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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter October 23, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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10,000
REASONS
1,500 PIECES
ONE VISION

ROMANS 8:28
BLUFF PARK UMC

October 2—30, 2016

This is the final week of our 10,000 Reasons, 1,500 Pieces, One Vision series and everything leads up to Commitment Sunday next week. On October 30th, each person in worship will have the opportunity to bring their commitments forward both for the annual budget of our church as well as for the three-year capital campaign for our new building. This new building will house our youth ministry and a new gymnasium. Classrooms and a large worship space will provide our students with a vibrant and clean new space for them to grow in faith and service. The new gymnasium will provide people in our community with greater access to recreational space and potential new community ministries. As you have heard, we have 10,000 reasons for us to move forward with this plan - one reason for every household in our surrounding community.

During this series, we have been looking to the Sermon on the Mount where Jesus looks to his followers to become the very people who reflect the way and truth of God to the world. This calling from Jesus is both exciting and daunting. As a church family, we bear this calling together.

Together, as a church united around one vision, we can both continue the witness we are already reflecting to our community while also adding new ways to bless our young people and the wider community. Together we the pieces of the body of Christ known as Bluff Park United Methodist Church have a holy opportunity to grow into a new future with hope.

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The Festival of Three Kings

This is an annual opportunity for us to help others experience the joy of Christmas. It helps to supply gifts to children who otherwise would most likely not receive any Christmas. Please join us by sponsoring a child. You will receive a "wishlist" along with clothing sizes to assist you in shopping. You may sponsor a child individually, or as a Sunday School class, family, civic group, etc. Each sponsor is asked to spend no more than \$100 per child. You also may choose to sponsor a child with a contribution. You can bring a check marked Festival of Three Kings to the Finance Office at the church and leave the shopping to us. The gifts are due back to Bluff Park UMC no later than Sunday, December 4. Sign up lists will be in each Sunday School Class and at the Narthex Welcome Center today. Wish lists will be available in early November.



News of the Week

FLU SHOTS

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY CELEBRATION

On Commitment Sunday, October 30th, join us for a free lunch from 10:30 am through 1:30 pm. Select meals will be provided at food trucks from Slaphappy BBQ, Off The Hook, and Eugene's Hot Chicken. Vouchers will be provided to each family to redeem at the food trucks. RSVP to Catherine Ward to 822-0910 or cward@bpumc.org to get your food vouchers. Dessert will be available from Big Spoon Creamery, but is not included with the meal voucher.

COMMUNION USHERS NEEDED

The Service of Holy Communion is one of the most important things we celebrate as the body of Christ. For most of us, we know the routine of what we do. But for those visiting with us, the logistics of our communion service can be confusing. Would you be willing to serve as a communion usher once a month and help guide the flow of communion? If you would like to serve in this helping ministry, contact 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

Habitat for Humanity work days are fast approaching. The dates are Thursday, October 27th and Friday, October 28th. We have had a good response but it is not too late for you to sign up. If you would like to be a part of the team let Tom Duley know at 822-0910 ext. 112 or tduley@bpumc.org. The church van will be leaving our parking lot at 7:10 AM both days if you would like to ride the van. If you are driving your own car that is fine as well. The address for the work site is 1601 25th Court South Homewood, AL 35209. Please plan to arrive at 7:30 AM.

CHURCH LIBRARY

You may have noticed that our church library has been renovated and that we have been working on obtaining curriculum and books for study for our staff and for our congregation. There is a wonderful resource for studying the Lectionary Scripture passages, but the 12-volume set of the series Feasting on the Word costs \$360.00. Please consider donating to our Library to help us purchase the things that will help make our sermons and our small groups even better!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Members of the Board of Stewards will be gathering to vote on our building plans, church leadership and other important items on Sunday, November 6, 2016 in Hudson Hall at 5:00 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION AND EVENING PRAYER

