



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter September 10, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



On Sunday in worship, we begin a two-week sermon series entitled "We Can Work It Out." The intent is to look into the ways that the early church advised Christians to deal with conflict and controversy. While this advice can lead to stronger relationships and the blessings of living in a reconciled community, it is also advice that runs counter to our initial instincts. We often want to shut down opposing opinions or dissent. While this may seem like the right way forward, I have found in my own life is that I am not always the best judge of what is right and true. I need the voices of others who see the world from a different vantage point so that I may either grow and mature in faith and life or that I may come to a stronger conviction of the position I already held.

It is possible for us to be divided in some opinions and united in a shared mission. However, it is also possible to become divided as a family or even as a community if we can not find ways to work out the core issues we are facing. My hope and prayer is that no matter what - we can all work it out over time. I believe that it is possible because it has been done before and because we find in the early church that they cherished so deeply a church (a united body of Christ) committed to one another even through the darkest of times.

It takes a lot of emotional and spiritual energy to do as Paul guides us and "bear with one another" as Colossians 3 tells us. But that energy is well spent if it leads to a church united!

Mike



HELP NEEDED FOR BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF

Attention Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and youth who need service hours.

The Bargains on the Bluff consignment sale needs your help and there are lots of ways to get involved! Volunteer to work a shift (or 2) and shop before the public sale! All shifts are 3 hours. Visit www.bargainsonthebluff.com or email bargainsonthebluff@gmail.com to volunteer!

The public sale takes place Friday, September 22nd, from 9am-6pm and Saturday, September 23rd, from 9am-2pm.



United Methodist Committee On Relief

HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

We will be receiving a special offering during the month of September to assist those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Our offering will be donated to the United Methodist Committee on Relief which means that 100% of what you give will be used to help the victims of the disaster. Please mark your checks as "Advance #901440" "Hurricane Harvey" or "UMCOR".

News of the Week



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

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

Sunday, September 10th, from 10-11am in the Sanctuary, we will have a special guest from the Church of the Reconciler: Rev. R. G. Lyons. Church of the Reconciler is a multicultural, multiracial United Methodist congregation in the heart of Birmingham. It is a ministry by, with, and for the homeless of our city. Rev. Lyons will speak about the work of the church and ways to get involved.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Robert Weaver—VA
Harold Bailey—Aspire
Ed Cox—Aspire
Christian Cooper—Brookwood



ANNUAL BPUMC BLOCK PARTY

October 1st

4:00-6:00pm

We are 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.



2017 BPUMC Fun Run for Neverthirst

Put on your running shoes and help provide clean water to people who need it.

On Sunday, October 1, we are holding a one-mile Fun Run here in Bluff Park. This event is open to the whole family - all ages can join in! The early registration fee is \$20 up until September 17th. Early registration guarantees you a t-shirt in your size. You can also register on the day of the event. Net proceeds from this event go to support Neverthirst.

Sign-in, t-shirt pick-up and on-site registration will take place in the church parking lot at 4:00pm, and the run starts at 5:30pm. The church Block Party will also be going on at this time, so come early to enjoy the free events and food!

Visit BluffParkUMC.org/funrun to register for this event.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 David and the Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Moses Leading the People Out of Egypt!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our Children's Church lesson this week will be "As a Follower of Christ, I will Stand Up for What is Right!"

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.

STUDENT MINISTRY

YOUTH FAMILY TAILGATE PARTY! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, FROM 5PM - 7PM Bring in the Fall Semester with games & food as our students, parents, and staff get to know each other better. Wear your team colors (high school, college or pro). Eat supper with us. We'll provide the main dishes and the lemonade. Bring a favorite football tailgate side or dessert to share. Participate in the Parent or Student Division of the Punt-Pass-Kick Competition (you can win a prize!) Let us know you are coming and what you are bringing. (Reply to mbohanan@bpumc.org) But you're welcome to come regardless, we'd just love to see you there!

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 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!?

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 10th, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, September 10th, 4:00pm-5:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, September 10th, 5:00pm-7:00pm	Youth Family Tailgate Party!
Wednesday, September 13th, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 13th, 6:00pm-6:30pm	Small Groups
Wednesday, September 13th, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

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 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 10—16

Sunday, September 10
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Church of the Reconciler
Guest Speaker
10:00 am Preschool Children's
Parent Meeting
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Family Tailgate Party

Monday, September 11
9:00 am UMW
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, September 12
8:30 am Maintenance
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, September 13
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 14
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Yoga

SUNDAY, September 10, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
Colossians 3:12-15
*"We Can Work It Out (Part 1):
Bear With One Another"*
Rev. Mike Holly

LIFETRACK
Sunday—Acts 4:18-31 and Psalm 103
Monday—Philippians 1:1-11
Tuesday—Philippians 1:12-30
Wednesday—Matthew 2:1-12
Thursday—Matthew 2:13-23
Friday—Matthew 3:1-12
Saturday—Matthew 3:13-17

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover
Acolyte
8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Beverly Redding
Cross
8:45 Matthew Pitts 11:00 Tate Turner
Greeters: Seekers
Meal on Wheels: Martin
Food Pantry October 4th: Steve and Kay
Midweek Volunteers
Woodie Comer, Ashley Smith, Gene Glass,
Wesley Forum Class
Midweek Meetup September 13th: Menu -
Fried chicken, rice, green beans, baked chick-
en, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for
the kids.

Last Week's Record

September 3, 2017

Children/Youth	75/62
Morning Worship	367
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$20,578.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$976,932.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$986,613.72
New Members in 2017	21

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

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$2,369.00
Received to Date	\$358,419.64

**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 en-
trance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.