



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter May 14, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



As Mothers Day approaches, many are getting ready for the holiday by sending cards or flowers or even making special gifts by hand. Some mothers report that their most favorite keepsakes are those handmade expressions of love and gratitude. Because the main point is to express how valuable and needed their love and care is to us. However you choose to express thankfulness to your mothers or those who have been like mothers, please make sure that you express how meaningful those unseen acts i've meant to you over time.

There are many things that we do in life that are unseen. There are things that we appreciate taking place but often forget that it is someone's job or someone's expression of love for us. From an amazing volunteer who makes sure that our pencils are sharpened in the pews to the wonderful volunteers who make sure that beautiful flowers and plants greet us at the main entrances into the church. The little things make a big difference.

One of the most meaningful things that we can do is to say thank you for the things that most people overlook. When we do so, it shows that we noticed and that we care. This seemingly small thing makes a big difference for the person who is doing what they're doing is an act of love or service and it is good to know that it means so much. So I invite you to keep your eyes open and look for those unseen things and to find a way to say thank you.

Mike

Mother's Day Lunch

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.



News of the Week

THE GATHERING—SUNDAY FUNDAY!

The Gathering at Bluff Park is hosting a Sunday Funday community event at the Preserve Town Hall on May 21 from 3-6pm. It will be an afternoon of outdoor games, food, and fun. We'll have stuff for everyone from small kids all the way to those hyper-competitive adults. We would love for you to invite a friend that might be interested in what God is doing in Bluff Park!

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.

THANK YOU!

Our son, Captain Taylor Carlisle, USMC, has returned safely from deployment in the Middle East. We want to thank everyone for the many prayers from our Bluff Park UMC family!

- Ronda and Dyer Carlilse

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: June 11, July 23 and 30, and August 6, 13, 20, and 27. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Evelyn Lawrence—Spain Rehab

Jack Phillips—Brookwood

Morris Dillard—Brookwood

Kevin King—Diversicare



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



Fast and Secure Online Donations With EasyTithe

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has implemented a set of online giving tools, powered by easyTithe.com. This provides the ability to make donations on our website and through a mobile app! After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly using your debit or credit card. You can also make a pledge and track your online giving throughout the year. You can also use this service to make Midweek Meetup meal payments.

To create your online giving account, visit the church website and select 'Donate Online' under the 'Give' link in the top menu. Step-by-step tutorial videos are available on the main 'Give' landing page.

www.BluffParkUMC.org/give-online

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Did you know we already have *over 100 children* signed up for Vacation Bible School this year and are expecting record breaking numbers!!!! We are in need of VBS Volunteers the week of July 17-21 from 8:30-12:30 to help us show the love of Jesus Christ to the children of our church and our community! 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 will be 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 "Mother's Day" and the Preschool Sunday School will be on "Jesus Will Return!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our lesson in Children's Church this week will be on "The Early Church!"

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

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Our car wash last weekend raised over \$660 for our students' summer trips. We are very blessed with such a supportive church family.

MENTOR TRAINING - SUNDAY, MAY 14TH Students and young adults who have signed up to be student ministry mentors are invited to training in the Youth Wing at 10am. Can't make it? Don't worry! We have more training sessions coming up.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY - MAY 21ST We will honor our 2017 graduating seniors with a special breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am. All current students are invited to join us. Afterwards there will be time for pictures in front of the chapel and then we will recognize our seniors with special Bibles during the 11:00am worship service..

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS! Students can now register online for our Adventure Camp (June 9-11.) The ASP Mission Trip (July 2-8) is full but we are accepting students on our wait list. 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: 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 21st: *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 14th, 10:00am

Sunday School

No Midweek Meal or Holy Ground Worship in May!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 - Niki Sapsas, Tour Guide, Par Excellence ~ "Italy, A Walk Through the Centuries"

TUESDAY, MAY 23

TRIP TO VIEW CAHABA DAY LILIES - **NOTICE ! Change of Date** Depart BPUMC 10 AM - Elevator Tower Entrance - Lunch at Bright Star Restaurant.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

SHEPHERD'S CENTER ~ Fireside Room ~ Rosemary Dallum ~ "Cooking with Leftovers Demonstration"

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13



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The Week of May 14—20

Sunday, May 14

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
12:00 pm Mother's Day Lunch

Monday, May 15

10:00 am Prayer Shawl
6:00 pm Strategic Implementation Team

Tuesday, May 16

6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, May 17

5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, May 18

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, May 19

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group

Saturday, May 20

5:00 pm Fisherman Class Dinner

SUNDAY, May 14, 2017

8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
1 Peter 2:2-10

"Real Presence: 13 Reasons Why Relationships Matter"
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover

Cross

8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Molly Vann
Acolyte

8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Mary El Neal
Greeters: Faith Builders

Meal on Wheels: Guy

Food Pantry June 7th: Sumners/Lawson

Last Week's Record

May 7, 2017

Children	109
Morning Worship	510
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$22,579.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$23,365.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,174,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$429,001.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$494,837.67
New Members in 2017	12

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$3,810.00
Received to Date	\$216,560.32

**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.