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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter November 6, 2016*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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**W**hat a wonderful Sunday morning we had at Bluff Park United Methodist Church! It was so moving to see so many people come forward with their commitments for the next year as well as for the 10,000 Reasons, 1,500 Pieces, One Vision campaign. We will be giving an update to the congregation at the Charge Conference/State of the Church meeting this Sunday, November 6th, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary. It was also a lot of fun to gather as a church family on the lawn as we ordered our lunch at Food Truck Sunday! I heard several comments that it was the perfect way to connect with others you did not know as you waited for your order. If you were not able to attend on Sunday, you can still turn in your Pledge Card in during worship or directly to our Financial Office.

We could not have had as successful of a campaign without the help of our wonderful team of volunteers! Marcus Chatterton and Tina Hardy were our campaign directors. Rusty and Julie Adams were our campaign coordinators. The wonderful videos were coordinated by David Miller and Betsy Guy. The Biscuits on the Bluff and Food Truck Sunday meals were coordinated by Julia Glass and her team. The hospitality team was lead by Kathryn O'Neal and Julie White. The prayer team provided wonderful devotionals and other means of prayer and that team was led by Ed Henderson. Joe Campbell led the stewardship team and coordinated the speakers in worship. Lisa Avant and Bill and Joy Shultz led and coordinated the small groups where we shared our plans and vision with the congregation. Jennie Alley and Lois Truss led the Leadership Giving team. And countless others helped along the way to make sure that this campaign was both meaningful and successful.

I also want to thank the Building Team that worked for two years on the plans that we have shared with the congregation. Their creativity and dedication were so important as we carefully examined all the possibilities for our future campus. And don't forget to thank our Trustees. The new bathrooms and the new Parlor are wonderful! Furniture is on the way and soon we will be able to share several other plans we have for our church!

We really do have a wonderful church – filled with such generous people. Each piece matters so very much. Together, we are the body of Christ. Together, we are BPUMC!

*Mike*

## **STATE OF THE CHURCH and CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The Board of Stewards is gathering this Sunday, November 6, at 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary to vote on our lay leadership for 2017 as well as on the building plan presented to the church this fall. We are opening this meeting to the entire church as a State of the Church meeting where you will learn more about our finances and our plans for the future. Please plan to attend this important church meeting so that you will be informed on what we are doing to achieve our shared goals as a church family!



# News of the Week

## All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2016

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day."

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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!

## HOLY COMMUNION AND EVENING PRAYER

Because of a busy November schedule, we will not hold Sunday evening Holy Communion and Prayer in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Events on Sunday evenings during the month of November include Charge Conference on November 6th, a Veterans Day Program on November 13th at 5:00 pm, and a Community Thanksgiving Service in Bluff Park on November 20th.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY

Need a place for your excess Halloween candy? Bring it to the church and drop it off in the office. We'll use it to stuff stockings for Christmas families.

## HOLY LAND TOUR

Would you like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and the disciples? Join Bluff Park UMC and Canterbury UMC for "Journey through the Bible in the Land of Israel," a 10-day excursion through the Holy Land from May 27 through June 10, 2017. Witness holy sites such as the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Jesus' assumed burial site), the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane, and several locations of Old Testament significance. The cost per person will be about \$5300, including all transportation, lodging, meals, and experiences. Stay tuned for an informational meeting in the near future, or email John Carl Hastings at [jchasings@bpumc.org](mailto:jchasings@bpumc.org).

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Brett Wood—UAB

## HAM MOUNTAIN

During the month of November, we will be collecting canned hams for Ham Mountain. These hams will be distributed through the Bluff Park UMC food bank on December 7th. Our goal is 500 1 pound hams. Look for the Ham Mountain display in the Narthex beginning November 6th. Ham Mountain is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

## POTATO DROP

We are having a Society of St. Andrew Potato Drop on Saturday, December 3rd from 8 AM to Noon. The drop will be in the parking lot of the church in front of the columbarium (close to where the vans are parked). We will be bagging up 1,500 pounds of potatoes into 5 pound bags that will be distributed through the Food Pantry on Wednesday, December 7th. This is a family friendly mission project. The work is appropriate for children as well as adults so plan to bring the whole family.

## CHURCH LIBRARY

You may have noticed that our church library has been

John and Sandra Wingate

## Memorials

### BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Howard Sisson** by Marshall and Joan Mezzell, William H. White, Judson and Barbara Wells

**Mary Louise Ballard** by Maidee Youngblood, Eta Upsilon

**Anna Glenos Covellis** by Xanthi Hahamis

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Bobby Jack Griggs** by the Vitality Class

### BUILDING FUND

**Elsie Medders** by Amy Robertson Barr, Jeane and Lee Rayburn, Lisa Talley

**Mary Louise Ballard** by Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston, the Opportunity Class

**Marty Clements** by the Opportunity Class

### CHOIR FUND

**Mary Louise Ballard** by Marvin and Diane Broome,

## Honorariums

### PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Bob Walker** by JB and Frankie Thrasher

**Andy Holder** by JB and Frankie Thrasher

**Bennie Vinson** by JB and Frankie Thrasher

**Charlie Trucks** by JB and Frankie Thrasher

**Dyer Carlisle** by JB and Frankie Thrasher

### VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP

**Jennie Alley** by Steven and Tracy Korson, Philip and **Kathy Hutcheson**, Brian and Melissa Ethridge

### NEVER THIRST

**Laura Nichols** by Pony Thompson Green

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP:** Our next mission trip/field trip will be on Friday, November 11th. We will be going Ice Skating at the Pelham Civic Center in the morning, eating lunch at Pizza Hut, and then buying Christmas gifts for three children we have sponsored through the Festival of the Three Kings. Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 10:00, and pickup will be at the church between 4:30 and 5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible as we only have 26 spots available.

