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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter June 4, 2017
Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org

A SUMMER OF MISSION WORK!

The work of the church does not take a summer vacation because the needs of our community continue throughout the year! As a community of faith we continue to provide food, water and shelter to people in need through our ongoing mission work.

From July 2-8 a team of youth and adult volunteers will head out to participate in the Appalachian Service Project. They will spend the week performing household repairs for people in central Appalachia. Their work will help families stay warmer, drier, and safer in their homes.

Here at home, we will continue to provide food and water to our neighbors in need through the Pantry on the Bluff and the Under the Bridge program. The food pantry distribution takes place on the first Wednesday of each month and serves more than 200 families with food and diapers. Volunteers pack grocery bags, bundle diapers, and purchase food and stock shelves in the pantry. The Under the Bridge team prepares and serves meals for the homeless on the second and third Tuesdays of each month.

If you would like to serve this summer, the Pantry on the Bluff and Under the Bridge ministries are excellent opportunities to make a real difference for the people in our community.

Finally, a Volunteers In Ministry (VIM) team will set out for Chile at the end of July to roll up their sleeves and support our mission partners.



CHILDREN'S MISSION PROJECTS

The children's ministry keeps a mission focus throughout the summer. They have two mission projects where they will create artwork for the shut-ins of our community and purchase school supplies for kids in need in our school system.

During VBS, the children will take up a special offering to support the Room 35226 program.

News of the Week

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendar. On June 4th at 5pm we will have our annual Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. The Student Ministries hosts this event and it also serves as a fundraiser with all donations going to Student Ministry Summer Trips.

BABY SHOWER FOR TORI AND JOHN CARL HASTINGS

The whole congregation is invited to a baby shower honoring Tori and John Carl Hastings. Join us on June 11th from 2-3:30pm in the parlor. A registry has been created for them at babylist.com.

BPUMC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Mark your calendar for BPUMC Night at the Ballpark. Join us on the evening of June 16th for a night of baseball, hot dogs, and fellowship. Sign up for tickets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or call the office to reserve your spot! Tickets cost \$12 each and include admission to the game, and a meal voucher for a hotdog, chips, and a drink. Transportation to the ballpark is available on the church buses, but space is limited so reserve your spot early!

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.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

This Sunday, June 4th, we celebrate the baptism of Alyssa Gray at the 11:00am worship service.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Morris Dillard—Brookdale



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

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ann Travis by The Friendship Class

Gordon Hallmark by The Friendship Class

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Mary Estelle Creel Gwaltney by Judith A. Sims, John and Laurie Gwaltney

Sarah Young by Harvey and Diane Humphrey

Betty Hottenstein by Belle Jordan

Louise White by Lowell and Sandra Brown

BUILDING FUND

Betty Hottenstein by the Opportunity Class

Sarah Young by the Opportunity Class

FOOD PANTRY

Michael Thompson by Pony Green

VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

Stretch Dunn by Wayne and Jackie Walton

SENIOR MINISTRY

Betty Hottenstein by Carol Medders

Honorariums

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mary Northington by Ryan and Emily Northington

JB and Frankie Thrasher (51st Wedding Anniversary) by the Thrasher children and grandchildren

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Children's Ministry by The Preserve Supper Club-Sue Boone

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS VOLUNTEER NEEDS: Did you know we already have over 170 children signed up for Vacation Bible School this year!!! That's more than we have ever had attend VBS at Bluff Park UMC! However, we are still in need of 13 more VBS volunteers on the week of July 17-21 from 8:30-12:30 to help us show the love of Jesus Christ to these children from our church and our community! These volunteers have the easiest, but most rewarding, job at Vacation Bible School: they simply shepherd children from station to station each day of VBS and get to know the children they are assigned! You can sign up at <http://bluffparkumc.org/vbs-2017-volunteer-page/>, or by emailing Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org.

FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP: On Wednesday, June 21st, will be going to Desoto Caverns for the day, where we will take a cave tour and participate in some other fun activities! Because of the length of this trip, our mission project will occur in the gym before and after we leave and will consist of creating artwork to share the love of Jesus with others. Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 9:30, and pickup will be at the church between 5:00-5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible as there are limited spots available and they fill up fast!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Elementary Sunday School lesson will be on "Paul and the Shipwreck" and Preschool Sunday School will be participating in their 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

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - JUNE 4TH Our last fundraiser before summer trips is coming up soon. We'll serve a light supper with many options of ice cream and toppings from 5pm to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 4th. All members of our congregation and community are invited to attend and there will be entertainment. Students who bring ice cream and/or help with setup, serving, and clean up will earn money for summer trips. Parents: If you help out, you can increase your student's earnings! Contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org to sign up.

ATTENTION ICE CREAM MAKERS: Do you have an ice cream maker and a good recipe? Bluff Park Students are looking for members to donate some home made ice cream for the upcoming Ice Cream Social. The students will provide the tasty toppings and serve up the treats. If you can bring ice cream, please contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org and let her know what flavors and how much you plan to bring.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH, 6:00PM: ROMANS VS. CHRISTIANS Our summer fun events calendar kicks off with this classic youth group game. We will meet in the Youth Wing to explain the rules before playing throughout the church. Bring \$5 for a snack supper and we will close out the night with a devotion.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: Adventure camp 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, June 9-11, 2017: *Adventure Camp Summer Trip*, Sunday-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017: *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 4th, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, June 4th, 5:00pm	Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 7th, 5:00pm	Adventure Camp Leader Meeting
Wednesday, June 7th, 6:00pm	Romans vs. Christians
Friday-Sunday, June 9th-11th	Adventure Camp

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 8	SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Dr. Lowell Vann, Retired Professor of Art, at Samford University – A Chalk Drawing – See an astonishing work of art created before your eyes! Fireside Room – 10 AM
FRIDAY, JUNE 9	TRIP TO RATTLESNAKE SALOON – 10 AM – Bus Stand – Make your reservation with Fran at 822-0910 or fgatch@bpumc.org
THURSDAY, JUNE 15	SHEPHERD'S CENTER SUMMER KICK-OFF!!! Very special guest SEC Official, Allen Baynes, will present Mis-steps and Miracles – clips of SEC miraculous plays and goofy misses. Guest receive free lunch. Members receive free prizes of the day.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21	FREE MOVIE NIGHT – Choose from two wonderful movies to enjoy with family or friends. Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. 6 PM – Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many mansions.” John: 14:1-2



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The Week of June 4—10

Sunday, June 4	8:45 am Morning Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service 5:00 pm Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 5	10:00 am Prayer Shawl
Tuesday, June 6	6:30 pm Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 7	9:00 am Food Pantry 5:45 pm Men's Chorus 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, June 8	9:30 am Shepherd's Center
Friday, June 9	12:00 pm Youth Adventure Camp Summer Trip Friendship Class Luncheon
Saturday, June 10	Youth Adventure Camp Summer Trip

SUNDAY, June 4, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
John 7:37-39
"Empowered"
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 TBA 11:00 Vitality
Acolyte
8:45 Vivi Shanlever 11:00 Abby Gray
Greeters: Opportunity

Meal on Wheels: Joan Davis
Food Pantry June 7th: Sumners/Lawson

Last Week's Record

May 28, 2017

Children	38
Morning Worship	346
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,307.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$597,014.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$593,039.75
New Members in 2017	14

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$939.00
Received to Date	\$224,041.65

**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.