



Joy to the World BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

733 Valley Street Hoover, AL 35226 205.822.0910

December 3, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

Worship Services

Sunday Traditional Worship

Sundays @ 8:45am and 11:00am

The Gathering at Bluff Park

Sundays @ 11:00am

Lessons & Carols Service

Sunday, December 3rd @ 8:45 am and 11:00 am

Advent Morning Prayer

Thursday Mornings @ 7:30am

Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Worship

December 24th @ 10:00am

No Sunday School or Nursery

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

December 24th @ 4:00pm and 6:00pm

The Gathering at Bluff Park Candlelight & Communion

December 24th @ 6:00pm

Holiday Events and Activities

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 3rd @ 5:00pm

Christmas on the Bluff Choir Concert

December 10th @ 6:30pm

www.ChristmasInBluffPark.com

Our annual Christmas on the Bluff is always one of the best ways to prepare for the Christmas season! Lonnie Parsons and our choir always mix talent with creativity to offer a beautiful and meaningful expression of the hope and joy that promise of Jesus Christ brings to the whole world. This year, we have our eighth offering of Christmas on the Bluff with special guests Three on a String! Musical talent will join forces to tell the story of the birth of the Christ child and what it means for us.

Christmas on the Bluff is designed to be the kind of event that your friends and neighbors will want to participate in and so I hope that you will spread the word and invite those around you! You can direct people to the website: ChristmasInBluffPark.com. You can also share any of the social media posts about Christmas on the Bluff. You do not have to be a member of Bluff Park UMC to enjoy the music and presentation of the story of the birth of Jesus Christ! Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 10th, for Christmas on the Bluff!

SAVE THE DATE

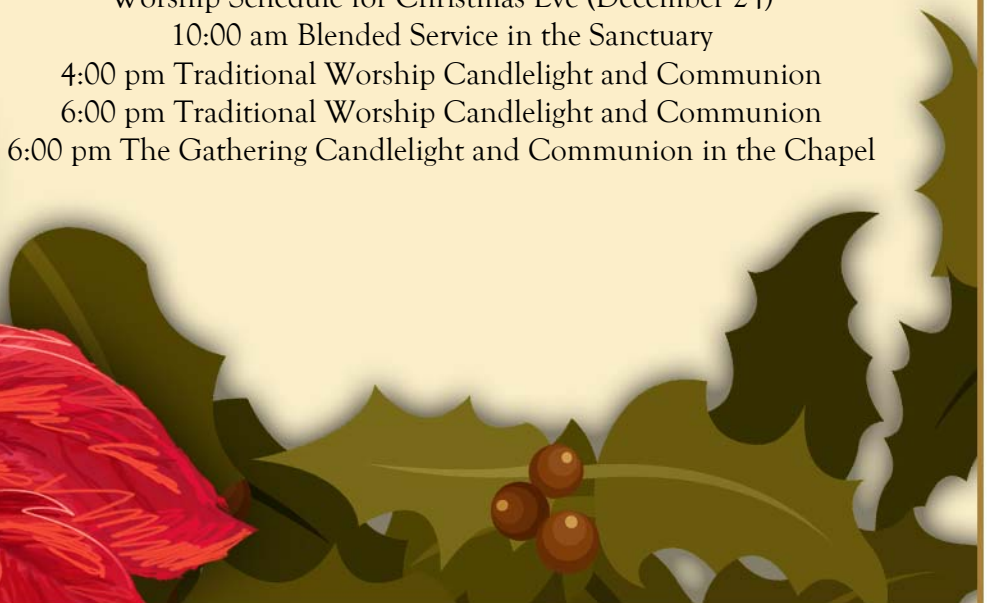
Worship Schedule for Christmas Eve (December 24)

10:00 am Blended Service in the Sanctuary

4:00 pm Traditional Worship Candlelight and Communion

6:00 pm Traditional Worship Candlelight and Communion

6:00 pm The Gathering Candlelight and Communion in the Chapel



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: **Three on a String**, Kelli Dodd, and Anthony Hardin.

SHOP ONLINE AND SUPPORT BPUMC

Bluff Park United Methodist is an available charity on the Amazon Smile program. Visit the smile.amazon.com website and select BPUMC as your designated charity. Then, when you order products, a donation will be made to support our ministries. Visit the Smile website for more details.

FESTIVAL OF THREE KINGS REMINDER

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

FRESH, FALL, PECANS FOR SALE

Just in time for Holiday Baking or Giving. One Pound Bags (Whole and Pieces) \$15. BPUMC Fundraiser for 55+ and Friends Ministry. Available in the Narthex Sunday Mornings and at the Christmas on the Bluff Concert.

