



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter September 3, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



We are so very excited about all that is happening this fall at Bluff Park UMC! We have newly renovated spaces for ministry and we have new studies and groups kicking off over the next few weeks. One of the biggest initiatives underway is the launch of our new worship service: The Gathering. The Chapel will soon be going through some changes to get it ready for the new worship service. Be looking for more information about the new service later this fall!

Joining a small group or Sunday school class is an important step in growing in your journey towards becoming a deeply committed follower of Jesus Christ! Our pastors are ready to help you find a place to plug in or even create a new group.

Don't forget that we also are encouraging you to develop regular practices of developing a deep and meaningful relationship with God. Our LIFETRACK daily Scripture readings and weekly prayer are available in Sunday's bulletin, in this newsletter and at our online blog: bluffparkumc.live.

Mike

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are very proud of our college graduates and are thankful that we can play a part in assisting them in furthering their education.

CRISTIN CROCKET SCHOLARSHIP

Matthew Cook, Ben Cathers, Brody Garrett

VICTOR HARBOR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

Corey Hart Ferguson, Tanner McReynolds, Grace Thomas

ELAINE ARMISTEAD CLINTON SCHOLARSHIP

Eleanor Armistead

JAMES MICHAEL GRISSOM SCHOLARSHIP

Shelby Henderson

BLUFF PARK UMC HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Treasure Adams, Jessica Cooch, Nayeli Pineda, Samantha Ward



Construction Work Has Begun



News of the Week

NEW HIRE ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to introduce Meghan Bohanan to our student ministry team. She will be serving as our logistics coordinator helping staff and parents with all the essential communication, reservations, and volunteer needs that make our ministry happen. She has previously served in the marketing and camping offices at Sumatanga, campus ministry at UAB, and in student ministry at several area churches in her career. She will be on the Youth Wing tomorrow afternoon and evening so be sure to come introduce yourself and welcome her to Bluff Park UMC.



FREE COMMUNITY CONCERT

The 55+ and Friends ministry at BPUMC is sponsoring a concert featuring Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins on September 24 @ 5pm. Dr. Joseph Hopkins is Dean of the School of Arts at Samford University. Joe, a baritone, and his wife Suzanne, a soprano, are gifted vocalists who desire to use their talents in worship and presenting great music of varied styles. Come and enjoy their exquisite talent as they share popular, Broadway, classical, traditional and contemporary songs. Invite a neighbor or friend for an inspiring evening! Reception following the performance in the Church Parlor.

TABLE OF HOPE - URBAN MINISTRY

Urban Ministry has expressed gratitude for the many ways that Bluff Park UMC has supported their ministries in West End. They are holding the Annual Table of Hope on September 21st downtown. Individuals tickets are available for purchase at the event website: www.tableofhope.swellgives.com

BPUMC BLOCK PARTY—SAVE THE DATE

On October 1st, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will be hosting a party—the 2017 BPUMC Block Party! 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! This is a fun free community event which is a perfect opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors.

THANK YOU FROM TOM DULEY

My family and I want to express our deepest thanks to all of you for the cards, emails and other words of support during our time of grief and loss. We especially want to thank you for your prayers during this time. It means so much to be a part of a Christian community that prays and supports us in the difficult moments of life. Certainly Bluff Park UMC is one of those communities. Please know that your support and prayers during the time of my father's passing have made a great difference for us. Thank you.

THANK YOU

The family of John Calloway is grateful to the church family for their many kind expressions of sympathy.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Rick and Tina Hardy on the passing of their grandson Isaac Wells on August 23rd. We, as a congregation, have been praying for Isaac and his parents, Allison and Wes Wells, for several months. Isaac was born at 8:42 am on August 23rd and passed away early that same afternoon. Our prayers continue to be with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Robert Weaver—VA
Harold Bailey—Aspire
Ed Cox—Aspire

Memorials

BUILDING FUND

Stretch Dunn by Joan Dunn

Chuck and Kammy Cain by Charles and Patty Cain

Opal Humphrey by Jack and Sue Pearson

FOOD PANTRY

John Calloway by Canterbury Class

MUSIC FUND

John Calloway by Terry and Ann Bice

OPERATING BUDGET

Opal Humphrey by Bill and Peggy Best, Brookwood Medical Auxiliary, Sally Frederickson

John Calloway by Battle Miller Construction, Kess Fabian, Homer Greer, Heath, April and Mary Catherine Stephens

