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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter May 7, 2017
Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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First Things First

May has arrived in Bluff Park! We started off with much needed rain and now have a sunny but much cooler first day of May. May brings much to be thankful about. Sunshine and warmth are increasing. We will have a chance to celebrate mothers and those who are like mothers to us on May 14. Our graduating seniors will be recognized and congratulated during worship in late May. It's a beautiful and wonderful time for sure!

With the arrival of the end of the school year, we know that many people will begin to prepare for summer vacations. I know many of you deserve some time away with your families after months of hard work and long hours. We want to bless you in your time away by providing you with daily

Scripture readings and access to sermons online. Our hope and desire is that you stay connected while you are on the road.

While you prepare for the summer, I would like to remind you that the ministry and mission of Bluff Park UMC continues over the summer. We will have added expenses for summer trips and programming for our children and youth. Vacation Bible School and youth mission trips are vital but expensive endeavors. Our food pantry continues to serve hundreds of households each month. And we will have missionaries in Chile as well.

If you are able, would you consider one of several methods to make sure that your generous support of Bluff Park UMC is uninterrupted over these summer months? One option is to go to our website (bluffparkumc.org) and set up online giving. Another option is to set up electronic giving with your own bank. You could also consider mailing in your support regularly even while you are away. And one last option is to go ahead and give your summer giving to the church before you depart for the summer. This way, you do not have to worry about catching up when the fall arrives.

Thank you for all that you do both in your generous support and in your actions of service to make sure that our church family lives out our faith as we care for one another and serve the community around us. May God bless you all.

Mike

Registration Is Open for VBS 2017!

Excitement is building in Children's Ministry! Vacation Bible School for summer 2017—*Maker Fun Factory*—takes place July 17th-21st. Daily sessions will run from 8:30am-12:30pm. There will be games, activities, singing, and a whole lot of fun. Our VBS program registration is free and open to all rising 4k-5th grade children in our community.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors with kids to come to our church. Online registration is now open.

To register visit: bluffparkumc.org/vbs2017



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.

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!

TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

It is not too late to go to the Holy Land. The dates for the trip are January 30th to February 8th 2018. If you want to take the Nile Cruise extension the return date will be February 15th. This promises to be the trip of a lifetime. We will see what Jesus saw and walk where

Jesus walked. If you have interest in learning more contact Tom Duley@822-0910 ext.112 or tduley@bpumc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Katie and John McDaniel on the birth of a daughter, Finley Grace on April 28.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Lindsey and Patrick Martin on the birth of a daughter, Summer Elyse on April 29.

UPCOMING BAPTISMS

This Sunday, May 7th, we celebrate the baptisms of Mary Georgia Northington and Carson Blake Walters at the 11:00am worship service.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Louise White who passed away on April 27th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Evelyn Lawrence—UAB

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Gordon Hallmark by Joyce Hallmark, Bill and Diane Morgan, Gary Stewart, Martha McLemore, Mr. and Mrs. James C Rollins, Gene and Jean Brown, Otis and Ann Manar, Wayne and Jackie Walton
Betty Hottenstein by Janet Ruark, Gene and Jean Brown, Alice Jane Hagler, Pat Reese, Josh and Mary Parker and family
Dixie Youngblood by Bill Adair, Home Instead Senior Care, Doris Leo Dorothy Ricketts and Great Grandchildren by Bill and Peggy Best
Sarah Young by Ben and Paula DeMott, Gary Abbott, Bill Gunnin, Andy Bellanca, The Norfolk Southern Railway Ladies Club, Roy and Meron Munger
Tom Surtees by Cecelia Surtees, children, and grandchildren

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Gordon Hallmark by Bob and Pan Cahoon, Bradley and Charlotte Word
Betty Hottenstein by Bob and Pan Cahoon
Pat Adair by Bill Adair
Stretch Dunn by Curtis and Paula Thompson

BUILDING FUND

Stretch Dunn by Wednesday Night Bible Study, Joe and Carole Pitard, David and Penny Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith, Hope Christian Community Foundation
Betty Hottenstein by Joe and Carole Pitard
Shirley White by Nathan and Alice Chase
Dixie Youngblood by Marvin and Diane Broome
Ann Travis by Wayne and Jackie Walton

FOOD PANTRY

Betty Hottenstein by Mary Elizabeth Sheetz, The Shepherd's Center, Jan Harris, Michael and Sandra Miller
Gordon Hallmark by John and Sylvia Summers
Stretch Dunn by Michael and Sandra Miller

