



Joy to the World
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

733 Valley Street Hoover, AL 35226 205.822.0910

December 25, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

Special Service Times

Christmas Day Sunday Worship

December 25th @ 11:00am

No Sunday School or Nursery

New Year's Day Sunday Worship

January 1st @ 11:00am

www.ChristmasInBluffPark.com

*Merry
Christmas*



News of the Week

SPECIAL HOLIDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on a Sunday this year. We will have a single worship service at 11:00 am both days and no Sunday School hour Christmas day. Make sure to mark your calendar.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The church office will be closed after Christmas on Monday December 26th and Tuesday December 27th. The church office will also be closed following New Year's Day on Monday January 2nd and Tuesday January 3rd.

UPCOMING VIM TRIP

We will be taking a Volunteers in Mission trip to South Carolina from February 26 to March 4, 2017. If you would like to be a member of this team please let Tom Duley know by January 15th so that he can get

our team registered with the folks in South Carolina. He can be reached at 822-0910 ext 112 or tduley@bpumc.org.

WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Each Advent, our church takes up the White Christmas Offering in support of the United Methodist Children's Home. Their mission is to heal children, unite families, and change lives in northern Alabama. Through your support, children are placed in safe and loving foster homes and are able to continue to be cared for in college as they transition into independent adulthood. Simply assign checks or envelopes to "White Christmas Offering" in morning worship throughout Advent, or by dropping off your gift in our Financial Office.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Brett Woods—UAB

NEW MEMBERS



Mary and Brad Calametti, Jack and Luke



Justin Robertston, Melanie Styers,
and Anna Catherine Robertson



Kristen and Andy West
Caroline and Georgia



Ann Miller



Pam Bray

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SKATE PARTY: We will be having a Church-Wide Skate Night on Sunday, January 15th, at Roller Motion (2474 Morgan Road in Bessemer.) The party goes from 5-7pm. All skate rentals and dinner are free! We encourage you to attend as a family and bring your friends.

FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP: Our next mission trip/field trip will be on Martin Luther King Day, January 16th. We will be making thank you gifts for Bargains on the Bluff (who helps support our mission projects throughout the year) in the morning, eating a pizza lunch, and then going to see a movie in the afternoon. Drop off will begin at 7:30 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.

STUDENT MINISTRY

DISCOVERY WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 3-5, 2017 Save the date for this incredible weekend of spiritual formation, when our high school students will lead our middle school students in worship, discussion, prayer and fellowship with the assistance of our college students and adults. We cannot wait to see what God has planned for our students! Registration is now open and all 6th-12th graders are welcome to attend. Contact Kathryn kdavis@bpumc.org for registration info.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING WINTER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move closer to 2017: Holy Ground Worship, Discovery Weekend 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 Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017: *Discovery Weekend*, Sunday-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017 (tentative): *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*. (Contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org if you have any issues.)

THIS WEEK

Weekly Youth Activities Resume on Sunday, January 8th.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

NO SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Happy New Year

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jinnie Lacey, Health South Rehabilitation Hospital - Starting the New Year off right. Menu Contest Begins

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Karen Haiflich, Medicare Changes

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

DAY TRIP, 10:00 AM-4 PM, Cypress Inn for lunch and afterwards, an ADVENTURE (ice cream is involved)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



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The Week of December 25—31

Sunday, December 25—Christmas Day
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
Monday, December 26
Church Office Closed
Tuesday, December 27
Church Office Closed
Saturday, December 31—New Year's Eve
Sunday, January 1—New Year's Day
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
Monday, January 2
Church Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3
Church Office Closed
Wednesday, January 4
9:00 am Food Pantry
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

SUNDAY, December 25, 2016
11:00am Morning Worship
"A New Age"
Matthew 1:18-25
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:14 (5-12)
John 1:1-14

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
11:00am Lawson
Greeters: Wesley Forum
Food Pantry January 4th:
Adams/Cummings

Last Week's Record

December 18, 2016

Children	75
Morning Worship	524
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$40,645.20
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,360,595.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,337,305.71
New Members in 2016	28

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$380.00
Received to Date	\$986,237.87

**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.