



BLUFF PARK

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Newsletter June 11, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



So first, some amazing news. We shared on Sunday morning that 190 children have already registered for Vacation Bible School in July at Bluff Park United Methodist Church. That number jumped to 198 by Monday. We are forecasting over 200 children involved in our VBS this summer. Let me say that again. We are going to have the opportunity to share the Gospel with more than 200 children this summer. We are going to have the opportunity to love and care for more than 200 children this summer. To put that in perspective, we had the same opportunity with 100 children in 2014. We have a wonderful group of children's ministry volunteers and staff but we need more volunteers! Talk to Stanley Davidson or Melissa Hendon to sign up to help!

Next, I want to share some thoughts with you about our upcoming sermon series on the Apostles' Creed that starts this Sunday, June 11. Scholar Luke Timothy Johnson says that belief in a creed in the modern era "is a sign of intellectual failure." Why? Because a creed is an expression of conviction in something that you cannot prove but still believe. A creed involves a leap of faith – laying your life in the hands of statements that you believe are the core truths about all existence and the purpose of our very lives.

The Apostles' Creed, spoken most frequently in unison in worship, came into being for the purpose of training new believers. It was a question and answer process that would start by saying, "Do you believe," and the people would respond by stating what they believe. The church pulled these questions together from the Holy Scriptures and from the teachings that existed in the first three hundred years of the church's existence. The creed became a uniting statement – bonding believers together into the same convictions (taking the leap of faith together).

My hope and prayer for our church family in this summer sermon series is that we would encounter a new our shared convictions and allow them to direct our life together as a church family.

Melissa

FREE

MAKER FUN FACTORY

Created by **GOD**
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BLUFF PARK UMC VBS
July 17-21
8:30am - 12:30pm
Rising 4k-5th Grade
BluffParkUMC.org/vbs2017
Registration Ends June 30th

News of the Week



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.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Michael and Beth McCallum Byrnside on the birth of a daughter, Mailey Katherine on May 20th.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Morris Dillard—Brookdale Rehab

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.

SPECIAL OFFERING REPORT

This past Sunday we took up a special offering during communion for the North Alabama Conference. This special offering is being given by most United Methodist churches in the North Alabama to provide intensive summer internships for people who are discerning a call to ministry with the poor at important mission agencies such as Asbury United Methodist Church (Madison), Community Church Without Walls, East Lake United Methodist Church and P.E.E.R., Inc., Restoration UMC Mission, and Upper Sand Mountain Parish. Our congregation gave \$1,016 to support this important work.

UPCOMING BAPTISM

This Sunday, June 11th, we celebrate the baptism of Ella Scott Sherman at the 11:00am worship service.



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!



Keep Up With Summer Giving Online

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has implemented a set of online giving tools, powered by easyTithe.com. This provides the ability to quickly and easily make donations on our website and through a mobile app! After creating an account, you're able to give directly 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 in the Fall.

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 200 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!

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH-11TH: ADVENTURE CAMP Please pray for our students and adult leaders as we travel to the Ocoee River for a weekend of fun, community and worship. In addition to activities like rafting, horse-back riding, paintball and more, we'll be reflecting on where we have been, where we are now and where God is calling us to go in our faith journeys.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH, 6:00PM: LET'S BOWL! We'll meet up at Vestavia Bowl and knock down some pins together. Be sure to bring money for your rentals and for any food that you want to eat while we're there.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: fun weekly events, big trips 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-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017: *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip.*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 11th, 10:00am
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Wednesday, June 14th, 6:00pm

Sunday School in the Youth Wing
No Afternoon/Evening Youth Events (Adventure Camp Group Returns)
Bowling at Vestavia Bowl

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 6pm – Fireside Room and Fellowship Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

SHEPHERD'S CENTER – The Riley Center Quilters – The absolutely beautiful handmade art work of the Riley Quilters will be on display in The Fellowship Hall and the Fireside Room. A "Storyteller" Quilter will share her Family History. 10am in the Fireside Room. Games @ 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Exercise with Kathy Hagood @ 11am in the Gym. Lunch @ noon (\$3).

"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 11

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:00 pm Baby Shower for Tori and John Carl Hastings

Monday, June 12

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, June 13

8:30 am Maintenance
6:00 pm Under the Bridge
6:30 pm Chile VIM Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 14

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

Thursday, June 15

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

SUNDAY, June 11, 2017

8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
Exodus 3:1-15
"Creed: One God"
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley
Acolyte
8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Charlie Redding
Greeters: Seekers

Meal on Wheels: Adams/Pearson
Food Pantry June 7th: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

June 4, 2017

Children	54
Morning Worship	445
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$29,542.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$624,151.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$622,581.75
New Members in 2017	17

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$14,455.00
Received to Date	\$238,496.65

**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.