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

Elsie and Johnny Medders by Carol Medders

CHOIR FUND

Gordon Hallmark by Catherine Hallmark

VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

Stretch Dunn by George and Alice Singleton, Col. Robert D Lowry, David and Natalie Martin, Marvin and Diane Broome, Phil and Pat Carrette

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Dixie Youngblood by Esther Y. Evans

CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Gordon Hallmark by Harry and Peggy Hill

Honorariums

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Betsy Guy by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Jan Harris by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Jennie Alley by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Jessy McCormick by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Joy Shultz by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Judy Smith by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Julia Glass by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Karen Copper by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Kathy Oliver by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Lisa Jackson by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Suzanne Scivley by Michael and Beth Byrnside
Tina Hardy by Michael and Beth Byrnside

FOOD PANTRY

Bob Nelson by The Shepherd's Center
Bill Garwick by Pony Green
Stanley and Gaven Davidson by Glynda Culver
Laura Edwards and kids by Glynda Culver
Blake Shultz by Mahala McKinney
Mike Patrick by Mahala McKinney

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

Bill Garwick by Pony Green
The Fisherman Class by Matt and Pat Reeder

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Jan Harris by Pan Cahoon
Sara Miller by Pan Cahoon

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Want to help the children of our church and our community learn about the love of Jesus Christ!!! We are in need of Vacation Bible School Volunteers the week of July 17-21 from 8:30-12:30 each day! You can see all of the available volunteer spots and sign up for them at <http://bluffparkumc.org/vbs-2017-volunteer-page/>, or by emailing Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org.

PRESCHOOL SPLASH PARTY: There will be a Preschool Splash Party for all Preschool aged children and their families on Thursday, June 1st from 10:00-12:00 on the playground! Come out and enjoy sprinklers, kiddie pools, squirt guns, snow cones, juice boxes, and more! Please register at bluffparkumc.org/preschoolsplashtparty. We look forward to seeing you all there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Elementary Sunday School lesson will be on "The Great Commission" and Preschool Sunday School will be participating in their monthly Mission Sunday!

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

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!

MENTOR TRAINING - SUNDAY, MAY 7TH Students and young adults who have signed up to be student ministry mentors are invited to dinner and training in the Fellowship Hall from 5-6pm. Can't make it? Don't worry! We have more training sessions coming up.

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, 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, May 7th, 10:00am
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Sunday, May 7th, 5:00pm

Sunday School
Car Wash Fundraiser in the Youth Parking Lot
Mentor Training
No Midweek Meal or Holy Ground Worship in May!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, MAY 11

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Fireside Room - 10 AM - The Reverend Michael Gatch "Spirituality in the Second Half of Life."

SUNDAY, MAY 14

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH - Church Parlor - Noon - \$20 - delicious meal, live entertainment, decorations and friends - Call Fran for reservations @ 822-0910 or fgatch@bpumc.org

THURSDAY, MAY 18

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Fireside Room 10 AM - Layla Humphries, Director of the Director of the Dawson Academy and Violinist - "Music we Love."

TUESDAY, MAY 16

TRIP TO VIEW CAHABA DAY LILIES - Depart BPUMC 10 AM - Hudson Hall (Elevator Tower) Entrance - Lunch at Bright Star Restaurant.

"Those who love me, I will deliver; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation." Psalms 91:14



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The Week of May 7—13

Sunday, May 7
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00am-2:00pm Youth Car Wash
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
12:15 pm Dolly and Me Tea Party

Monday, May 8
9:00 am UMW Meeting
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, May 9
9:30 am Half Truths Study
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, May 10
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, May 11
9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, May 12
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon
1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group

SUNDAY, May 7, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
John 10:1-10
"Real Presence: Abundant Living"
Rev. Angela Martin

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Lawson
Cross
88:45 Matthew Pitts 11:00 Beverly Redding
Acolyte
8:45 Andrew Pitts 11:00 Tate Turner
Greeters: Friendship

Meal on Wheels: Agent
Food Pantry June 7th: Summers/Lawson

Last Week's Record

April 30, 2017

Children/Youth	78/44
Morning Worship	445
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$22,579.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$35,159.88
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,174,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$406,422.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$471,472.67
New Members in 2017	12

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$4,869.00
Received to Date	\$212,750.32

**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.