHOTS

Flu Shots will be available in the gym on Sunday, October 23rd, from 8:30am-12:00pm. Bring your Medicare/insurance cards.

## WALKING/RUNNING ON WEDNESDAYS

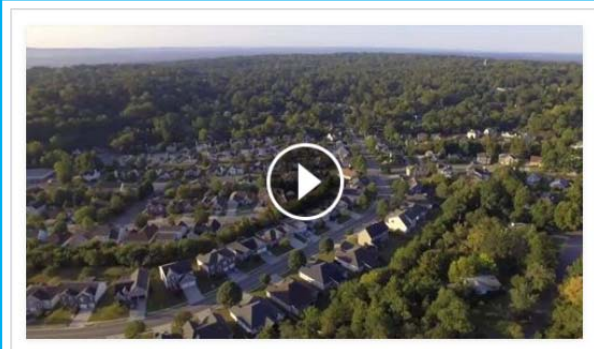
Laura Ann Pitts is leading a walking group in the church parking lot on Wednesday evenings starting at 6:30pm. Meet under the portico by the Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all!

## 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



## 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/](http://www.facebook.com/bluffparkumc/)

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 alter. 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](mailto:tduley@bpumc.org). The location of the house is not yet known. Marvin Broome will be catering lunch on both days.

## CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Jill and Erik Moller on the birth of a daughter, Brita on October 3rd.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Julia Hughes—Aspire  
Brett Wood—UAB  
JB Dover—Brookwood



## Fast and Secure Online Donations With EasyTithe

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has implemented a new set of online giving tools, powered by easyTithe.com. They provide the ability to donate on our website and through a mobile app! After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly using your debit or credit card. You can also make a pledge and track your online giving. You can also make Midweek Meetup meal payments.

To create your online account, visit the church website and select 'Donate Online' under the 'Give' link in the top menu. Step-by-step tutorial videos are available on the main 'Give' landing page.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**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 "King David as a Child" 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 "Gideon."

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ON SUNDAY NIGHT** We'll start with FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5pm and then students and adult volunteers will move out to serve members of our congregation and community. Options include visiting residents at Rittenhouse, removing limbs and overgrown brush at Bluff Park Elementary and packing weekend backpacks for hungry children in our Fellowship Hall. All 6th-12th graders are invited to assist in these efforts.

**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 16, 10:00am

Sunday, Oct 16, 4:00pm

Sunday, Oct 16, 5:00pm

Tuesday, Oct 18, 7:00pm

Wednesday, Oct 19, 5:00pm

Wednesday, Oct 19, 6:00pm

Wednesday, Oct 19, 6:30pm

Sunday School

Worship Team Rehearsal

FREE Snack Supper & Serve Night

HS Girls Small Group @ Dover Home (4743 Marywood Circle)

Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing & the Gym

Small Groups in the Youth Wing (Coed, Boys & Girls Groups)

Holy Ground Worship

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 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.

#### THURSDAY OCTOBER 20

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Charlie Trucks, Past Bible Studies review.

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

**VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM**—Special guest speaker Lt. Jim Lawrence, Ret., Hoover High School Jazz Band, Dinner served at 5pm program at 6pm.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dinner servers are needed for 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

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God. 1 John 3:1





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## The Week of October 16-22

### Sunday, October 16

8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
9:45 am Hospitality Committee  
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 Faith Exploration  
5:00 pm Youth Service Night  
6:00 pm Holy Communion

### Monday, October 17

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

### Tuesday, October 18

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

### Wednesday, October 19

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 Growing in the Christian Life  
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm Holy Communion  
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

### Thursday, October 20

9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
6:30 pm Finance Committee

### SUNDAY, October 16th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Matthew 6:19-24

"Values Matter"

Rev. Mike Holly

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14-5

Luke 18:1-8

### SERVING SUNDAY

#### Ushers

8:45am Footsteps 11:00am Davis

#### Cross

8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 Riley Jones

#### Acolyte

8:45 Caroline Marshall 11:00 Tate Turner

#### Greeters: Covenant

Meals on Wheels: Slay

Food Pantry November 2nd:

Kay Adams

### Midweek Meetup Menu—October 19

Bingo Night: Menu TBA

## Last Week's Record

October 9, 2016

Children/Youth	101/48
Morning Worship	453
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$24,707.72
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,088,475.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,064,766.10
New Members in 2016	19

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$295.00
Received to Date	\$976,631.87

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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.