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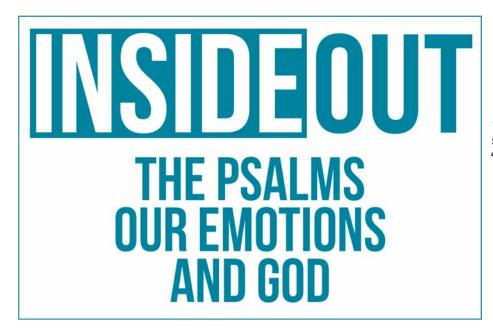
he phrase "What would Jesus do?" was popular in the 1990s. The acronym was worn on a wristband similar to the Nike/Lance Armstrong "Livestrong" wristband in 2004 and the current Fitbit tracker wristband. As members of Bluff Park United Methodist Church, we can learn what Jesus would do through our presence at church services, Sunday school, and various Bible studies offered.

It is said that knowledge is power, but what good is knowledge without action? Our ministry opportunities

are many. Our involvement in the life and mission of our church is necessary to share the Gospel of Christ with others. This involvement is not limited to our physical presence, but also supporting our ministry with prayers and monetary support. Remember our membership vows: PPGSW (prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness)

Thanks for all you do,

Joe Campell Chairperson of Stewardship



New Sermon Series

Starting on August 16th, we begin a new sermon series on Sunday mornings titled "Inside Out—The Psalms, Our Emotions, and God." Taking inspiration from the recent Pixar movie, we will explore how the human emotions of anger, fear, sadness, disgust, and joy are expressed through the book of Psalms.



News of the Week

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND DOMESTIC VIO-LENCE PROGRAM

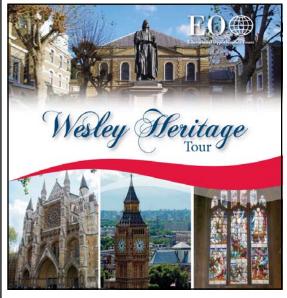
Monday, August 10, the United Methodist Women will host a program about Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence. Birmingham Deputy Chief of Police, Henry Irby, III, will be the special guest speaker, and we will also hear from a representative of the Hoover Police department. The program will take place in the Chapel starting with refreshments at 6:30 pm and the program at 7:00 pm.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICA-TIONS

The deadline for scholarship applications for the 2015-16 school year is August 15th. All Bluff Park United Methodist college students who would like to apply must have their forms submitted to the church office by the deadline. If you need application forms or more information, please contact the church office.

DISCIPLE II MEETING

On Sunday August 23, during the Sunday School hour, we will meet in the Parlor to discuss plans for the Disciple II class to be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–5:30pm starting on September 6th.



WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR

Informational meetings for the 2016 Wesley Heritage Tour to England will be held on Sunday, August 16th at 3:00 PM and on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30 PM. During the meeting, we will discuss the basics of the trip and answer any questions that you may have. We will have a representative from Educational Opportunities with us at both meeting times. If you have already decided that you want to go, you can register and pay your deposit (\$300 per person) at the meeting. The dates for the trip are May 10-19, 2016. The meetings will be held in the Vitality classroom across from the church library. The meetings will be identical so choose the time that is most convenient for you.

This class covers Genesis and Exodus followed by Luke and Acts, along with some associated reading material. Please call the church office or Joe Kerns (205-777-1934) for more information.

RECEPTION FOR JAMIE DAVIS

Jamie Davis' last day as organist at Bluff Park UMC will be August 16th. To honor her 13 years of service, we will hold a special reception for her, in the Parlor, during the Sunday school hour. Please make plans to stop in and thank Jamie for her years of dedication and service.

