



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter August 20, 2017*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

[www.BluffParkUMC.org](http://www.BluffParkUMC.org)

## New Children's Wing Debuted

After months of planning and hard work, the new BPUMC Children's Wing is finally revealed. This past Sunday the children got their first opportunity to have children's church and Sunday school in their new space - and they LOVE IT!

This project took the efforts of many people, but we would like to say a special thank you to a few people who went above and beyond to make this project happen.

Kristen Fountain  
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# News of the Week

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES!

During the month of August we are putting together Christmas Shoe Boxes to be distributed to children throughout Latin America at Christmas time. The Shoe Boxes have small items that many of the children our missionaries work with have a hard time getting. The list of needed materials is provided when you pick up a box. We provide the boxes and you can get them in the Narthex on Sunday morning. This is a project in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and our United Methodist missionaries working in the region. Shoeboxes must be returned to the church by August 31st!

## CLASS SIGN-UPS

On Sunday morning, August 20th, we will have an opportunity for you to sign-up for fall classes being offered at BPUMC. Join us in the Handbell Room between services to reserve your spot.

## AUGUST SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

During the month of August, Bluff Park UMC is doing a school supply drive for local schools! This is a way to help with needed resources for our Little Imagination preschool program and the Room 35226 project, which places healthy snacks, school supplies,

clothing and shoes right in schools like Gwin, Bluff Park and Simmons! The school counselors make sure that any child with a need finds their way to Room 35226 supplies! A list of donation needs is available at the welcome center and on the church website.

## BPUMC BLOCK PARTY—SAVE THE DATE

On October 1st, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will be hosting a party here at BPUMC. There will be free hotdogs, chips and drinks; carnival games and prizes, inflatables, a Velcro wall, a race car train, music, face painting and a Fun Run! Invite your friends and neighbors.

## 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: September 3, 17, and October 8, 15, 22, and 29. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Robert Weaver—VA  
Harry Hill—Lakeshore



## VBS Reunion/Science Experiment Show

This year's VBS was the largest we have ever had at BPUMC, and it wouldn't have been the same without each and every child that attended! We are not quite ready for the fun to end, so we're having a special event on Wednesday, August 23rd, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Children's Wing for all the kids in our community (even if you didn't attend VBS!)

We will sing some of our favorite VBS songs, play games, get to see our favorite VBS invention (THE TOILET PAPER GUN!!!) We will also have a special Science Experiment based program by **Jan Mattingly: The Science Lady.**



## "15 Ways to Save Your Sanity in a New School Year!"

Kari Kampakis  
Special Guest Speaker

Wednesday, August 23rd, from 6:30-7:30pm

While the kids are enjoying the VBS Reunion/Science Experiment Show in our Children's Wing, parents are invited to the Sanctuary to hear local Christian speaker and author Kari Kampakis, who will be speaking on "15 Ways to Save Your Sanity in a New School Year!" Come learn some new strategies to help navigate the beginning of another school year!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS REUNION/SCIENCE EXPERIMENT SHOW:** On Wednesday, August 23rd, from 6:30-7:30, all of our elementary aged children are invited to a night of VBS songs, games, an appearance by the toilet paper gun, and a special science experiment based program by Jan Mattingly! While the kids are enjoying this event, parents are invited to the Sanctuary to hear local Christian speaker and author Kari Kampakis, who will be speaking on "20 Ways to Save Your Sanity in a New School Year!" We look forward to seeing you all there!

**BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS:** We will be presenting Bibles to all of the children who have entered the 3rd grade on Sunday, September 10th. If your child plans on participating that Sunday, could you please let us know which service they will be attending and give us their full names by contacting Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org)?

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** For the month of August and September, we will be studying the life of King Saul and King David!

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** This Sunday we will be finishing our series on the Apostle's Creed!

