



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 4, 2018

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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**W**e had such a wonderful Celebration Sunday and we were so very honored to have both Dr. Leonard Sweet and Dr. Ron Martoia with us in Traditional Worship and in The Gathering. It was such a moving experience to admit that we stand on the shoulders of giants from the past and present of Bluff Park UMC. People of faith dreamed dreams and had visions of what might be and we entered into sanctuaries and hallways that others built for us. And we are in the business of being the stewards of these holy spaces for the sake of the people who will come after us as well as the people who God is calling to join us even now.

Dr. Leonard Sweet challenged us to consider that the children that we are reaching right now have a life expectancy that is higher than people of previous generations. Many of them might just live until the 22nd century, he told us. So we as a church family are already in the business of making disciples for ministry in the 22nd century just 18 years into the 21st century. We are raising the workers for the fields of the next century.

On Sunday afternoon, after our morning of worship, Rev. Stanley Davidson, Bart Styes and I taught the 2018 Confirmation class. Sixteen students were gathered together to learn about how God gives us our own free choices in life. We discussed how God's saving grace is far reaching into our lives: as our heart chooses God and as our lives are transformed into the image of Christ. The work of Confirmation is the work of the church becoming new and young again. But they cannot be all that God calls them to be without your continued love and Christian witness. God gives you and me dreams and visions. Why? So that God can work through each of us to bring forth spaces like our new building where lives can be transformed. But God also gives us these dreams and visions so that we can inspire and pass on our faith to the next generation. For this century and the next.

## Memorials

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

- Kacia Cain**, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Cain
  - Geoff Huddleston**, by SCS/SNC Retirees, Cora and Randy Smith
  - Sarah Young**, by Belinda and Donald Humphrey
- FOOD PANTRY
- Geoff Huddleston**, by John and Sandra Wingate
- VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP
- Robert McClure**, by Bob and Betsy Brooks

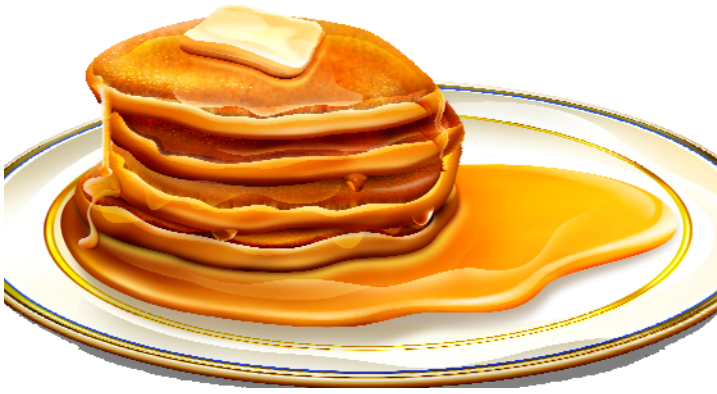
## Honorariums

### MUSIC FUND

- Carole Armistead**, The Fisherman Class
  - Richard Joiner**, by The Fisherman Class
  - Matt Reeder**, by The Fisherman Class
  - Sylvia Sumners**, by The Fisherman Class
  - Charlie Trucks**, by The Fisherman Class
  - Wayne Williams**, by The Fisherman Class
- FOOD PANTRY
- Carol Westrbook**, by Pony Green
- UMCOR
- Martha McLemore**, by Melissa Kimbrell

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

# News of the Week



## PANCAKE SUPPER TICKETS

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up on Tuesday, February 13th at 5pm. We're doing things a little differently this year. The Youth will be selling tickets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings and proceeds go to help fund Student Ministry Trips. Tickets are \$7 per person with a family maximum of \$20. The evening will be hosted & staffed by our Students and our special guest **Lonnie Parsons** will be providing the entertainment!

## FABRIC STASH

The sewing group ladies would like to know if anyone has any fabric they'd like to donate to their projects. Do you know of anyone in the church who might? Contact the church office.

## LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

Lenten Morning Prayer, a service of Prayer, Scripture and Holy Communion will begin on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:30 AM in the sanctuary. The service will be held each Thursday morning during Lent. The service lasts approximately 30 minutes.

## 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](mailto: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. So, 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 daily readings will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday. You can join the email list at [BluffParkUMC.org/lifetrackdaily](http://BluffParkUMC.org/lifetrackdaily)

## LITTLE IMAGINATIONS REGISTRATION

Looking for a Preschool or Parent's Day Out program for your sweet child/children? The answer may be closer than you think. Registration for the 2018-19 school year at Little Imaginations is now open. Little Imaginations Preschool is a half-day program offering classes for infants (6 months and up) through 4K. School hours are 9:00-1:00. Visit the website for registration forms and more information.

