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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter November 5, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Remembering Our Saints

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Shirley White

Sarah Young

Dixie Youngblood

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, enjoyed and celebrated All Saints Day. In a journal entry from November 1, 1767, Wesley calls it "a festival I truly love." On the same day in 1788, he writes, "I always find this a comfortable day."

On All Saints Day, let us give thanks for both the saints in glory and those on earth, who have led us to Jesus. As they have shared the gospel with us, may we add our voices so someone else may hear about the grace and love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This Sunday, November 5, join us in both morning worship services as we remember the saints of Bluff Park

News of 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 November 5th at 10am for coffee and conversation. Get to know the pastoral team and ask any questions that you might have about our church! RSVP to the church office at 822-0910 or batkins@bpumc.org.

CHARGE CONFERENCE UPDATE

By a unanimous vote at the 2017 Charge Conference on October 22, 2017, the Board of Stewards will be renamed the "Church Council" so that our main voting body's name is in agreement with the United Methodist Book of Discipline. At Charge Conference, we also approved our leadership for 2018 and approved the salaries for our appointed pastors as well. We will share more news about the Charge Conference in a future newsletter. We are ready for a great year in 2018!

HAM MOUNTAIN IS HERE!

During the month of November, we will be collecting canned hams for Ham Mountain. These hams will be distributed through the Bluff Park UMC food bank on December 6th. Look for the Ham Mountain display in the Narthex beginning November 5th. Ham Mountain is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bluff Park UMC gym on Sunday, November 12th, from 7:30am - 12:30pm. Please make time to stop by and give the gift of life. A Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID is required to make a donation. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit their website at RedCrossBlood.org and use the keyword BPUMC.

THE FESTIVAL OF THREE KINGS

The Festival of Three Kings is an annual opportunity for us to help others experience the joy of Christmas by providing gifts to children. These children will most likely not receive any Christmas gifts without our help. If you would like to sponsor a child, you will receive a "wishlist" to assist you in shopping. You may sponsor a child individually or as a Sunday School class, family or other group. Each sponsor is asked to spend no more than \$100 per child. If you prefer, you can sponsor a child with a contribution by bringing a check marked Festival of Three Kings to the Finance Office at the church and leave the shopping to us. The gifts will be due back to Bluff Park UMC no later than Sunday, December 3. Sign up lists will be in each Sunday School Class and at the Narthex Welcome Center this Sunday and the wishlists will be available in early November. Please call Debi Whitcomb (979-7626) if you have any questions.

STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING

Join us for a State of the Church meeting on November 12th at 5:00pm.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Linda Bailey—UAB West



Memorials

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Ted Johnston by Charles and Esther Stephens
Mary Lee Monroe by Charles and Esther Stephens
John Calloway by Charles and Esther Stephens

BUILDING FUND

Ted Johnston, by Jo Ann and Preston Huddleston
Mary Lee Monroe, by Jo Ann and Preston Huddleston
George Duley, by Jo Ann and Preston Huddleston

UNDER THE BRIDGE

Toni Cator by JB and Frankie Thrasher

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP

Robert McClure, by Curtis and Paula Thompson; Ellen Kerns; John & Debra Whitcomb; Phi Mu Auburn Girls; Angela Banzhag, Katie Hulse, Katie Burns, Mandy McCall, Cthi Thompson, Missy Johnson, Dee Dee Keller, Ashley Ondresky, Libby Pratt and Molly Ray; Mrs. M.T. Bice; Bill & Paulette Pearson, Olivia Howard, Jean Glaze, Tina Clifford, Jill Patton, George & Alice Singleton, Leslie & Rhonda Gibson, Carl, Marcia, Laura and Shannon Montgomery, Susan Erwin, Armand and Kathy Crowder, Beleta and William Anderson, Bill & Faye Street, John & Sue Irwin, Marshall &

Gloria Davis, Donna & Jeffrey Schilly, Ruth Ann Embrey, Don & Lynn Davis, Anthony & Diana Adamson, Gladys Adamson, Deborah & John Massey, Tim and Ellen Finley, Jimmy Faye and Daniel McFadden, Ernest and Debbie Patterson, Billy & Gloria Mitchum, Joann and Joseph Rome, Jim & Cheryl Beckham, Pam and Craig Stephan, Dave and Dianne Penson

SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Ted Johnston, by Preston & Ann York

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sam Prudhomme, by Mrs. MT Bice

Honorariums

OPERATING FUND

Mike Holly, by James and Rebecca McCrary

YOUTH MINISTRY

Jennie Alley, by Debra McCallum

UMCOR

Robert McClure, by Curtis and Paula Thompson

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MISSION TRIP/FIELD TRIP: Our next mission trip/field trip will be on Friday, November 10th. We will be going Bowling, eating lunch at CiCi's Pizza, and then buying Christmas gifts for three children we have sponsored through the Festival of the Three Kings. Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 10:00, and pickup will be at the church between 4:30 and 5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible as we only have 26 spots available.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS: Bring your family, friends, blankets, and tailgating chairs to the the Bluff Park UMC Playground on Friday, November 10th from 6:00-8:00 for a family movie night under the stars! We will be showing a family friendly movie on a large screen and everyone that comes will receive popcorn, a drink, and hot chocolate. You don't want to miss it!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Elementary Sunday School lesson will be on "Jonah" and Preschool Sunday School will be participating in its monthly 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 at mhendon@bpumc.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 5:00PM-7:00PM: ALL SAINTS NIGHT + FIRE & ICE After our free snack supper at 5pm, come celebrate All Saints Night with us, followed by your choice of Fire (Hot Chocolate Bar) or Ice (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!

