



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter October 14, 2014

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There's a saying that sums up the message of our current stewardship study, Treasures of the Transformed Life: "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." How we give our time, talents, skills and resources is not about how big or flashy our gifts are. It's about the spirit that we give them in ~ a spirit of love.

Giving is our response to God. It's our way of saying "thank you" to God. It's our way of showing God just how much we love Him and how much we commit to loving others in His name, as He instructed us to do.

Be looking in the mail for an important letter from your church. Inside, you will find a 2015 Commitment Card and a Time and Talents Opportunity form. We hope that you will fill out these important documents and bring them to Commitment Sunday on October 26th at either morning worship service. A free lunch will follow between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

We are excited about a new year in ministry and mission at Bluff Park United Methodist Church!

MEMORIALS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Roland Wilson by Helen Bush, Karen Dupree, Scott Bowman, Helen Stewart, Forrest and Thera Jones, Mickey New-some, James and Sara Perry, Ward and Linda Porrill, Gene and Jean Brown, Martha W Swader, Elaine Rodgers, Wayne and Jackie Walton, Gordon and Catherine Hall-mark, Mahala McKinney, Bob and Elizabeth Cahoon, JB and Frances Thrasher, Steven and Natalie Frost, Robert Allison, Glenn and Mary Montgomery, George and Susan O'Reilly, McGriff, Seibels, & Williams

Ray Stokes by Robert and Elizabeth Cahoon

Patrick Crotty by Bob and Lynn Bratton, Curtis and Paula Thompson

CHOIR ROBES

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Roy and Bobbye Guyton

Patrick Crotty by Jan Harris

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Roland Wilson by Elizabeth Davis, Martha McLemore, Lu-ther and Martha Franklin, Donna Bennie, Sam and Patsy Bettis, Suzanne Mathis, Michael and Gillian Goodrich

Ray Stokes by Martha McLemore

Patrick Crotty by Otis and Temmie Bibb, Dyer and Ronda Carlisle

Wright Family by Maya Britt

CHRISTIAN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Roland Wilson by Harry Hill, George and Ginny Nash

Ray Stokes by Harry Hill

Patrick Crotty by Harry Hill

MUSIC FUND

Jack Gray by Mary Pate Stefana

BUILDING FUND

Ray Stokes by Bruce and Sherry Stone, Gregory and Ashley Perry, Aaron and Kristina Allen, Frances Stinson

FOOD PANTRY

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Joy in the Morning Class

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Sturdivant by Bob Sturdivant.

HONORARIUMS

CHOIR ROBES

Charlie Trucks by Stretch and Joan Dunn

Joe and Pat Campbell by Mary Louise Ballard

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Leigh Delashaw by Jack and Carole Armistead

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scarlett Carrington by Pony Thompson

TUESDAY MORNING WORK CREW

Bill Cooch, Billy Fields, John Sumners, Frank Williams, and Wayne Williams by Betsy and Chris Delionback

FOOD PANTRY

Ellen Finley by JB and Frances Thrasher

Carolyn Womack

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

News of the Week

HABITAT BUILD TEAM UPDATE

Our first Habitat for Humanity work day was a big success. We have many more opportunities to participate over the next few weeks, so it's not too late to volunteer. All who want to participate are welcome, but please sign-up at the church website or through your Sunday School class so we have a count of how many will be working each day.

The church vans leave from the church each work day at 7 am. Lunch is provided, as is water. If you would like to drive to the site in your own car, the street address is 329 Creek Run Circle, Calera, AL 35040.

<http://bluffparkumc.org/habitat-2014>

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL IS COMING

On Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00-8:00pm, we will host our annual Halloween Carnival at the church. There will be carnival games, prizes, food and more. Come dressed in your costume.

The Halloween Carnival is a great opportunity to invite new people to the church. Extend a personal invitation to your friends and neighbors.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS

During the month of October, we are offering exciting programming on Wednesday evenings, such as the Cooking Classes in the Fireside Room at 6:00 pm. On October 22nd, we will have a follow up to our conversation on the Church and Homosexuality. At 6:00 pm on the 22nd, Rev. Robin Scott will lead a study in the Opportunity Classroom. Rev. Scott is the lead delegate from North Alabama to the 2016 General Conference and is a District Superintendent.

