



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter April 30, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



Eastertide is the 50 day season where the Christian church celebrates and explores the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It begins of course on Easter Sunday and this year it lasts until the beginning of June. It is a time to appreciate new life – both the new life we receive by God’s grace as well as the continual opportunities for new life in the midst of our everyday lives. One interesting fact is that early Christians cherished this season as a time to sing “Alleluia” often in corporate worship (wherever two or three are gathered...). “Alleluia,” of course, is another way of saying “hallelujah” which literally means “praise the Lord.” Eastertide is a time of praise – for all that God has done, all that God is doing, and all that God will do for us.

Now, the United Methodist Church of North Alabama starts a new year in early June. This time is called Annual Conference and our church sends equal clergy and lay member representatives just like every other church in our area. Ministers typically move in the middle of June when they are going to a new appointment. So that means that we are coming up on anniversaries for our clergy. John Carl Hastings will have been with us for one year this coming June. Angela Martin will have been with us for two years this June. And I will be starting my fifth year at Bluff Park this June. I want to share with you that my Alleluia this year is that I will have another year to be in this wonderful church. I am so very honored and so very blessed to be in ministry with you all!

We will have a lot to celebrate this year. We will have reason to shout Alleluia for all that God is doing in our church family this year. For we are on a journey to faithfully praise God, be transformed by His love and grace, and share it with all we encounter. Why will you shout Alleluia this Easter? And how will you praise God in this holy season?



Confirmation Class of 2017

This Sunday, April 30th, is Confirmation Sunday. We have a great group of students who have studied about United Methodist history and our beliefs. They are ready to make a serious commitment - a profession of faith. At the 11:00 am worship service this Sunday, we will confirm our class of 2017.

Jonathan Christopher Kerns
William Walker Thompson
Emily Marie Toth
James Cecil Waldrop

News of the Week



On Sunday, May 14th from 12:00-1:30pm we will be hosting a Mother's Day lunch in the Fellowship Hall. If you don't have plans for lunch, plan to eat with us. RSVP Fran @ 822-0910 ext.103 or fgatch@bpumc.org.

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2017 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. Dates available include: May 21, June 11, and July 2 and 9. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910

THANK YOU!

Dear Bluff Park United Methodist Church, thanks to Mike and Tom for their visits during my recent hospitalization. Also, their prayers and the prayers of my church family.—Sue Pearson

THANK YOU!

Dear Church Family of Sarah Munger Young, thank you for the service for Sarah. She loved her church very much. Roy (her brother) was very moved by the (memorial) service.—Roy and Meron Munger.

DECORATOR'S SHOWHOUSE TRIP



Senior Adult Ministries is taking a trip to the 2017 Decorator's Show House, supporting the Alabama Symphony. We will tour the home and gardens on May 2nd from 10am-3pm. Tickets are \$15 and lunch is available for \$15. We will meet at the Elevator Tower portico at 9:30 am for coffee.

RSVP: Fran @ 822-0910 or fgatch@bpumc.org

YOUTH CAR WASH

Bring your pollen-coated cars to church on Sunday May 7th between 10:00am and 2:00pm. The Youth will be having a car wash fundraiser to help support their summer activities!

A logo for "Maker Fun Factory" featuring colorful gears and a red banner that says "FREE". Below the main text is a tagline: "Created by GOD Built for a Purpose".

BLUFF PARK UMC VBS

July 17-21

8:30am - 12:30pm

Rising 4k-5th Grade
Register Online
BluffParkUMC.org/vbs2017

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

WATER SLIDE/PIZZA PARTY: We will be having an end of the year Water Slide Pizza Party on Wednesday, May 3rd, from 5:30-7:00. All Elementary aged children are invited to this event, and those who have completed the Bible Reading Challenge for the Spring will receive a special prize they can play with that night! We hope to see you all there!

DOLLY AND ME TEA PARTY: Girls of all ages are cordially invited to a Dolly and Me ParTEA in the Courtyard and Fireside Room on Sunday, May 7th beginning right after the 11:00 worship service until 2:30! There will be a light lunch, activities, crafts, and more! If you would like to attend, please register online at www.bluffparkumc.org/dollyandme. We hope to see you all there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Elementary Sunday School will be participating in their monthly Mission Sunday and the Pre-school Sunday School lesson will be on "Pentecost!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: The Children's Church lesson this week will be on "Doubting Thomas!"

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY EMAIL: If you would like to start receiving our Children's Weekly Email to find out all of the fun and exciting things that are going on in the Children's Ministry at BPUMC, please email Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org and let us know!

STUDENT MINISTRY

DINNER & A MOVIE - SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH We'll meet at Baumhower's Wings in Patton Creek at 5pm for dinner before heading across the street to watch a movie together. Transportation is not provided. Students will need to bring their own money for food and tickets.

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER - SUNDAY, MAY 7TH From 10am-2pm, we'll be washing cars in the youth parking lot. This is a "pay what you want" event and all proceeds will go to helping students pay for our summer trips. Hey students and parents: we'll provide lunch!

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS! Students can now register online for our Adventure Camp (June 9-11) and ASP Mission Trip (July 2-8). Check with Kathryn Davis (kdavis@bpumc.org) for the links or more details.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SPRING SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: Holy Ground Worship, Confirmation, Senior Recognition 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 Sunday, May 30th: *Senior Recognition Sunday*, Friday-Sunday, June 9-11, 2017: *Adventure Camp Summer Trip*, Sunday-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017: *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 30th, 10:00am
Sunday, April 30th, 5pm

Sunday School
Dinner & A Movie (meet at Baumhower's at Patton Creek)
No Midweek Meal or Holy Ground Worship in May!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 2

TRIP TO DECORATOR'S SHOWHOUSE 10:00 AM - Bus Park Enjoy the gorgeous artistry of this Mountain Brook home decorated by professional artist Lunch will be provided at the home. Shop for unique gifts at the Symphony Gift Shop. Tickets \$15—Lunch \$15 RSVP Fran@ 822-0103 or at FGATCH@BPUMC.ORG

SUNDAY, MAY 14

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH—RSVP Fran @ 822-0910 ext.103

“Those who withhold kindness from a friend forsake the fear of the Almighty.” Job 6:14



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The Week of April 30—May 6

Sunday, April 30	
8:45 am	Morning Worship Service
9:45 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service
	Confirmation
	Children's Council
4:00 pm	
Monday, May 1	
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl
Tuesday, May 2	
9:30 am	Half Truths Study
10:00 am	Decorator Show House Trip
Wednesday, May 3	
9:00 am	Food Pantry
5:30 pm	Elementary Water Slide Night
5:45 pm	Men's Chorus
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir
6:30 pm	Choir
Thursday, May 4	
9:30 am	Shepherd's Center
Friday, May 5	
1:00 pm	Ladies Sewing Group

SUNDAY, April 30, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
 Luke 24:13-35
"Real Presence: The Sin of Wasting Time"
 Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
 1 Peter 1:17-23
 Luke 24:13-35

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
 8:45 Doran 11:00 Arthur
Cross
 8:45 Vivi Shanlever 11:00 Riley Jones
Acolyte
 8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 CJ Lorino
Greeters: Fisherman

Meal on Wheels: Moore
Food Pantry May 3rd: Dallam/McCrary

Last Week's Record

April 23, 2017

Children	99
Morning Worship	472
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$22,579.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$14,959.87
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,174,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$383,843.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$436,312.79
New Members in 2017	8

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$2,266.00
Received to Date	\$207,881.32

**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.