THIS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 6:30PM: HOW FAITH PLAYS OUT IN SPORTS 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 with guest speakers including Katie Norris and Jake Smith to dive into the unique topic of how faith plays a role in various sports.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH - 10TH: ONE NIGHT FOR THE HOMELESS & VETERANS A recent study found on the Firehouse Shelter's website stated that the Birmingham Metro area has over 2,900 homeless residents. And around 20% of those are veterans. As winter approaches, they need basic supplies like coats, hats, gloves, socks and blankets. The students of Bluff Park United Methodist Church want to play a pivotal role in collecting these things from members of our community. On Thursday night, November 9th, students from their ministry will sleep outside in boxes with the hope of achieving three goals: First, to bring awareness to the plight and needs of the homeless in our community. Second, to collect needed supplies for area homeless ministries. Third, to share information on veterans' resources that are available in our community. Students will accept donations of winter clothing (gently used coats, gloves, caps, and blankets and new socks and underwear) throughout the night and into the next morning. Not only will students gain a brief glimpse into what it is like to be dependent on the help of others for their most basic needs but they will also collect much needed resources for others in our community. Supplies can be dropped off any time between Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. in the church parking lot.

SAVE THESE DATES Friday-Sunday, November 17-19: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga.*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 5th, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, November 5th, 4:00pm-5:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, November 5th, 5:00pm-7:00pm	All Saints Night + Fire & Ice
Wednesday, November 8th, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, November 8th, 6:00pm-6:30pm	Small Groups
Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30pm - 7:30pm	Holy Ground Worship
Thursday-Friday, November 9th-10th	One Night For The Homeless & Veterans

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH: Sunday, November 12 at Noon in the Church Parlor we will gather to honor our Veterans!

TRIP TO THE GREENBRIAR SHOP: Tuesday, November 14 we are heading to Huntsville, Al for Shopping and Lunch. Meet at the Bus Stand, we leave at 10 AM.

DINNER FOR 55+: Enjoy conversation and candlelight in the Faith Classroom starting at 5 PM.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

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

November 9 **Veteran's Day Presentation** by Tour Guide and Historian, Niki Sepsas
November 16 **Samford University String Quartet**



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The Week of November 5—11

- Sunday, November 5**
- 8:45 am Morning Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Coffee With The Pastors
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
- Monday, November 6**
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl
- Tuesday, November 7**
- 8:00 am Holie Walkamolies
- 9:30 am Moses Bible Study
- 11:00 am Shepherd's Center Board Meeting
- 3:00 pm Tutoring Program
- Wednesday, November 8**
- 10:00 am What's Your Story Study
- 4:30 pm The Bible, UMC, and Politics
- 5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
- 5:30 pm Men's Chorus
- 6:00 pm Sewing Group
- 6:00 pm Handbell
- 6:00 pm Moses Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Sunday's Sermon Unpacked
- 6:30 pm Holy Strollers
- 6:30 pm Choir
- Thursday, November 9**
- 9:30 am Shepherd's Center
- 6:30 pm Yoga
- Friday, November 10**
- 7:30 am Children's Mission Field Trip
- 12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon
- 6:00 pm Family Movie Night
- Saturday, November 11**
- Daylight Saving Time Ends**

SUNDAY, November 5, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
Matthew 23:1-12
"Sanctified Consistency"
Rev. Angela Martin

LIFETRACK
 Sunday—Luke 12:22-31 and Psalm 29
 Monday—Matthew 13:36-43
 Tuesday—Matthew 13:44-52
 Wednesday—Matthew 13:53-58
 Thursday—Matthew 14:1-12
 Friday—Matthew 14:13-21
 Saturday—Matthew 14:22-36

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
 8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Lawson
Acolyte
 8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Charlie Redding
Cross
 8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 Beverly Redding
Greeters: Friendship
Meal on Wheels: Agent
Food Pantry December 6th: Kay and Sylvia
Midweek Volunteers
 Woodie Comer, Ashley Smith, Wesley Forum,
 Joy Shultz/Tina Hardy
Midweek Meetup November 8th: Menu—
 Roast beef, creamed potatoes, peas, baked
 chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken
 fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

October 29, 2017

Children/Youth	375/64
Morning Worship	475
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$20,789.80
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,194,028.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,170,359.74
New Members in 2017	27

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

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$4,030.00
Received to Date	\$415,222.99

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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 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.