HAM MOUNTAIN

It's that Ham Mountain time of year again. Once again, we will be receiving 1 pound canned hams for use in the Bluff Park Food Pantry. We will receive them during the month of November. The hams will be distributed through the Food Pantry on December 3rd. The Ham Mountain display will be in the Narthex of the church beginning on Sunday, November 2nd so bring those hams by and help us build a huge Ham Mountain this year. Ham Mountain is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

CELL PHONES

During the month of November, we will be collecting old and unused cell phones. These phones will be donated to a program that provides cell phones for vic-

tims of domestic abuse who are getting a new start on their lives. A box will be in the Narthex of the church beginning on November 2nd. Please find those old cell phones you no longer need and bring them to the church. They will be cleaned of information, refurbished and made available to those who need them.

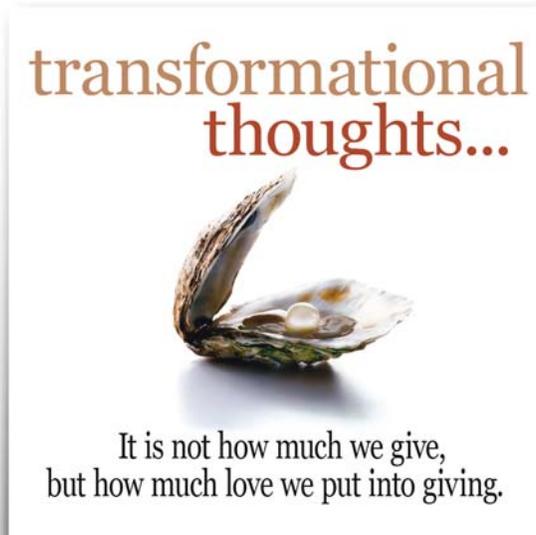
FREE BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Allen Word and the BPUMC Bass Club have made arrangements for the Alabama Marine Police to come to Bluff Park and lead a 3-day class for anyone interested in becoming a licensed boat operator.

Classes will be held on October 20, 21, and 22 from 5:30-8:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Allen at 205-382-5233/allenjamesword@att.net or call the church office.

THE CHOIR ROBES ARE HOW OLD?

The existing robes have been in use since *Windows 98* was new and they need an upgrade. Thanks to the Permanent Endowment Committee, the Pit Crew, and generous donations from members of the congregation and the choir, we have raised \$11,651 to purchase new robes for the choir and acolytes. We still need \$6,594 to fully fund this purchase. To support this important project, make a special contribution to BPUMC with the notation "Robes Fund." Your contribution can be in honor or memory of someone you love.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN OCTOBER MEETINGS

Compassion and Friendship Circles will meet together on Monday, October 27, 6:30 pm, in the Parlor. The StrengthsFinder Study will continue, so read your book and be ready to discuss.

The Hope-Love Circle will meet Monday, October 27, 10:00 am, in the home of Sally Frederickson.

The Joy Circle will meet Monday, October 27, 10:00 am in the Friendship Classroom, room 168.

SPECIAL THANKS

Wayne and Jackie Walton would like to thank everyone who prayed, sent a card, or phoned after the passing of their daughter, Yevonne Bowman. Your sympathy made their grief easier to bear.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Joe White, at Brookwood
Andy King, at St. Vincent's

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL is coming up!!! Wednesday Oct. 29 6-8p.m. SPOILER ALERT- As part of the festivities, there will be a Popsicle cart from Steel City Pops! There will also be food, fun, and fellowship for all who participate! Invite your friends and neighbors!!! Come dressed in Costume!

PARENTS: There is a brief survey in your Sunday School classroom about Children's Ministry. Please take a moment and fill one out. Place it in the brown envelope and someone will pick them up by Oct. 15. If you are not in a Sunday School class, you can pick one up on the information table on the Elementary Sunday School Hall or the Preschool Hall.

NEEDED - Large brown paper grocery sacks. These will be used for a missions' project for Sunday School. Please bring them to the office.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN COOKING CLASS for elementary students is Wednesday Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside room. Instead of going to M&M KIDS that night, the children will come down to Fireside room after choir. K5-2nd graders can be signed out there. The wonderful Charlotte McCrary will again be showing us how to make some cleverly spooky treats!

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL will meet Oct. 22 in the New Light Classroom from 6:30-7:30p.m.

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP is Nov. 11. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We will be making a craft for a missions' project in the morning. We will then go to Little Italy for pizza. Cost is \$30.00 a child. We have room for 21 children. A reservation is needed! E-mail Leigh Delashaw, ldelashaw@bpumc.org.