[www.bluffparkpreschool.com](http://www.bluffparkpreschool.com)

## 16TH ANNUAL ORGAN RECITAL

Dr. Faythe Freese, Professor of Organ at The University of Alabama, e, and director of the music program at Barnard College, Columbia University, will perform an organ recital at Bluff Park United Methodist Church on March 4th at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow the performance. The program is titled "Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed..." and will feature works by Ronald Arnatt, Johann Sebastian Bach, César Franck, Jean Langlais, Pamela Decker, Samuel Barber, and Charles-Marie Widor. Sponsorship forms will be available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex for those who would like to support this program and the ongoing care of our pipe organ.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Linda Bailey—UAB West  
Julia Hughes—Brookwood



## Give Online With **easyTithe**

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has implemented a set of online giving tools, powered by [easyTithe.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:sdavidson@bpumc.org) soon as possible if your child would like to attend as we only have 26 spots available!

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT:** The Children's Ministry at Bluff Park UMC will be offering a Parents Night Out on Saturday, February 17th! We will keep birth-5th grade children from 3:00 to 8:00, and parents can go and do whatever they want! The cost will be \$20/child with a family max of \$30! Children who attend will receive dinner, play on the playground/gym, and watch a movie. The movie will be at the end of the night, so if your child would like to come in their PJ's and/or bring a blanket or pillow, they are welcome to do so! Please register your children for this event by contacting Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org).

**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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Elementary Sunday School will be learning about "The Parable of the Lost Son" and our Preschool Sunday School will be participating on their 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](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org).

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th... TWO BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING:**

1. We close Discovery Weekend 2018 with a celebration in the 8:45am service, come hear students share what a life changing experience Discovery Weekend is!
2. Tickets will be available to purchase after both services for our Student Ministry Trips Fundraiser, The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. It's coming up on Tues, Feb 13th at 5pm. The evening will be hosted & staffed by our Students and will feature Lonnie Parsons doing entertainment! Tickets are \$7 per person with a family maximum of \$20.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT SMALL GROUPS** Are from 6-6:30pm in the Youth Wing. There are 3 groups to choose from, all guys, all girls or co-ed. You're welcome to join in at anytime, this is a great time to get to know each other and share what's going on in your life.

**THE FEBRUARY HOLY GROUND WORSHIP THEME IS MIRACLES!** From Miracles to Exorcism to Raising the Dead, we'll be exploring some of the amazing things that happened during Christ's Ministry here on Earth and learning how they are relevant to us today.

### THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 4th	<b>*No Evening Student Ministry Activities*</b>
Wed, Feb 7th @ 4:30pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal With Bart
Wed, Feb 7th @ 5:00pm	Dinner & Regular Wed Evening Church Activities
Wed, Feb 7th @ 6-6:30pm	Small Groups in the Youth Wing
Wed, Feb 7th @ 6:30-7:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

## 55+ MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN JANUARY

5-6:30pm	Conversation and Candlelight Dinner in the Faith Classroom
6:30pm	"Who is St. Valentine?" - History and Humor - in the Church Parlor on February 7th.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11	<b>Valentine's Lunch</b> in the Fellowship Hall at Noon ~\$7 RSVP Fran @822-0910 ext. 3 or <a href="mailto:fgatch@bpumc.org">fgatch@bpumc.org</a> 1:50 PM ~ Buses Leave for the Virginia Samford Theater to see "CHICAGO."
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### SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

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

February 8

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

February 15

"Antique Radio Show" with Dave Cisco



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**The Week of February 4—10**

- Sunday, February 4**  
8:45 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park  
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1:30 pm UMW Compassion Circle Packing Food Pantry Bags
- Monday, February 5**  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
- Tuesday, February 6**  
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
- Wednesday, February 7**  
9:00 am Food Pantry  
10:00 am Shepherd's Center Board Meeting  
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 "Love Stories" with Delores Hydock  
6:30 pm Choir  
6:30 pm Mike Holly Bible Study  
6:30 pm Holy Strollers
- Thursday, February 8**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
9:30 am Sewing Group  
6:00 pm Handbell
- Friday, February 9**  
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

**SUNDAY, February 4, 2018**  
8:45 & 11:00am Traditional Worship  
**Mark 1:29-39**  
*"Transformation"*  
**Rev. Angela Martin**

11:00am The Gathering at Bluff Park  
**Rev. John Carl Hastings**

**LIFETRACK**  
**Sunday**  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23 | Psalm 147:1-11  
**Monday**  
Acts 14:1-7 | Psalm 96  
**Tuesday**  
Acts 15:36-41 | Psalm 80  
**Wednesday**  
Mark 3:7-12 | Psalm 78:1-8  
**Thursday**  
2 Corinthians 2:12-17 | Psalm 82  
**Friday**  
1 Timothy 1:12-20 | Psalm 146  
**Saturday**  
Luke 19:41-44 | Psalm 92

**SERVING**

- Ushers**  
TBA
- Acolyte**  
8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 CJ Lorino
- Cross**  
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Tate Turner
- Meal on Wheels:** Adams/Pearson
- Food Pantry February 7th:** Lawson
- Midweek Meetup February 7th:** Menu - Fried chicken, rice, green beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

**Last Week's Record**

January 28, 2018

Children/Youth	90/57
Traditional Worship/Gathering	477/51
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$22,992.80
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$108,548.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$100,995.11
New Members in 2018	0

**10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN**

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$1,290.00
Received to Date	\$497,802.98

*\*Provisional figures pending approval of 2018 budget*

**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 entrance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.