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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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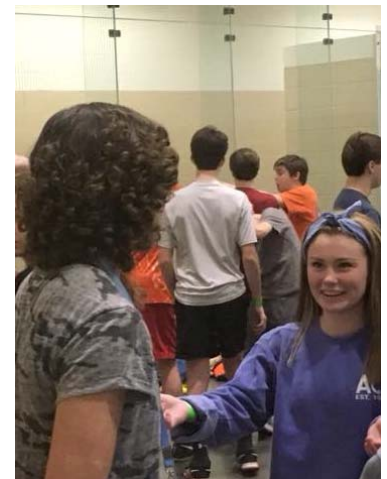
Discovery Weekend 2018 was a beautiful moment of intergenerational ministry and mission at Bluff Park United Methodist Church. Folks of all ages participated in the festivities for both Junior High and Senior High. These young people thoroughly enjoy spending time together and are in the midst of building a great year of ministry together. Our senior high students served as speakers at the retreat this weekend at the church as well as small group ministers. There was a beautiful moment on Saturday evening where students came forward to pray at the altar in the newly redesigned Chapel. Every student had the opportunity to come forward to kneel at the altar rail while other students, parents and volunteers came forward to lay hands on them and to pray over them.

Being prayed over is an intimate moment as you realize that there are people who love and care for you. You realize that there are people in your life who will be there for you in thick and in thin. You have a church family in your corner! Many people gathered together at the altar to pray silently. Parents whispered affirmations and prayers in the ears of their children. And in several eyes you could see tears as the emotions of being appreciated and loved unconditionally started to truly make sense to the students.

You, church family, made this weekend a possibility by helping serve, by giving to the church, and by encouraging students to live their best life for God. I hope and pray that you will prayerfully support our young people as well as the 2018 Confirmation Class!

Mike

Discovery Weekend 2018



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!

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.

LIFETRACK: DAILY

Looking for a way to engage with God through scripture and prayer that fits the rhythm of your life? 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 prefer a printed guide, the weekly LifeTrack prayers and daily readings will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday as well. You can join the email list at BluffParkUMC.org/lifetrackdaily

MCCOY ADULT DAY CARE ROCK-A-THON

Saturday, February 24th, WE NEED YOU TO COME AND ROCK! McCoy Adult Day Care will be hosting our annual fundraiser Rock-a-Thon event at St. Marks UMC from 10am-12pm! If you are unable to attend

and would like to donate, you can make a check out to the church, write McCoy Day Care in the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate. You may also give through EasyTithe; just write McCoy Day Care in the comments section. All funds raised help cover the cost of daycare expenses for caregivers.

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

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Linda Bailey—UAB West
Jm Braswell—St. Vincent's
Julia Hughes—Brookwood
Ron Roegner—Grandview



16TH ANNUAL ORGAN RECITAL

Dr. Faythe Freese, Professor of Organ at The University of Alabama, 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.



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!

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.

COLLECTING CANDY FOR EGG HUNT: Our annual Community-Wide Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th, and we need your help! We are planning to hide 10,000 Easter Eggs again this year, and we are in need of candy (WITHOUT PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER) to fill these eggs. If you would like to donate candy for the Egg Hunt, you can bring it to the church and drop it off in a collection bin in the Narthex or just inside either entrance on the first floor.

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 Patience!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Elementary Sunday School will be learning about "The Parable of the Lost Son" and our Preschool Sunday School will be learning about "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

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

THANK YOU TO THE BPUMC FAMILY!!! We had an amazing Discovery Weekend 2018 thanks to the support and help of our wonderful volunteers, students, families and staff! 55 students experienced the unconditional love of God, your prayers were heard and answered... it was an awesome experience to be a part of the Holy Spirit moving in the lives of our young people. God bless each and every one of you for helping us all learn what it really means to Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly With Our God!

OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER IS COMING UP! 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.

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. Please note that this Wed, Feb 14th, is Ash Wednesday so there will be no Holy Ground. Instead, please join us for dinner and the Ash Wednesday Service!

THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 11th @ 10am	Youth Sunday School
Sun, Feb 11th @ 4-5pm	6th Grade Confirmation
Sun, Feb 11th @ 4-5pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal With Bart
Sun, Feb 11th @ 5-7pm	Snack Supper & Anti-Valentine's Day Party
Tues, Feb 13th @ 5-7pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Wed, Feb 14th @ 5pm	Dinner & Ash Wednesday Service (No Holy Ground)

55+ MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5-6:30pm	Conversation and Candlelight Dinner in the Faith Classroom
6:30pm	"A Biography of Simone Peter" Warren Lightfoot, Attorney at Law, explores the Life of Christ through his friend, Simone Peter. March 7th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 11	Valentine's Lunch in the Fellowship Hall at Noon ~\$7 RSVP Fran @822-0910 ext. 103 or fgatch@bpumc.org 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 15

"Antique Radio Show" with Dave Cisco



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The Week of February 11—17

Sunday, February 11

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
12:00 pm 55+ Valentine's Day Lunch
4:00 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, February 12

8:00 am UMW Executive Committee
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 am Maintenance
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
5:00 pm Pancake Super
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, February 14

4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 15

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
9:30 am Sewing Group
6:00 pm Handbell

Saturday, February 17

3:00 pm Parent's Night Out

SUNDAY, February 11, 2018

8:45 & 11:00am Traditional Worship
2 Corinthians 4:3-12

"Clay Jars"

Rev. Mike Holly

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

LIFETRACK

Sunday

Mark 9:2-9 | Psalm 149

Monday

Hebrews 2:1-4 | Psalm 15

Tuesday

1 Timothy 3:14-16 | Psalm 36

Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 | Psalm 51

Thursday

1 John 1:3-10 | Psalm 37:1-18

Friday

2 Timothy 4:1-5 | Psalm 85

Saturday

Matthew 9:2-13 | Psalm 43

SERVING

Ushers

8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley

Acolyte

8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Charlie Redding

Cross

8:45 Matthew Pitts 11:00 Beverly Redding

Meal on Wheels: Britain

Food Pantry March 7th: Richerson

Midweek Meetup February 14th: Menu -
Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, steamed broccoli,
baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar.
Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

February 4, 2018

Children/Youth	69/74
Traditional Worship/Gathering	380/31
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$23,496.54
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$135,685.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$124,491.65
New Members in 2018	0

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$1,383.00
Received to Date	\$499,185.98

*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.