THE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTER is located in the narthex by the stairwell on the left side by the plants. There are clip boards with paper and crayons, Bibles, and storybooks that you can borrow and then return after the service is over. If your child goes to Children's Church, we ask that parents return the materials when the service ends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22	Spooky Cooking Class with Charlotte McCrary. 6:30pm in the Fireside Room
October 29th	Halloween Carnival 5pm-8pm, gym
November 11th	OTRA Field Trip
November 12th	December Crafts Study All 6:30pm in the Seekers Class

STUDENT MINISTRY

FALL RETREAT - NOVEMBER 21-23. Our annual fall retreat to Camp Sumatanga is the weekend leading into Fall Break. We will "retreat" to the camp to "re-center" ourselves on Christ. Cost is \$125 and includes transportation, lodging for two nights, five meals and a tshirt. Registration is now open online at the church website under the GIVE>Online Donations tab.

HOLY GROUND WORSHIP - "THE WALKING DEAD" SERIES. Each week as we approach Halloween, we'll look at our culture's fascination with zombies, vampires and werewolves. On October 22nd, we ask the question: What is your "werewolf" trait (that behavior you can't stop and regret later) and how can you learn to control it?

THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 19, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, October 19, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing
Sunday, October 19, 5:00pm	MS Guys, MS Girls and HS Coed Small Groups
Sunday, October 19, 6:00pm	FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, October 19, 6:00pm	HS Students leave for Atrox Fright Factory (Bring \$18 for the tour & extra \$\$ for Sonic afterwards)
Sunday, October 19: 6:30pm	MS Students: Zombies vs. Humans Game
Wednesday, October 22, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Wednesday, October 22, 5:30pm	Hang Out Time in the Youth Wing
Wednesday, October 22, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing - Werewolves

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Flu Shots - 9:00-10:00am in the Gym. Bring your insurance cards. Program at 10:00 with Voncile, Baptist Princeton and Dr. Segrest, Shelby Vein Center.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

FLU SHOTS - Church Members and Community 8:30-12:30 in the Gym. Robert, of Robert's Pharmacy will be here. Bring your insurance cards or \$25.00.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22

HALLOWEEN COOKING CLASS with Charlotte McCrary and Friends. 6:00-7:00 in the Fireside Room.

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

CHRISTMAS TOUR - GOVERNOR'S MANSION and Gift Shop 3:00-9:00pm. Traveling to Montgomery by Tour Bus. \$Cost: \$65.00pp includes dinner.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3 - FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

BILTMORE HOUSE CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR/BILL GRAHAM MINISTRIES-CAMPUS, Deer Park, Historical Church Tour, overnight in Ashville, NC. Thursday a guided tour Bill Graham's Campus, Ruth's Attic, live Nativity, Light Music, Mr. Graham's Library, Cow Barn, Carriage Ride, Christmas Dinner, overnight in Charlotte. One or two surprises. Come go with us. Call Betty.

Special Moment with Jesus

"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Psalm 103:1



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The Week of October 19—October 25

Sunday, October 19

8:30 am—12:30 pm Flu Shots
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
3:30 pm Board of Stewards
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, October 20

5:30 pm Boating Safety Class

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 am Betty Day Trip
8:30 am Maintenance
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
5:30 pm Boating Safety Class
6:00 pm Under The Bridge

Wednesday, October 22

4:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study
5:00-6:30pm Dinner
5:30 pm Boating Safety Class
5:30 pm Disciple 1
5:45 pm Midweek Ministries
6:00 pm Cooking Class
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Children's Council

Thursday, October 23

8:00 am Habitat Work Day
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Friday, October 24

8:00 am Habitat Work Day
6:00 pm Fishermen Class Lunch

Saturday, October 25

8:00 am Habitat Work Day

SUNDAY, October 19, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Bobo, Margie and a Good Sister"
(Scripture - Romans 12:1-13)
Rev. Tom Duley

6:00pm Evening Worship Service
Rev. Peter von Herrmann Preaching

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Open 11:00 Davis

Cross

8:45 Matt Lagan 11:00 Graham Coltrane

Acolytes

8:45 Davison Dover 11:00 Billy Neal

Greeters : Covenant

Meals on Wheels October 22:

Jackie Wesson/Roanna Brown

Food Pantry November 5: Penny Burns

MIDWEEK MENU October 22

Fried chicken, pinto beans, wild rice, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

Last Week's Record

October 12, 2014

Children/Youth	96/55
Morning/Evening Worship	512/
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$17,018.50
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$1,108,025.00
Received to Date	\$971,972.14
New Members in 2014	48

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,725.00
Received to Date	\$557,016.34

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

FREE PLAY BASKETBALL in the gym

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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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.