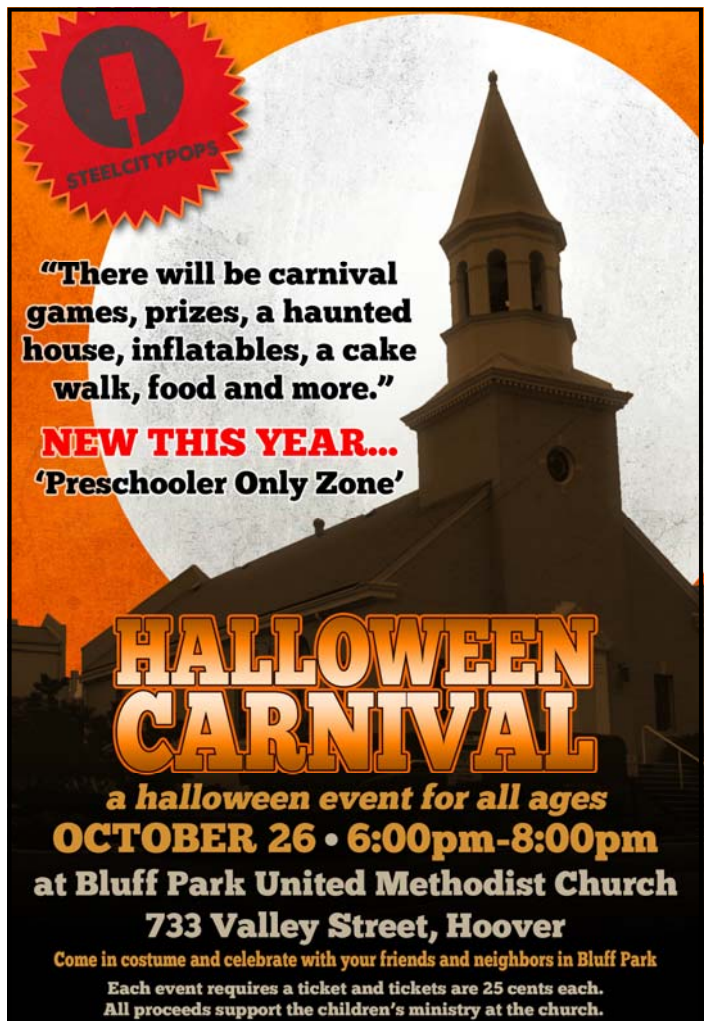
Sunday, October 23 and Sunday, October 30 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. *note: *this service of Holy Communion on Sunday evenings will not be held during the month of November.*

UPCOMING BAPTISM

This Sunday, October 23rd, we celebrate the baptism of Alexandra Faith Mikol at the 8:45 am worship service.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Julia Hughes—Aspire
Ginny Nash—St. Vincent's
Richard Joiner—Princeton
Ann Rabb—Brookwood



STEEL CITY POPS

"There will be carnival games, prizes, a haunted house, inflatables, a cake walk, food and more."

NEW THIS YEAR... 'Preschooler Only Zone'

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

a halloween event for all ages

OCTOBER 26 • 6:00pm-8:00pm

at Bluff Park United Methodist Church

733 Valley Street, Hoover

Come in costume and celebrate with your friends and neighbors in Bluff Park

Each event requires a ticket and tickets are 25 cents each.

All proceeds support the children's ministry at the church.

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!

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS: Bring your family, friends, blankets, and tailgating chairs to the the Bluff Park UMC Playground on Friday, November 11th from 6:00-8:00 for a family movie night under the stars! We will be showing a family friendly movie on a large screen and everyone that comes will receive popcorn and a drink. You don't want to miss it!

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 "David and Goliath" and our Elementary Sunday School hour will be spent helping make decorations for our annual Halloween Carnival!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our Children's Church lesson will be on "Ruth and Naomi."

STUDENT MINISTRY

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL PREP - SUNDAY, 5-7PM—OCTOBER 23RD It is time to set up the youth wing as a Haunted House in time for our church-wide Halloween Carnival on Wednesday, October 26th. Students must participate in planning or setup in order to help the night of the event. Extra parent volunteers are welcome as well.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL & HAUNTED YOUTH WING—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH Students who are volunteering in our Haunted Youth Wing need to arrive as soon after school as possible. As well, it is extremely important that all student volunteers stay for thirty minutes after we shut down to help take down our decorations and take out any trash. Do not ask to leave early if you are a volunteer!

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, Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017: *Discovery Weekend*, Sunday-Saturday, July 9-15, 2017 (tentative): *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*. (Contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org if you have any issues.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct 23, 10:00am
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Sunday, Oct 23, 5:00pm
Tuesday, Oct 25, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Oct 26

Sunday School
Worship Team Rehearsal
FREE Snack Supper & Halloween Carnival Prep
HS Girls Small Group @ Dover Home (4743 Marywood Circle)
Halloween Carnival & Haunted Youth Wing (No Small Groups or Holy Ground Worship)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Mystery???

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

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 23-29

Sunday, October 23

8:00 am-12:00 pm Community Flu Shots in Gym
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
6:00 pm Holy Communion

Monday, October 24

9:00 am UMW Joy Circle
9:30 am UMW Hope-Love Circles
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
6:30 pm Friendship Circle

Tuesday, October 25

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study
6:00 pm Festival of Three Kings Meeting

Wednesday, October 26

9:30 am 1st Corinthians Bible Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Halloween Carnival
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, October 27

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

SUNDAY, October 23rd, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Matthew 7:7-12

"Give Good Things"

Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45am Montz 11:00am Lawson

Cross

8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Beverly Redding

Acolyte

8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Mary El Neal

Greeters: Faith

Meals on Wheels: Moore

Food Pantry November 2nd:

Kay Adams

Midweek Meetup Menu—October 26

Halloween Carnival

Last Week's Record

October 16, 2016

Children/Youth	96/57
Morning Worship	551
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$33,294.78
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,115,687.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,098,060.88
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$4,871.00
Received to Date	\$981,502.87

**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.