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 Thursday morning of Advent (December 7, 14 and 21). The service lasts approximately 30 minutes.

2018 ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted in the church office. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. Dates available include: January 7, 21, and February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Bill Rabb—Brookwood
Geoff Huddleston—St. Vincent's

Memorials

BUILDING FUND

Laverne Boles, by Opportunity Class
Louise White, by Opportunity Class

FOOD PANTRY

Orrin Wandsnider, by Canterbury Class
Ted Johnston, by Ken and Kay Adams
Mr. and Mrs. James D. Abston, by Daniel and Jimmie Faye McFadden

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP

Robert McClure, by Walter and Virginia Bell, Cliff and Susan Fleming, Thomas and Janis Bailey, Lynn Jackson, Sherri and David Mewbourne

CHRISTIAN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP

Jack Ray Crockett, by Harry and Peggy Hill

Honorariums

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Julie Holly, by Curtis and Paula Thompson

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



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

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!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT: The Children's Ministry will be hosting a Parents Night Out on Saturday, December 9th from 3pm-8pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to get some Christmas shopping done or go on a date! This event is for 6 weeks through fifth grade. The cost is \$20 for the first kid and a total of \$30 max per family. We will be playing outside, in the gym and everywhere we can! We will also watch Christmas Movies and eat dinner. Please register by emailing Melissa at mhendon@bpumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Elementary Sunday School will be singing Christmas Carols during Sunday School and the Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "Jesus is Born!"

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

STUDENT MINISTRY DURING ADVENT With Midweek Meals on hiatus until January, holiday responsibilities and our students approaching their final exams, we change up the pace for December. We will not have Wednesday small groups but Holy Ground will continue for a 3 week Advent message series. We will be exploring favorite Christmas movies with our students, good times will be had by all! We will take two Sunday nights off for church-wide events and then will go caroling and have a Christmas party on December 17th.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH: IT'S FESTIVAL OF 3 KINGS TIME!!! We need student and adult volunteers to help sort, load and unload at the event (then probably sort again)! Email Meghan if you'd like to help at MBohanan@bpumc.org.

SAVE THESE DATES Saturday, December 9: *Festival of Three Kings*, Sunday, December 17: *Christmas Caroling and Party!* February 3-4, 2018: *Discovery Weekend*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec 3	No Afternoon/Evening Youth Programming
Wednesday, Dec 6, 4:30pm	HG Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, Dec 6, 5:30pm	Dinner & Hangout
Wednesday, Dec 6, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship
Saturday, Dec 9	Festival of Three Kings

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

55+ AND FRIENDS

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SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

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

December 5 **Trip to Anniston** - Shopping and Lunch at Classic on Noble - 9 AM - Bus Stand

December 7 **Alabama Ballet**—dances from the Nutcracker Ballet

December 14 **Harpist, Judy Sullivan Hicks** of the Alabama Symphony - "Music of the Angels"



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The Week of December 3—9

- Sunday, December 3**
- 8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Children's Pageant Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Children's Pageant
- 5:30 pm Churchwide Christmas Party
- Monday, December 4**
- 10:00 am Prayer Shawl
- Tuesday, December 5**
- 3:00 pm Tutoring Program
- Wednesday, December 6**
- 9:00 am Food Pantry
- 5:30 pm Men's Chorus
- 6:00 pm Handbell
- 6:30 pm Choir
- 6:30 pm Board of Trustees Meeting
- Thursday, December 7**
- 7:30 am Advent Morning Prayer
- 9:30 am Shepherd's Center
- 10:00 am Sewing Group
- 7:00 pm Book Club
- Friday, December 8**
- 12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon
- Saturday, December 9**
- 3:00 pm Festival of Three Kings
- Parent's Night Out

SUNDAY, December 3, 2017
8:45 and 11:00am Traditional Worship
"Lessons & Carols"
11:00am The Gathering
"Hanging of the Greens"

LIFETRACK
 Sunday—Luke 21:5-19 and Psalm 113
 Monday—Matthew 21:1-11
 Tuesday—Matthew 21:12-22
 Wednesday—Matthew 21:23-32
 Thursday—Matthew 21:33-46
 Friday—Matthew 22:1-14
 Saturday—Matthew 22:15-22

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
 8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality
Acolyte
 8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Julie Cate Gray
Cross
 8:45 Matthew Pitts 11:00 Abby Gray
Meal on Wheels: McCrary
Food Pantry December 6th: Kay and Sylvia

Last Week's Record

November 26, 2017

Children/Youth	58/40
Traditional Worship	415
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$14,658.55
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,302,576.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,258,256.99
New Members in 2017	32

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$3,500.00
Received to Date	\$427,065.32

**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.