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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter November 19, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Thanksgiving is a week away and the Bluff Park community will gather at Bluff Park Baptist Church on the evening of November 19th. We are in such a wonderful community and it is such a blessing to be able to unite in prayer and worship together. I hope you will all consider attending this special service.

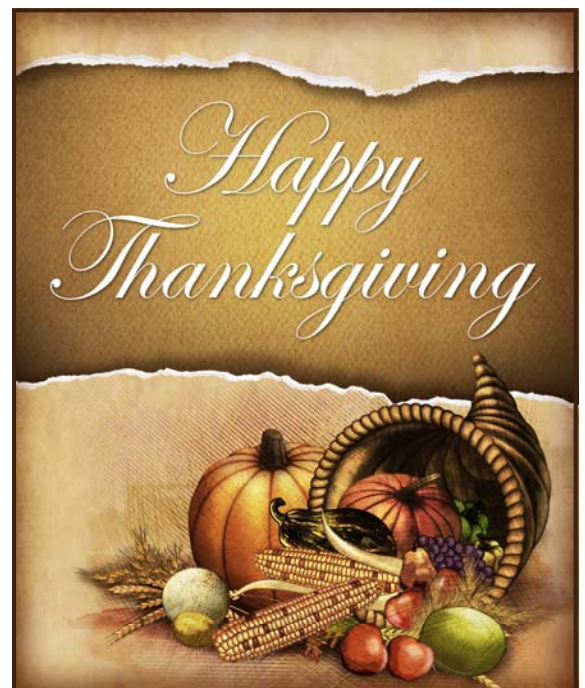
Christ the King Sunday is the following Sunday and we will gather together to celebrate God's goodness and mercy to the very end. But we must also come to the realization that God desires to be the very king of our hearts and lives as well. Christ and his way and life must be the very rule of our hearts.

My hope and prayer for each and every one of us is that we will have time to gather together to give thanks to God. And then, my hope and prayer is that we will not only get to observe the throne of Christ in the Rose Window in our Sanctuary – but also in the very center of each of our hearts.

Mike

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 19th at 5:00 pm at Bluff Park Baptist Church, 2211 McGwire Drive. Ministers from Bluff Park Baptist, Bluff Park United Methodist, Shades Crest Baptist, and St. Alban's Episcopal will be participating in the service. Donations of canned goods or financial offerings will be collected at this service and go completely to Green Springs Food Pantry. There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship after the service.



News of the Week

CHRISTMAS ON THE BLUFF

The Bluff Park United Methodist Church Choir presents their Eighth Annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10th, at 6:30 pm. This year's concert is titled "Come and See What's Happenin' in the Barn" and will take place in the church's main Sanctuary. Lonnie Parsons, Director of Worship Music for the church, will direct. The performance features the BPUMC Choir and Orchestra with Carole Armistead and Marcus Chatterton. Special Guests: 3 on a String, Kelli Dodd, and Anthony Hardin.

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.

ADVENT WREATH FAMILY WORKSHOP

Join us on Sunday, November 26th from 4:45-6:00 for an evening of family fellowship at BPUMC's Annual Advent Wreath Family Workshop. We will be making Advent Wreaths, eating dinner, and doing a short Advent Wreath devotional together. Cost is \$20 per family and includes Advent Wreath, Dinner, and a family devotional book centered around your newly made wreath that can be used by your family throughout the Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you there! Register online:

BluffParkUMC.org/AdventWreathFamilyWorkshop

FESTIVAL OF THREE KINGS REMINDER

Festival of Three Kings gifts are due by Sunday, December 3rd! Please bring them to the church office.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

Advent Morning Prayer will begin on Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 AM in the sanctuary. This is a service of Prayer, Scripture and Holy Communion. The service will be held on each Wednesday morning of Advent (December 7, 14 and 21). The service lasts approximately 30 minutes.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Carolyn Schaefer who passed away on November 13th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.



THE GATHERING

at Bluff Park

Preview Worship Service

Sunday, November 19th

@ 11:00am

In the Newly Renovated

Chapel!



Christmas Poinsettias

Reserve your beautiful poinsettia now to remember or honor a loved one at Christmas. The cost is \$15.00 per plant payable to the church.

Deadline for ordering is December 10th.

In Honor Of: _____ by _____
In Memory of: _____ by _____

Return order form and payment to the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS STORY TIME: All of our Preschool children and their families are invited to a Christmas Story time on Friday, December 1st from 6:00-7:30 in Hudson Hall. Children can come in their Christmas PJ's and enjoy making Christmas ornaments and crafts, decorating and eating Christmas cookies, and hearing Christmas stories and singing Christmas songs with Mrs. Clause! You don't want to miss it!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND PARTY: The Children's Christmas Pageant and Party will be held on Sunday, December 3rd. The Pageant will begin at 5:00 in the sanctuary and will be immediately followed by a Party in the gym that will include snacks, Santa (!!!!), crafts, and a mission project! We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Elementary Sunday School lesson this week will be on "Jonah" and the Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Daniel and the Lion's Den."

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our lesson in Children's Church this week will be on "Thanksgiving."

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 WEEK: The Student Ministry will be away on our Annual Fall Retreat the weekend of November 17th-19th at Camp Sumatanga. There will be no evening youth activities Sunday, November 19th. Also, we won't have Wednesday, November 22nd evening or Sunday, November 26th evening activities due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Break. Please enjoy time with your family and friends and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

UPDATE ON ONE NIGHT FOR THE HOMELESS & VETERANS: We are extremely thankful for all of the students, volunteers, speakers and those who donated to help make One Night For The Homeless and Veterans a success! We collected over 25 large boxes full of coats, blankets, clothing and other items to be donated to local shelters and ministries to help our local friends in need this winter.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING FALL SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move deeper into 2017: Holy Ground Worship, the Fall Retreat 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 Sunday, December 17: *Christmas Caroling and Party!*

THIS WEEK

**Due to the Annual Fall Retreat and Thanksgiving Holiday
No Student Ministry Evening Activities The Week of Nov 19th-26th**

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

FRESH, FALL, PECANS FOR SALE

Just in time for Holiday Baking or Giving
One Pound Bags (Whole and Pieces) \$15.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

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

November 23 Thanksgiving Day—Church Closed

November 30 Shanna Black, Fairhaven Sales Director—New Buildings and Housing Options



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The Week of November 19—25

Sunday, November 19

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Covenant Class Breakfast
11:00 am The Gathering Preview
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, November 20

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Thursday, November 23—Thanksgiving Day

OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 24

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SUNDAY, November 19, 2017

8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship

Matthew 25:14-30

"Entrusted"

Rev. Tom Duley

LIFETRACK

Sunday—Luke 16:1-13 and Psalm 46

Monday—Matthew 17:1-13

Tuesday—Matthew 17:14-20

Wednesday—Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday—Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Friday—Matthew 18:10-20

Saturday—Matthew 18:21-35

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 McDonald 11:00 Lawson

Acolyte

8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Mary El Neal

Cross

8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Mary Lynn Williamson

Meal on Wheels: McCrary

Food Pantry December 6th: Kay and Sylvia

Last Week's Record

November 12, 2017

Children/Youth	95/61
Traditional Worship/Gathering	428/71
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$22,284.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,248,302.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,222,425.25
New Members in 2017	32

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$2,439.00
Received to Date	\$421,151.99

**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.