**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!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 10:00AM: ADULT VOLUNTEER TRAINING** There is a training event for adult volunteers in student ministry in the Holy Ground Room. We'll have snacks for all who attend but grab a cup of coffee on your way down. This is not Safe Sanctuaries Training. Instead, we will focus on the specific aspects of volunteering with our 6th-12th graders on an ongoing basis and how to handle issues like social media interaction with students, who to talk to about a student concern, and helpful hints on building positive, life-affirming relationships with the students we serve.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 5:00PM: TIE DYE ANYTHING** We'll be tie-dyeing all kinds of stuff. If you bring, we will do our best to tie-dye it! Don't know what to bring? Don't worry: we'll have some plain white tee-shirts that you can use too. We'll also have our gaga ball pit set up for some extra fun. We will close with a short devotion and end at 7pm.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 6:30PM: HOLY GROUND WORSHIP** The Youth Wing is open after school for all 6th-12th graders who want to come hang out, eat dinner together, play games, or do homework. Then we'll worship together in the Holy Ground Room. Our monthly worship theme will focus on keeping faith first and foremost as we head back to school. Optional small groups will begin in September.

**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.

**SAVE THESE DATES** Thursday-Friday, November 9-10: *One Night for the Homeless*, Friday-Sunday, November 17-19: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 20th, 10:00am

Sunday, August 13th, 4:00pm

Sunday, August 13th, 5:00pm

Wednesday, August 23rd, 4:30pm

Wednesday, August 23rd, 6:30pm

Sunday School & Adult Leader Training in the Youth Wing

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Tie-Dye Anything

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Holy Ground Worship

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### 55+ AND FRIENDS

**WELCOME CHILDREN!!!** Children who would enjoy reading with a BPUMC Tutor for an hour once a week are welcome! Children benefit from reading aloud in a quiet and judgement free setting. Volunteer tutors will listen and encourage children who need to strengthen their reading skills. Please contact Fran Gatch at the Welcome Center Sunday mornings and sign up.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Are you a retired teacher or someone interested in helping children read? Please consider volunteering to listen to children read afterschool at BPUMC! Just one hour each week this fall. Contact Fran at 822-0910 or email [fgatch@bpumc.org](mailto:fgatch@bpumc.org) Thank you!

**COMMUNITY CONCERT:** Sunday Afternoon, September 24th Concert ~ Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins, Dean School of the Arts Samford University ~ will perform a variety of vocal variations. You are invited to enjoy these exquisite vocalists for your enjoyment and inspiration. Free Event. Reception in Parlor to Follow! Sign up with Fran at the Welcome Center.

### SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

August 24

Shades Mountain Air Concert ~ Enjoy this blue grass, gospel and humorous Band

August 31

Dolores Hydock, Actress, Storyteller, Yale Grad ~ Shares Stories of Aging



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**The Week of August 20—26**

**Sunday, August 20**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:30 am Midweek Class Sign-Ups  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

**Monday, August 21**  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

**Wednesday, August 23**  
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup  
5:45 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Parent's Seminar  
6:30 pm Choir

**Thursday, August 24**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
9:30 am UMW Friendship Circle  
6:30 pm Finance Committee  
7:00 pm Book Club

**Friday, August 25**  
5:00 pm Friendship Class Social

**SUNDAY, August 20, 2017**  
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship  
**Matthew 7:24-27**  
*"Who Am I Becoming?"*  
*"From The Ground Up"*  
**Rev. Mike Holly**

**Daily Scripture Readings**  
Sunday—Galatians 3:6-14 and Psalm 145  
Monday—Mark 11:12-26  
Tuesday—Mark 11:27-12:12  
Wednesday—Mark 12:13-27  
Thursday—Mark 12:28-34  
Friday—Mark 12:35-44  
Saturday—Mark 13:1-13

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**Ushers**  
8:45 Footsteps 11:00 Davis  
**Acolyte**  
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Mary Lynn Williamson  
**Greeters:** New Light  
**Meal on Wheels:** Martin  
**Food Pantry September 6th:** Sumners  
**Midweek Meetup August 23rd:** Menu - Meat-loaf, wild rice, green beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

**Last Week's Record**

August 13, 2017

Children/Youth	79/45
Morning Worship	549
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$20,222.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$895,521.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$927,001.62
New Members in 2017	21

**10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN**  
January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$979.00
Received to Date	\$350,318.31

**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.