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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter July 2 & 9, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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A Prayer for Independence Day

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.
Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.

Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.

Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.

Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.
We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT.)



Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive

During the month of July, Bluff Park United Methodist Women are partnering with Bundles of Hope to ensure that families experiencing financial hardship have an adequate and reliable supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers.

How you can help:

- Donate disposable diapers (sizes newborn - 6)
- Make a financial donation

Designated drop-off bins will be in the narthex and on the 1st floor by the fellowship hall/nursery entrance. For financial donations, place checks in the offering plate or leave them in the church office.

All diapers collected will be distributed exclusively through the BPUMC Food Pantry.

News of the Week

DISASTER RELIEF BUCKETS

Recent storms produced extensive flooding and wind damage across our state. UMCOR has been distributing buckets filled with relief supplies in response, and now we need to help them re-stock the shelves. On Saturday, July 29th, from 9:00am–5:00pm a group from our church will travel to the Decatur UMCOR warehouse to help them prepare to respond to future needs. To sign up call the church office or Carol Westbrook (401-5515.)

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 Tori and John Carl Hastings on the birth of a daughter, Lora Elizabeth (Eliza) on June 21st.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Jim Wible—Brookwood

Memorials

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Floyd Bennett Guy by Rick and Tina Hardy

Gene Smith's father by Earl and Kay Cooper

FOOD PANTRY

Harry E. O'Neill by Pony Green

June O. Howe by Pony Green

Honorariums

OPERATING FUND

Alyssa Danielle Gray by Rebecca Blankenship

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



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES PRESENTS SUMMER UNDER THE STARS

The Senior Adult Ministries of BPUMC is planning a series of fun summer activities. On July 8th from 6:30–8:30 pm we will be Dancing Under the Stars to live music from the George Winter Band. This is a free event and no registration is required (dancing is optional.) Contact Fran @ 822-0910 or fgatch@bpumc.org with questions about events.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Monday, August 14th, at 6:30pm there will be a special program in the BPUMC Chapel on the topic of "Feeding the Hungry." Special guests Kathryn Strickland, from Community Food Bank, and Greg Bishop, from Hoover Helps, will talk about what is happening in our community and how you can help.



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

CAMP B4 THANK YOU: Thank you so much to everyone who helped make Camp B4 such a huge success! Whether you helped us prepare, volunteered the week of, or prayed for us, we could not have done it without you! Because of your help, we were able to teach 70 children from both our church and community the basics of basketball, dance, gardening, and Christianity!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Over the first two weeks of July, we will be studying "Joseph" in elementary Sunday School!

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-SATURDAY, JULY 2-8: ASP MISSION TRIP July 2nd will mark the tenth straight year that Bluff Park Students have embarked on Appalachia Service Project. That's a decade of building ramps, fixing leaky roofs, winterizing walls, preparing 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 weeklong work teams in another county. We are grateful for all the prayers and financial support that our church provides that make this possible for our students.

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 2nd, 7:00am
Sunday, June 2nd, 10:00am
Sunday, June 2nd

ASP Team Meets in the Youth Parking Lot to Leave for Tennessee
Sunday School in the Youth Wing
NO Afternoon or Evening Events
No Wednesday Youth Event Due to Independence Day
Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 9th, 10:00am

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THE BPUMC 55+ AND FRIENDS: SUMMER UNDER THE STARS

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 8

DANCING UNDER THE STARS Join friends from BPUMC and the Bluff Park Community as we enjoy the live music of the George Winter Band. Refreshments and dancing 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Free event. No reservation needed. Dancing is optional.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART Travel with friends to the Birmingham Museum of Art. We will have lunch at the Award Winning Café, Oscar's at 11 AM. View the art and treasures of the museum at your own pace and taste. Visit the unique Museum Gift Shop for rare items to take home. Church Bus leaves at 10 AM from the Elevator Tower Entrance. Return at 2:30 PM. Tickets: Free. RSVP Fran for a reservation @ 822-0910 or Email fgatch@bpumc.org

SHEPHERD'S CENTER EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 6

JIM KETCHERSID ~ "GRAB BAG" ~ Jim is a master of all trades. Watch as he unwraps surprising things from different boxes to delight us. Fireside Room ~ 10 AM

TUESDAY, JULY 11

TRIP TO PEACH PARK to enjoy delicious peach ice cream. 10 AM Departure from Bus Stand. Reserve your place with Fran @ 822-0910 or email fgatch@bpumc.org



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The Week of July 2—15

Sunday, July 2
8:45 am Youth ASP Trip
9:45 am Morning Worship Service
11:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 3
10:00 am Youth ASP Trip
Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, July 4—Independence Day
Youth ASP Trip
OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5
9:00 am Youth ASP Trip
5:45 pm Food Pantry
6:30 pm Men's Chorus
Choir

Thursday, July 6
7:30 AM Youth ASP Trip
9:30 am Children's Field Trip
Shepherd's Center

Friday, July 7
Youth ASP Trip

Saturday, July 8
6:00 pm 55+ Dancing Under the Stars

Sunday, July 9
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 10
9:00 am UMW
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, July 11
8:30 am Maintenance
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, July 12
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 13
9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, July 14
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

SUNDAY, July 2, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
2 Peter 2:23-25
"Creed: Sacrifice and Reconciliation"
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Lawson
Acolyte
8:45 Lily Matheson 11:00 Beverly Redding
Greeters: Cornerstone
Meal on Wheels: McCallum
Food Pantry July 5th: Theresa Richerson

SUNDAY, July 9, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
Luke 24:1-12
Rev. John Carl Hastings

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Genesis 24:34-38
Psalm 72
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover
Acolyte
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Tate Turner
Greeters: Canterbury
Meal on Wheels: Davis
Food Pantry August 2nd:
Dallum and Lawson

Last Week's Record

June 25, 2017

Children/Youth	82/45
Morning Worship	457
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$17,604.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$705,562.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$715,242.75
New Members in 2017	19

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$2,828.00
Received to Date	\$296,044.98

**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.