**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!

**ADVENT WREATH FAMILY WORKSHOP:** Start a new family tradition and join us on November 27th from 4:45-6:00 for an evening of family fellowship at BPUMC's Annual Advent Wreath Family Workshop. We will be making Advent Wreaths, eating dinner, and doing a short Advent Wreath devotional together. Cost is \$20 per family and includes Advent Wreath, Dinner, and a family devotional book centered around your newly made wreath that can be used by your family throughout the Christmas season. Register online at Bluff ParkUMC.org/AdventWreathFamilyWorkshop. We hope to see you there!

**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 will be having their monthly Mission Sunday and our Elementary Sunday School will be on "Daniel and the Lion's Den."

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**FIRE & ICE PARTY - SUNDAY, 5-7PM - NOVEMBER 6TH** We will NOT have a bonfire, due to the drought. But we will have a hot chocolate (fire) and ice cream (ice) creation station. In addition to games and music, there will be a student-driven devotion and time for students to celebrate the memories of loved ones who have passed away this year. Snack supper will be served in the Youth Wing Parking Lot.

**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.

**TRY NEW THINGS! - WEDNESDAY, 6:30-7:30PM - NOVEMBER 9TH** Our associate pastor Rev. Angela Martin will be giving the message at Holy Ground Worship as part of our "Permanent Record" series.

**ONE NIGHT FOR THE HOMELESS & VETERANS - THURSDAY-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH-11TH** Once again, a group of our students will be spending the night in the parking lot to collect winter clothing and blankets for the homeless while distributing information about our church's Veterans Leadership Ministry. We'll be near the covered parking area usually reserved for the church buses and anyone can drop off supplies for the homeless between 5pm Thursday and 8am Friday morning. Note: In order for us to have a more meaningful experience, please do not bring food for our students this year until Friday morning!

**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, Nov 6, 10:00am	Sunday School
Sunday, Nov 6, 4:00pm	Worship Team Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov 6, 5:00pm	FREE Snack Supper & Fire & Ice Night
Tuesday, Nov 8, 7:00pm	HS Girls Small Group @ Dover Home (4743 Marywood Circle)
Wednesday, Nov 9, 6:00pm	Small Groups
Wednesday, Nov 9, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship
Thursday, Nov 10	One Night for the Homeless (Registration CLOSED)

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Story time with Carol Armistead, 3 Little Pigs. Come See, come hear, come laugh, come enjoy!!

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Niki Sepsas Veterans Day Program.

#### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

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

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Thanksgiving traditions.

#### THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24

**THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER**—Bring a covered dish and join us! 11:00am-2:00pm. We furnish the turkey and ham. Invite a friend!

### SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

Every word of God is pure, He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Proverbs 30:5





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## The Week of November 6—12

**Sunday, November 6—All Saints Sunday**  
**Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
2:30 pm Disciple II  
4:00 pm 1st Corinthians Bible Study  
5:00 pm Charge Conference/State of the Church

**Monday, November 7**  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl  
10:00 am Food Pantry Meeting

**Tuesday, November 8—Election Day**  
7:00 am Voting in Fellowship Hall  
8:30 am Maintenance  
9:30 am Covenant Bible Study  
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

**Wednesday, November 9**  
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  
6:30 pm VLM Guest Speaker  
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, November 10**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
5:00 pm One Night for the Homeless

**Friday, November 11**  
7:30 am Children's Field Trip  
6:00 pm Family Movie Night

**SUNDAY, November 6, 2016**  
**8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship**  
**Luke 22:14-20**  
**"From Now On We Must Remember"**  
**Rev. Tom Duley**

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**  
Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
Psalm 149  
Ephesians 1:11-23  
Luke 6:20-31

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**Ushers**  
8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Lawson  
**Cross**  
8:45 Jackie Fort 11:00 CJ Lorino

**Acolyte**  
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Kate Ryan Black  
**Greeters: Friendship**  
**Meals on Wheels: Martin**  
**Food Pantry December 7th:**  
Adams/Pearson

**Midweek Meetup Menu—November 9: Ice Cream Time Machine** Spaghetti, corn on the cob, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

## Last Week's Record

October 30, 2016

Children/Youth	227/48
Morning Worship	603
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$28,366.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,170,111.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,146,058.88
New Members in 2016	19

## LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,925.00
Received to Date	\$983,892.87

**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.