Tom Lyle by Pony Green

George Robert Duley by Lewis and Virginia Archer

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

John Calloway by Curtis and Paula Thompson

Nancy Lacey by JB and Frankie Thrasher

George Robert Duley by Paula and Curtis Thompson

SENIORS MINISTRY

Opal Humphrey by Mary Bess Clark Price and Family, M. Taylor Clark, Jr. and Family

VIM

George Robert Duley by Jan Harris

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Nancy Lacey by Tim and Connie Gruber

Honorariums

OPERATING BUDGET

Charlie Trucks by Martha Leard

Ryan Gibson by Pony Green

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

Joy Raines Thrash by Bob and Pan Cahoon

ROOM 35226

Reagan Gossett and PK4 Kids by Richard and Derilda Joiner

SCHOLARSHIP

Judy Gibson by Pony Green

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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?

READING TUTOR OPPORTUNITY: 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!

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup happens every Wednesday Night from 5:00-7:30. While our Nursery/Preschool aged children's schedule will remain the same as last year (drop off anytime after 5:30 in the Preschool Hall, where the children will enjoy music, Bible time, and recreation!), we have changed our Elementary aged children's schedule at Midweek Meetup to allow children more time to eat with their families. The new Elementary Schedule is as follows: 5:00-6:00 Dinner in Fellowship Hall, 6:00-6:30 Choir in Hudson Hall, 6:30-7:15 Bible Study/Story Time in Children's Wing, 7:15-7:30 Recreation on Playground or Gym.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Elementary Sunday School lesson this week will be on King Saul and the Preschool Sunday School will be participating in their Mission Sunday.

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 6:30PM: HOLY GROUND WORSHIP As usual, 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 is Decades, from the 50's to today! Each week will feature music and a message incorporating a different decade, no clue what we're talking about? Come check it out and why not bring a friend!?

DON'T FORGET... WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK! With the arrival of September, we start our optional Girls, Guys, & Coed Small Groups on Wednesdays: 6-6:30pm.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING 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 Thursday-Friday, November 9-10: *One Night for the Homeless*, Friday-Sunday, November 17-19: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 3rd, 10:00am

Sunday School in the Youth Wing

No Sunday afternoon or evening activities due to Labor Day weekend!

Wednesday, September 6th, 4:30pm

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 6th, 6:00pm-6:30pm

Small Groups

Wednesday, September 6th, 6:30pm

Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6TH

BEGINNING COMPUTER: This class is taught by Pat Goff of Technology with a Twist 4 PM in the Seekers Classroom.

TECHNOLOGY TECH: BPUMC Youth will meet you in the Fireside Room at 5 PM to personally assist you with your cell phone, iPad, laptop or other technology.

INTERIOR DESIGN: Taught by our own, Joan Dunn. Learn the basics of great interior design.

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

September 7 Ellen Seltz, Actress and Published Writer ~ Tells about her Mystery Novels and how she creates them.

September 14 London: A City for the Ages - Niki Sepsas, Tour Guide and Historian will show us London.

September 21 Audrey Lindquist, Television Fashion Consultant ~ Latest Men and Women's fashions for Fall

September 28 Dr. Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, BSC Music Professor, Host of EWTN's "In Concert" and Dr. Jeremy Grall, Guitarist and Musicologist @ BSC will perform together.



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The Week of September 3—9

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4—Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 am Food Pantry
4:00 pm Technology with a Twist
5:00 pm Youth Tech Hour
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:30 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Designing Interiors
6:30 pm Holy Strollers
6:30 pm Sunday's Sermon Unpacked
6:30 pm What's Your Story
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, September 7

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Yoga

Friday, September 8

12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

SUNDAY, September 3, 2017

8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship

Romans 12:9-21

"Genuine Love"

Rev. Angela Martin

LIFETRACK

Sunday—1 Timothy 4:7b-16 and Psalm 114

Monday—James 2:1-13

Tuesday—James 2:14-26

Wednesday—James 3:1-12

Thursday—James 3:13-4:12

Friday—James 4:13-5:6

Saturday—James 5:7-20

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Lawson

Acolyte

8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 Abby Gray

Cross

8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Charlie Redding

Meal on Wheels: Thomas

Food Pantry September 6th: Summers

Midweek Volunteers

Woodie Comer, Sally Holland, Canterbury Class

Midweek Meetup September 6th: Tailgate Nite—Wear your team colors! Menu -

Hotdogs and Hamburgers.

Last Week's Record

August 27, 2017

Children/Youth	127/58
Morning Worship	478
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$21,557.55
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$949,795.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$966,035.72
New Members in 2017	21

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$3,142.00
Received to Date	\$356,050.64

**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.