



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter July 23, 2017
Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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As I write this article, over three hundred children, youth, parents and volunteers are walking through a week of worship, prayer and education in one of the largest Vacation Bible Schools in Bluff Park UMC's history. Almost 110 years of ministry here on this rocky bluff and we are continuing to spread the love and truth of Jesus Christ to all ages. With your continued prayer, work and support we will continue on as the Holy Spirit guides us!

You may have noticed either on our Facebook page or as you came to worship this past Sunday that fencing has gone up on our church grounds where the construction of our new youth ministry and community ministry space. The Building Team has worked for many years on this two-stage process and your support through Living Our Legacy and the 10,000 Reasons campaigns have helped us get to this exciting moment. Over the next few months you will see quite a bit of dirt and rock removed before you begin to see walls go up. It is estimated that the project will take between 10 and 12 months to complete!

I hope you will pray with me during these months that with each brick and with each brush of paint, we are part of what God will do in this new space. Just like every other square inch of our church property – it truly matters that lives are touched and transformed by the grace of God in these spaces...just like the lives of those in Vacation Bible School this week.

Mike

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The deadline for scholarship applications for the 2017-18 school year is August 1st. All Bluff Park United Methodist college students who would like to apply must have their forms submitted to the church office by the deadline. Application forms are available on the forms page of the church website, or in the church office. If you need more information, please contact the church office.

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Forms

Please download, complete, and return the necessary form to the church office unless otherwise noted. You may drop off forms during business hours or mail the completed forms to this address:

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Scholarship Application Form
James Michael Grissom Scholarship Application Form
Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarship Application Form

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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP...
Jul 2017
July 17, 2017
YBS
Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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 and prepare for the next time. 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 (205-401-5515.)

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bluff Park UMC gym on Sunday, July 30th, from 7:30am–12:30pm. Please make time to stop by and give the gift of life. A Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID is required to make a donation. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit their website at RedCrossBlood.org and use the keyword BPUMC.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CERTIFICATION CLASSES

The Central District of the North Alabama Conference is offering several classes for Lay Servant credit on Saturday, August 19th, from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The classes will be held at the Methodist Center on the campus of Birmingham Southern College. The classes which will be offered are Methodist Beliefs, Spiritual Gifts, and Polity & Organization. Download registration forms on the website: bluffparkumc.org/forms/

HOOVER CITY DAD BRIGADE

The Hoover City Dad Brigade is looking for volunteers to serve Hoover City Schools through an annual back to school cleanup project on July 29th. Workers will meet at Home Depot near the Riverchase Galleria at 6:45am for a kickoff and free breakfast and then head out to begin work at 7:30am. Register to volunteer online at bluffparkumc.org/dadbrigade



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.



SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Ruth Calloway on the passing of her husband John on July 5th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Mark Hearn on the passing of his mother on July 16th. Our prayers are with



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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS THANK YOU: Thank you so much to each of you who helped make our Vacation Bible School so great this year! Whether you helped us decorate, volunteered during the event, helped clean up, prayed for us, or anything else, we could not have done it without you! Because of you, we were able to teach over 200 children about the love of Jesus Christ! I am so proud to serve at such a loving and giving church!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Sunday School lesson will be led by the community garden team this week!

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, JULY 23RD, 5:00PM: INSTAGRAM SCAVENGER HUNT Our students will divide into teams and drive through our community with a list of photos to post on Instagram for points. The event will include stopping somewhere along the way for dinner. So bring enough money for a fast food dinner. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and be back in the church at 7pm for pickup. Adult volunteers will drive all vehicles during the hunt!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH, 6:00PM: ROOM 35226 NIGHT AT SIMMONS We have a very different event planned for Wednesday night. We're meeting at Simmons Middle School where we will hear a great message from one of the administrators there on how we can help meet all the needs of our neighbors and classmates. Then we will work on Room 35226, organizing supplies and getting it ready for the first day of school. We will provide dinner that night at no charge.

BAND CAMP! JOIN OUR STUDENT WORSHIP TEAM Our worship leader, Jake Smith, is organizing a multi-day fun training and rehearsal event for students who want to be part of our Wednesday night worship team this fall. No experience is required and there is no cost. You don't even have to know how to sing or play an instrument. Students will learn some of our favorite songs along with the basics of running our lighting, video, and sound for Holy Ground. Contact Jake at jdsmith94@gmail.com for more details.

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, July 23rd, 10:00am
Sunday, July 23rd, 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00pm

Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Instagram Scavenger Hunt
Room 35226 Night

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS: SUMMER UNDER THE STARS

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 27

CINDY MONK, REALTOR—Moving Expert, Older Adult Moves will present, "Downsizing Made Easy." Cindy is fun and has great director for persons needing more order in their homes. 10 AM Fireside Room ~ Games and exercise at 11 AM.



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The Week of July 23—29

Sunday, July 23
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 24
10:00 am UMW Hope-Love Circles
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, July 25
10:00 am 55+ Trip to Birmingham Museum of Art

Wednesday, July 26
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 27
9:30 am UMW Friendship Circle
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Book Club

Friday, July 28
5:00 pm Fisherman Class Social

SUNDAY, July 23, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
John 16:4b-15
"Creed: Holy Spirit"
Rev. Angela Martin

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Lawson
Acolyte
8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 Ellie Blanchard
Greeters: Faith
Meal on Wheels: McCray
Food Pantry August 2nd:
Dallum and Lawson

Last Week's Record

July 16, 2017

Children/Youth	50/41
Morning Worship	409
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,227.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$786,973.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$798,342.62
New Members in 2017	19

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$3,275.33
Received to Date	\$311,052.31

**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.