



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter September 24, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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October is around the corner. We have so many wonderful events during the month of October to look forward to, such as the second annual Community Block Party on Sunday, October 1st. We will have great food, inflatables, fun and the Fun Run for NeverThirst from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on the first of October. I hope you will all come out and enjoy the fun as well as to be good neighbors to the folks from the 35226 who come as well. If you are interested in volunteering with the Block Party, contact our main office as soon as possible! Our church family will also be getting ready for some guest speakers at Midweek Meet-up as well as our annual Halloween Carnival!

It is also the season of planning for the future of our church. If you are interested in serving in a servant role in 2018, please contact me at the church's main office or send me an e-mail (mholly@bpumc.org). We will have a Charge Conference on Sunday, October 15th, to make our initial steps into planning a new year of ministry and mission together. Please be in prayer about how you can invest in the work of the Kingdom of God, invest in our church family, and serve in ministry and mission.

Please also continue to be in prayer for the people affected by the recent hurricanes and storms. Our church has sent over \$10,000 to the United Methodist Committee on Relief that is already on the ground helping those in need. You can continue to make donations to the church and you can participate in purchasing the items needed for a flood bucket. The instructions are on our website. Many blessings as we move further into the fall at Bluff Park UMC!

Mike



BPUMC 55+ AND FRIENDS PRESENTS

Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Bluff Park United Methodist Church Sanctuary
Concert Begins @ 5pm - A Reception Follows

News of the Week

LAITY SUNDAY

Join us on Sunday in worship, September 24th, and hear as members share their stories of faith and life. There will be special music lead by the Men's Chorus.

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.

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.

OFFERING OF BLANKETS

During the month of October we will once again be collecting blankets to share with our homeless neighbors this winter. There will be a table set up in the Narthex on Sunday mornings to receive blankets or you can bring yours by the church office during the week.

COFFEE WITH THE PASTORS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Bluff Park United Methodist Church? You are invited to join the pastors on October 1st at 10am for coffee and conversation. Get to know the pastoral team and ask any questions that you might have about our church!

DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Recent storms produced extensive flooding and wind damage across Texas and Florida. 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 Thursday, October 5th, from 8:30am-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.)

CHARGE CONFERENCE

The members of the Board of Stewards will be gathering on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

BUNDLES OF HOPE DIAPER DRIVE

The Bundles of Hope 'Stuff the Bus' diaper drive was a wonderful success. 207,651 diapers were donated. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to this effort.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Phyllis Johnston on the passing of her husband Ted on September 5th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Robert Weaver—VA
Brett Wood—UAB

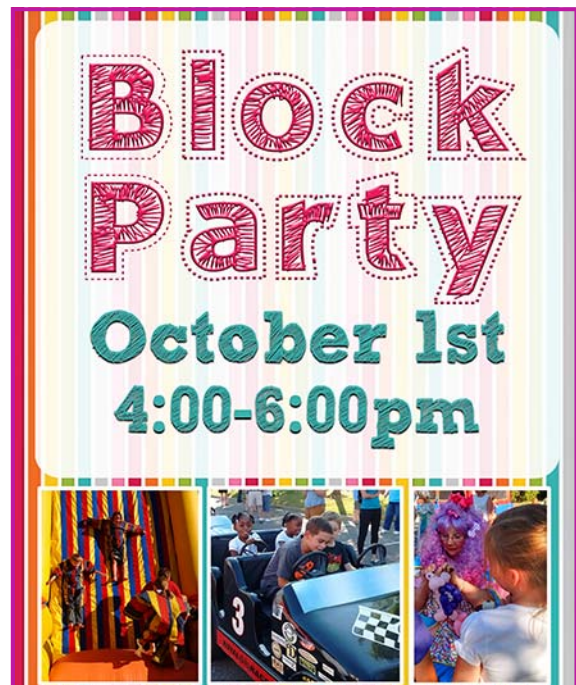


HURRICANE RELIEF OFFERING

We are 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.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Mission Trip/Field Trip: Our next Mission/Field Trip will be on Monday, October 9th (Columbus Day)! We will be taking the children to buy blankets for our church's Homeless Blanket Drive and then we will be going to the Great Pumpkin Patch in Haden, AL. There the children will get to pick their very own Pumpkin, take a Hayride, play on inflatables, tour the petting zoo, and enjoy the beautiful Fall weather. This mission/field trip is open to Kindergarten-5th grade and the cost is \$30 per child. Drop off begins at 7:30 am and pick up ends at 5:30 pm. Email Melissa at mhendon@bpumc.org if you would like to register (Only 26 spots available!).

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 putting together Flood Buckets for our monthly Mission Sunday and the Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho!"

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

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

THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH: FIRE & ICE NIGHT! This Sunday, enjoy our usual free snack supper followed by an outdoor devotional and your choice of Fire: (hot chocolate) or Ice: (an ice cream sundae bar)!

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 27TH, 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 24th, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, September 24th, 4:00pm-5:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, September 24th, 5:00pm-7:00pm	Fire & Ice Night
Wednesday, September 27th, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, September 27th, 6:00pm-6:30pm	Small Groups
Wednesday, September 27th, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

FALL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

October 10 **Trip to the Montgomery Home of Zelda and F. Scott Fitzgerald.** Visit Alabama Old Town ~ Lunch at Central Restaurant 10 AM - 4 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES SEPTEMBER 13—OCTOBER 18

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.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

Programs - 10 AM - Thursdays - Fireside Room - All are Welcome!

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.

October 5 **Judy Bates** WBRC News Bargainomics Expert, Judy will teach us about "Bargains in Birmingham."



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The Week of September 24—30

Sunday, September 24
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins Concert

Monday, September 25
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
10:00 am UMW Joy Circle

Tuesday, September 26
7:30 am US Senate Primary Runoff Election
8:00 am Holie Walkamolies
9:30 am Moses Bible Study
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, September 27
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 Moses Bible Study
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 28
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
9:30 am UMW Friendship Circle
6:30 pm Yoga
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Book Club

SUNDAY, September 24, 2017
Laity Sunday
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Faith Stories"

LIFETRACK
Sunday—Luke 3:7-18 and Psalm 93
Monday—Matthew 5:21-26
Tuesday—Matthew 5:27-37
Wednesday—Matthew 5:38-48
Thursday—Matthew 6:1-18
Friday—Psalm 34
Saturday—Matthew 6:19-24

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Youth
Acolyte
8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 CJ Lorino
Cross
8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Riley Jones
Greeters: Wesley Forum
Meal on Wheels: Shultz/Hardy
Food Pantry October 4th: Steve and Kay
Midweek Volunteers
Woodie Comer, Marcia Bearden, Covenant Class
Midweek Meetup September 27th: Menu - Lasagna, corn on the cob, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

Last Week's Record

September 17, 2017

Children/Youth	86/55
Morning Worship	481
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,196.22
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,031,206.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,037,999.74
New Members in 2017	24

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

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$5,503.33
Received to Date	\$387,860.66

**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.