



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter June 25, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



The Board of Stewards met this past Sunday (on Father's Day Sunday) in order to discuss the steps we are about to take in moving forward with the construction of our new building. Our church approved moving forward with the plans many months ago, but the new contract allows us to start with clearing the land at the beginning of August and thus move forward with construction through the fall and winter. The budget for construction will be \$2.1 million so we will need everyone to continue to faithfully give to the 10,000 Reasons Capital Campaign. We had over \$1 million pledged over the next three years and over \$200,000 has already been offered to propel us forward. If you have not been able to pledge to this important campaign, there is still time to do so! You can simply call the church's financial office staff or come by and fill out a card.

The new worship service (The Gathering at Bluff Park) is moving ahead after having a wonderful preview worship service on Easter Sunday with 115 in attendance! Our launch team is made up of some great young people and they are working on offering a weekly worship service sometime after Labor Day Weekend! If you know of anyone who is interested in this new offering or who is passionate about assisting in the creation of the new service, we would love to be able to talk to them about the possibilities for service and support.

Finally, we are continuing in our summer sermon series on the Apostles' Creed as Rev. Tom Duley explores the birth of Jesus Christ on June 25th and as I explore the suffering of Jesus at the hands of the Roman Empire and Pontius Pilate on Sunday, July 2nd. We have noticed that our first sermon on "God the Father Almighty" has had a great response online as many people who missed that first Sunday were able to go watch the sermon on Youtube. Don't forget that we offer many different options for catching up on the Sundays that you have missed due to vacation or other circumstances! Simply check the church's main website or look for the Bluff Park United Methodist page on Youtube.com.

Mike

ASP Anniversary

July 2nd marks the *tenth straight year* that Bluff Park Students have embarked on the Appalachia Service Project. That's a decade of building ramps, fixing leaky roofs, winterizing walls, repairing flood damage, and building relationships and memories that will last a lifetime. Twenty students and ten adults will be serving this summer for a week in Cocke County, Tennessee and our college student Anna Quinn will be serving elsewhere as an ASP staff member, directing week-long work teams in another county. We are grateful for all the prayers and financial support that our church provides that make this service opportunity possible for our students.



News of the Week



THANK YOU KATHRYN DAVIS

Our Student Ministry Logistics Coordinator, Kathryn Davis, has accepted a position at Birmingham-Southern College. She will be working in the Office of Religious Life managing events and social media. She has served our

church and it's students and families very well over the past year and we wish her the best in her new endeavor.

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.

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: July 30, August 13, and September 3, 10, and 17. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Jim Wible—Brookwood
Patti Fore—UAB
Ryan Patterson—Brookwood



Registration for VBS 2017 Closes on June 30th!

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 and over 225 kids have signed-up.

This is a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors with kids to come to our church. Online registration is only open until June 30th.

To register visit:

bluffparkumc.org/vbs2017



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 225 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 4-5 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 Thursday, July 6th, we will be having a Pool Party at the home of one of our church members, Leah Pope, and also shopping for school supplies for children in our community who are in need of them. 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: Elementary Sunday School will be participating in their monthly Mission Sunday and the Pre-school Sunday School lesson will be on "The Tower of Babel."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Throughout the Summer, we will be learning about the "Apostle's Creed" in Children's 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

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 5:00PM: CHURCH SCAVENGER HUNT Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a FREE Snack Supper. Then students will divide into teams and search for clues hidden throughout the church. The first team to find all the clues will win a prize.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 6:00PM: HUNGER GAMES We'll play one of our classic Nerf Night games where the church becomes our arena. We'll provide the pool noodles, Nerf blasters and foam darts. You bring \$5 for dinner. Meet us on the first floor (by the gym.)

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 25th, 10:00am

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Wednesday, June 28th, 6:00pm

Sunday-Saturday, July 2nd-8th

Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Church Scavenger Hunt

Hunger Games in the Church

Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THE BPUMC 55+FOCUS GROUP PRESENTS: SUMMER UNDER THE STARS

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 8

DANCING UNDER THE STARS ~ ~ 6:30 - 8:30 PM BPUMC Fellowship Hall. Enjoy live music from the George Winter Band, refreshments and friends. Dance "under the stars". This event is sponsored by Sylvia and John Sumners.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

NIKI SAPSAS - "Down the Coast of Maine" ~ view enigmatic lighthouse landscapes, coastal scapes and learn about Maine and the best places for dining on lobster. 10 AM Fellowship Hall.



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The Week of June 25—July 1

Sunday, June 25
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Snack Supper
Monday, June 26
9:00 am Camp B4
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
10:00 am UMW Hope-Love Circle
Tuesday, June 27
9:00 am Camp B4
Wednesday, June 28
9:00 am Camp B4
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Senior's & Friends Movie Night
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, June 29
9:00 am Camp B4
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
Friday, June 30
10:00 am Senior Day Trip to Rattlesnake Saloon

SUNDAY, June 25, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
Luke 1:26-38
"Creed: God Has a Dream"
Rev. Tom Duley
Lectionary Scripture Readings
Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39
SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Montz 11:00 Lawson
Acolyte
8:45 Spencer Schillaci
11:00 Penny Rose Pearson
Greeters: Wesley Forum
Meal on Wheels: Chambers
Food Pantry July 5th: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

June 18, 2017

Children	45
Morning Worship	423
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$23,104.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$678,425.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$697,638.75
New Members in 2017	19

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$3,665.33
Received to Date	\$293,216.98

**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.