



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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



**B**luff Park United Methodist Church is comprised of generous disciples of Jesus Christ! We have so many dedicated people who make a difference and I am so honored and so blessed to be one of the pastors here. Yes, we had a tremendous outpouring of generosity on the first Sunday of this month in both worship services. We decided that the communion rail offering should go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to support disaster response and recovery from Hurricane Harvey and the threat looming with Hurricane Irma. Our church family donated \$10,000 to UMCOR in one Sunday!

Financial donations are not the only way we are reaching out to help. People have donated flood buckets and other needed items too. One United Methodist Women's Circle went to the Hoover Met this week and fed the evacuees that were there. As I write this newsletter article, members of our church are gathering on Tuesday afternoon to prepare a nutritious meal and take it down to the Church of the Reconciler to feed the hungry and homeless of Birmingham.

This is not to pat ourselves on the back and make us feel good about ourselves. This is a moment to be amazed at what God is doing through the people of our church family. True generosity comes deep from the heart. It comes from that place that only God can touch by His grace and love. My dear friends – allow God to work through you. You will see the impact in the lives around you... including your own.

## 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 is coming on Friday, September 22nd, from 9am-6pm and Saturday, September 23rd, from 9am-2pm. This sale is not only a great blessing to the families who take part in it, but it also raises money to support the children's ministry here at the church.

We need 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](http://www.bargainsonthebluff.com) or email [bargainsonthebluff@gmail.com](mailto:bargainsonthebluff@gmail.com) to volunteer!

BLUFF PARK UMC PRESENTS

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BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF

A MOM and ME Consignment Sale Event

**THURSDAY, September 21st 2-7 PM**  
Preview Sale - Consignors & Volunteers only

**FRIDAY, September 22nd 9-6 PM, PUBLIC Sale**

**\*SATURDAY, September 23rd 9-2 PM, PUBLIC Sale**

\*25% Off on Select Items

# 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. Come and enjoy a mix of popular, Broadway, classical, traditional and contemporary songs. Invite a neighbor or friend! Reception following the performance in the Church Parlor.

## WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK!

Clean-up after Bargains on the Bluff AND the initial set-up for the work in the chapel is coming at the same time on Sunday, September 24th. You can donate your time that afternoon to help move the pews out of the Chapel and to help clean up from the consignment sale that helps fund our Vacation Bible School ministry and B4 Summer Camps for kids.

## LAITY SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday in worship, September 24th, and hear as members share their stories of faith and life.

## BECKY WALKER'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

Due to the Senate Primary Runoff on 9/26, we have to move the location of the first meeting of Becky Walker's Bible Study on Moses. To the Fireside Room instead of the Fellowship Hall.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Robert Weaver—VA  
Brett Wood—MD Anderson



## HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

We will be receiving a special offering during the month of September to assist those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. 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 Relief" or "UMCOR".

## FLOOD BUCKETS

In addition to receiving much needed financial offerings to help people recovering from recent hurricanes, we continue to collect "Flood Buckets" for distribution to people cleaning up after the storms. Visit the church website to download instructions for creating a flood bucket, or pick up a printout from the church office or Welcome Center in the narthex.

# Block Party

## October 1st 4:00-6:00pm



Free hotdogs, chips and drinks;  
carnival games and prizes,  
inflatables, velcro wall, trackless  
train, music, and facepainting.

**A Free Neighborhood Event**  
[www.BluffParkUMC.org](http://www.BluffParkUMC.org)



## 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:** Elementary Sunday School will be visiting the community garden for the last time this year and the Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Moses and the Ten Commandments!"

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our Children's Church lesson this week will be "As a Follower of Christ, I will Show Mercy/Forgiveness!"

**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](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org).

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**SERVE NIGHT & ICE CREAM! SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH** This month for Serve Night we'll be sorting supplies for our local schools, stocking the food pantry, making sandwiches to deliver to the homeless and creating more flood buckets. When we're done, bring a little spending money because we'll stroll over to Bluff Park Ice Cream Shoppe for some sweet treats!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS ARE IN FULL SWING!** For our students to be able to connect and get to know each other better, we encourage them to plug into a small group before Holy Ground Worship from 6 'til 6:30. They can chose from girls only, guys only or coed groups which are each led by our fantastic adult volunteers!

**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. Come check it out and why not bring a friend!?

**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** Wednesday, October 25th: *Halloween Carnival*, Thursday-Friday, November 9-10: *One Night for the Homeless*, Friday-Sunday, November 17-19: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 17th, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, September 17th, 4:00pm-5:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, September 17th, 5:00pm-7:00pm	Serve Night & Bluff Park Ice Cream Shoppe
Wednesday, September 20th, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 20th, 6:00pm-6:30pm	Small Groups
Wednesday, September 20th, 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 21	<b>Audrey Lindquist</b> , Television Fashion Consultant ~ Latest Men and Women's fashions for Fall
September 28	<b>Dr. Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw</b> , 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 17—23**

**Sunday, September 17**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
3:00 pm Worship Committee

**Monday, September 18**  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

**Tuesday, September 19**  
8:00 am Holie Walkamolies  
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

**Wednesday, September 20**  
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  
6:00 pm Sewing Group Interest Meeting  
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 21**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
6:30 pm Yoga

**Friday, September 22**  
9:00 am-6:00 pm Bargains on the Bluff

**Saturday, September 23**  
9:00 am-2:00 pm Bargains on the Bluff

**SUNDAY, September 17, 2017**  
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship  
**Ephesians 4:25-32**  
*"We Can Work It Out (Part 2):  
Forgive Like God"*  
**Rev. Mike Holly**

**LIFETRACK**  
Sunday—Acts 5:34-42 and Psalm 34  
Monday—Matthew 4:1-11  
Tuesday—Matthew 4:12-17  
Wednesday—Matthew 4:18-25  
Thursday—Matthew 5:1-10  
Friday—Matthew 5:11-16  
Saturday—Matthew 5:17-20

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**Ushers**  
8:45 McDonald 11:00 Lawson  
**Acolyte**  
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Ellie Blanchard  
**Cross**  
8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Molly Vann  
**Greeters: Vitality**  
**Meal on Wheels: Chambers**  
**Food Pantry October 4th: Steve and Kay**  
**Midweek Volunteers**  
Woodie Comer, Jim Ketchersid, Fisherman Class  
**Midweek Meetup September 20th: Menu -**  
Hamburger steak with peppers, creamed potato, black eyed peas, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

**Last Week's Record**

September 10, 2017	
Children/Youth	94/53
Morning Worship	441
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$32,189.80
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,004,069.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,018,803.52
New Members in 2017	21
<b>10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN</b>	
January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019	
Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$21,937.69
Received to Date	\$380,357.33

**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.