



733 Valley Street
Hoover, AL 35226
205.822.0910

BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 28, 2018

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org

Dear Friends,
On Sunday, January 28, 2018, we will gather for worship and celebrate 110 years of ministry and mission as a church family here at Bluff Park United Methodist Church. I want to make sure that you know that you are invited to attend this important day in the life of our church! One hundred and ten years of faithfulness to God's call to our lives upon this bluff is something to celebrate!

In all three morning worship services, we will have a time to celebrate what God has done in and through us as well as to hear from special guest preachers! Author and futurist Dr. Leonard Sweet will give the message in our two Traditional Worship services in the main Sanctuary at 8:45 and 11:00 am.

Dr. Ron Martoia will share the message at The Gathering at Bluff Park, our new modern worship service in the Chapel at 11:00 am. Both Dr. Sweet and Dr. Martoia are leaders in the church and are mentors to a great many ministers in United Methodism. We are so very honored to have them with us on Celebration Sunday!

Because you are such an important part of our church family, I hope you will make every effort to attend Celebration Sunday this weekend!



Mike



January 28th @ 5:00pm
in the Chapel.

CHILI/COOKIE COOK-OFF

Get out those special family recipes and plan to participate in our Annual Chili/Cookie Cook-off scheduled for Sunday evening, January 28th, following the State of the Church Meeting. Entries should arrive in the fellowship hall by 5:30 so that judging can begin. There will be chili for all to eat, cool door prizes and we'll hear who claims the braggin' rights to the best chili and cookies in Bluff Park!! All ages are invited to participate.

News of the Week



GET ANSWERS TO THE TOUGH QUESTIONS

Dr. Dennis Sansom, Chair of Philosophy at Samford University, joins us on Wednesday nights in January to tackle your tough questions about Christianity and life. Bring your unanswered questions to the Church Parlor January 17, 24, 31 at 6:30 pm.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN MISSIONS

We are currently recruiting team members for two 2018 VIM teams. The first team will return to South Carolina to help folks who still haven't recovered from the effects of a major flood and two hurricanes. The dates for this trip are March 25-31, 2018. This will be a combined youth and adult team. The Chile team will return to Talca, Chile for the second year. We will continue work started last year as we help the Methodist Church of Talca with remodeling and an addition. The dates for this trip are June 29 - July 14, 2018. If you would like to be a member of either of these teams please speak to Tom Duley. He can be reached at 205-822-0910 ext 112 or tduley@bpumc.org.

BEYOND THE WESLEY CHALLENGE

The 21-Day Wesley Challenge has come to a close and we have had a fantastic response! We want to keep the daily engagement with scriptures going. If you signed up for the daily emails for the challenge, we invite you to subscribe to LifeTrack Daily. Each day you will receive an email with a morning and evening prayer and a morning and evening scripture reading. For those

who have been following the printed guide, the weekly LifeTrack prayers and readings will be printed in the bulletin. You can join the email list at BluffParkUMC.org/lifetrackdaily

LITTLE IMAGINATIONS REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the 2018-19 school year begins for church members on Monday, January 31st at 9:30 am. Visit the website for registration forms and more information. www.bluffparkpreschool.com

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Linda Bailey—UAB West
Annis Cammack—St. Vincent's



DISCOVERY WEEKEND

February 2-4, is an important time in the Student Ministry at Bluff Park UMC. High school and college students come together to lead middle school students on a spiritual formation retreat. Together, they will worship, talk, pray, and play together. Young people who have matured in their faith through the ministries of our church are coming together to encourage the students following behind them.

Discovery Weekend is an opportunity for the middle school students to experience the love that our congregation has for them. They are reminded, in very tangible ways, that they are an important part of the church. Church members are providing snacks, volunteering time, participating in a prayer service, and more.

The weekend closes on Sunday as the students participate in morning worship service.



Give Online With **easyTithe**

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has implemented a set of online giving tools, powered by easyTithe.com. This provides the ability to quickly and easily make pledges and donations on our website and through a convenient mobile app! You can make your pledge electronically and track your online giving throughout the year.

After creating an EasyTithe account, you're able to give directly or schedule a series of donations using your debit or credit card.

To get started, visit the church website and select 'Donate Online' under the 'Give' link in the top menu. Step-by-step video tutorials are available on the main 'Give' landing page.

www.BluffParkUMC.org/give-online

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EXIT 456: We would love to take a group of 4th and 5th graders to Exit 456 at Camp Sumatanga again this year! This retreat is scheduled for Friday, March 9th (we will leave at 4:30) and Saturday, March 10th (we will return at approximately 5:00). It is a one night retreat full of fun, food, worship, and speakers. The cost for the retreat includes lodging at Camp Sumatanga, 3 meals, all snacks, and a T-shirt. The cost is \$75 per child and we need to know who is going by Wednesday, February 14th. We do have scholarships for anyone who would like to attend but is unable to pay the fee. Please email Stanley Davidson at sdavidson@bpumc.org soon as possible if your child would like to attend as we only have 26 spots available!

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup happens every Wednesday night from 5:00-7:30 in the Spring. The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, age focused Bible Study/Classroom time, and more! We look forward to seeing you there!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: We will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit in Children's Church over the next few months. This week we will be focusing on Peace!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Elementary Sunday School will be participating in its monthly Mission Sunday and our Preschool Sunday School lesson this week will be on "Jesus Walks on Water."

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

DISCOVERY WEEKEND REGISTRATION IS ALMOST HERE! Discovery Weekend is a spiritual formation retreat held annually for our students, right here in the church. What makes this unique is that the talks and small group discussion are led by our high school students for the middle schoolers. The dates are Friday-Sunday, February 2nd-4th and the cost is \$75 for middle school and \$25 for high school registrations. This includes all meals, a fun outing on Saturday and a t-shirt. Contact Meghan Bohanan mbohanan@bpumc.org with questions on registration/fees or Bethany Dover bddover4@yahoo.com to volunteer. Students are encouraged to invite friends, simply send friends the links below. If you haven't already, please get your students registered for Discovery Weekend 2018. Registration, payment and required waivers can all be completed online.

To Register a Middle Schooler: bluffparkumc.org/msdiscovery

To Register a High Schooler: bluffparkumc.org/hsdiscovery

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH, CHURCH-WIDE CHILI COOKOFF & OPEN GYM FROM 5PM-7PM* As we prepare for Discovery Weekend, there will be an open gym for Middle School Students & Discovery Weekend Prep for High School Students. *Instead of our Snack Supper, there is a Church-Wide Chili Cookoff and Cookie Cookoff in the Fellowship Hall from 6-8pm.

SMALL GROUPS & HOLY GROUND WORSHIP ARE BACK FROM 6-6:30PM! Our January worship series will focus on social media. We'll ask the question: what does God require of us when we live our lives online? We hope this will be an eye opening topic for our students!!!!

THIS WEEK

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Sun, Jan 28th @ 10am | Youth Sunday School |
| Sun, Jan 28th @ 4-5pm | 6th Grade Confirmation Class |
| Sun, Jan 28th from 5-7pm | Churchwide Chili Cookoff and Open Gym for MS Students/Discovery Weekend Prep for HS Students |
| Wed, Jan 31st @ 4:30pm | Holy Ground Rehearsal With Bart |
| Wed, Jan 31st @ 5:00pm | Dinner & Regular Wed Evening Church Activities |
| Wed, Jan 31st from 6-6:30pm | Small Groups in the Youth Wing |
| Wed, Jan 31st from 6:30-7:30pm | Holy Ground Worship |
| Fri, Feb 2nd-Feb 4th | Discovery Weekend (No Evening Student Ministry Activities) |

55+ MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN JANUARY

| | |
|----------|---|
| 5-6:30pm | Conversation and Candlelight Dinner in the Faith Classroom |
| 6:30pm | "Answering the Tough Questions" Dr. Dennis Sansom, Chair of Philosophy at Samford University. Bring your unanswered questions about Christianity and Life. Church Parlor—January 24,31 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|-------------|---|
| February 11 | Valentine's Lunch in the Fellowship Hall on at Noon ~ \$7. Must have reservation by Sunday, January 28 RSVP Fran @ 822-0910 ext. 103 or fgatch@bpumc.org |
|-------------|---|

SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

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

February 1

"Brain Health" - Dr. Don Wendorf, Psychologist, explores techniques for brain health and its relationship to music.

February 8

"Spiritual Journey" - Noah Glover, BPUMC Ministry Intern from Birmingham Southern College will share his experiences.



Bluff Park United Methodist Church

733 Valley Street
Hoover, AL 35226
(205) 822-0910

**NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
AUTO
BIRMINGHAM, AL
PERMIT NO. 1816**

Pastors

- Mike Holly, mholly@bpumc.org, ext. 104
- Angela Martin, amartin@bpumc.org, ext. 107
- Tom Duley, tduley@bpumc.org, ext. 112
- John Carl Hastings, jchastings@bpumc.org, ext. 120
- Director of Senior Ministries**, ext. 103
- Fran Gatch, fgatch@bpumc.org
- Director of Student Ministries**, ext. 118
- Bart Styes, barts@bpumc.org
- Director of Children's Ministries**, ext. 105
- Stanley Davidson, sdavidson@bpumc.org
- Director of Finance and Administration**, ext. 117
- Jason McCrory, jmcrrory@bpumc.org
- Financial Manager**, ext. 101
- Joe Pitard, jpitard@bpumc.org
- Director of Communications and Media**, ext. 119
- Andrew Seltz, aseltz@bpumc.org
- Secretary**, ext. 111
- Brenda Atkins, batkins@bpumc.org
- Director of Worship Music**,
Lonnie Parsons
- Organist**,
Jay Tumminello, jtumminello@bpumc.org
- Preschool Director**,
Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org
- Facilities Manager**,
Chad Malcom, cmalcom@bpumc.org



The Week of January 28-February 3

Sunday, January 28
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
5:00 pm State of the Church
6:00 pm Chili/Cookie Cook-Off

Monday, January 29
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, January 30
7:15 am Holy Land Trip Departs
8:00 am Holie Walkamolies
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 31
4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:30 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm The Reason for God Study
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Mike Holly Bible Study
6:30 pm Answering the Tough Questions w/Dr. Dennis Sansom
6:30 pm Holy Strollers

Thursday, February 1
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
10:00 am Sewing Group
6:00 pm Handbell

Friday, February 2
4:00 pm Youth Discovery Weekend Begins

Saturday, February 3
All Day Youth Discovery Weekend

**SUNDAY, January 28, 2018
CELEBRATION SUNDAY!**
8:45 11:00am Traditional Worship
Dr. Leonard Sweet

11:00am The Gathering at Bluff Park
Dr. Ron Martoia

LIFETRACK
Sunday
Genesis 18:1-16 | Psalm 138
Monday
Galatians 5:13-25 | Psalm 8
Tuesday
John 6:27-40 | Psalm 56
Wednesday
John 6:41-51 | Psalm 62
Thursday
Romans 8:14-21 | Psalm 122
Friday
1 John 3:1-8 | Psalm 42
Saturday
Genesis 24:1-27 | Psalm 69

SERVING
Ushers
8:45 Doran 11:00 Alley
Acolyte
8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Julie Cate Gray
Cross
8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Abbey Gray
Meal on Wheels: Shultz/Hardy
Food Pantry February 7th: Lawson
Midweek Meetup January 31st: Menu - Pork loin, mac & cheese, green peas, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

| | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| January 21, 2018 | |
| Children/Youth | 87/63 |
| Traditional Worship/Gathering | 453/58 |
| Weekly Contributions Expected* | \$27,137.00 |
| Weekly Contributions Received | \$37,460.31 |
| Annual Contributions Expected* | \$1,411,109.00 |
| Contributions Expected to Date* | \$81,411.00 |
| Contributions Received to Date | \$78,002.31 |
| New Members in 2018 | 0 |

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019 | |
| Amount Pledged | \$1,099,621.00 |
| Received Last Week | \$1,297.00 |
| Received to Date | \$496,512.98 |

**Provisional figures pending approval of 2018 budget*

**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.