THE RESULTS ARE IN

The votes have been counted and the former Opportunity classroom has been renamed "Hudson Hall." This name was fittingly submitted by the Opportunity Sunday school class.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Ron Roegner–Brookwood Marilyn Williams–Aspire Rehab

Louise White–Mount Royal Rehab

Marjorie Dulin–Aspire Rehab Rollina Oglesbay–Columbiana



Health Kit Mission Project

Over the month of August, we are having an inter-generational mission project to assemble Health Kits to be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Health Kits are used by UMCOR to "provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes." During August, we will distribute the instructions for assembling Health Kits and ask that individuals and families assemble at least one health kit during the month. Our goal is to assemble at least 100 Health Kits. The approximate cost of a Health Kit is \$12.00. Health Kits is a project of the Bluff Park United Methodist Church United Appeal Fund.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW? On Wednesday, July 29th, 17 children traveled to Walmart and helped purchase school supplies for 50 children who were in need of them as well as enough supplies to make 50 UMCOR health kits! Then, last Sunday, 20 children in Sunday School helped pack the school supplies we had bought into back packs so that they could be delivered to the food bank and handed out to families in need. I am so proud of our kids!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015/2016. Recruitment for Elementary and Preschool Sunday School is under way. If you would like to volunteer please go to http://vols.pt/PFzJ4t to sign up. Thank you for your help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: This week (8/9) we will have our last Kidmo Lesson of the summer: Helping Others! Next week (8/16) will be our Promotion Sunday Celebration!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: On Sunday, August 16th, we will be blessing the children and their backpacks in both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. As part of this blessing, the children will receive a backpack tag that they can wear on their book bags throughout the year.

PROMOTION SUNDAY: All children will be promoted to the Sunday School class of their new grade on Sunday, August 16th. There will be a short celebration held in the chapel that morning at 10:00 for all elementary aged children and their parents, followed by the children going to Sunday School and the parents staying for a Parents Meeting. The next week, August 23rd, the same celebration and meeting will be held for the preschool aged children and their parents at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS: We will be presenting Bibles to all of the children who have entered the 3rd grade on Sunday, August 30th at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. I am hoping to have the names of the children participating written in calligraphy within their Bibles. If your child plans on participating that Sunday, could you please email their full names to either myself or Melissa Hendon?.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16 August 16

Blessing of the Backpacks Promotion Sunday/Elementary Celebration & Parent Meeting

August 23 August 30 Preschool Celebration & Parent Meeting Bibles for 3rd Graders

STUDENT MINISTRY

WHAT ABOUT AUGUST? Students and families have lots to get done in August. There are supply lists, fees for choirs and teams, meetings, practices and rehearsals. So we take a small step back in August to give our families some breathing room. Our ministry team will use this as a time to prepare for a great September through May. So we'll see you at Sunday School and at a for a few more opportunities to stay connected in the meantime.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH OUR FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we go leave the summer and get ready for the fall: small groups, Holy Ground worship, Fall Retreat and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2015-2016 academic year are now available in the church office. Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can submitted to the church office. The deadline for applications and nominations is August 15, 2015. If you know someone who would like to contribute to our scholarship fund, encourage them to contact our church financial administrators.

SAVE THESE DATES: Sunday, August 23, 6pm: Broomball Trip to Pelham Ice Plex; Wednesday, September 9: Holy Ground Worship Returns!

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 9, 10:00am Sunday School in the Youth Wing NO AFTERNOON/EVENING ACTIVITIES Sunday, August 9

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

TUESDAY AUGUST 11 THURSDAY AUGUST 13

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

PELL CITY DAY TRIP: Pink Barn, Flower Nursery, The Ark and more. Call Betty. SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jerry Ryan, of Three-on-A-String, will be here with music and lots of laughs. Everyone's invited to join the fun. SCOTTSBORO HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR and Unclaimed Baggage. Call Betty SHÉPHERD'S CENTER - MYSTERY BINGO??? The FUN starts at 9:30am with refreshments.

PEACH PARK - Ice Cream, BBQ, and Rocking Chairs. 4:00pm-7:30pm. Call Betty.

MACKINAC CITY and MACKINAC ISLAND Sunday August 30–Saturday September 5

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS:

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. Matthew 7:7



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The Week of August 9—August 15

Sunday, August 9

8:45 am Morning Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School Morning Worship Service 11:00 am 12:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Training 5:00 pm Evening Worship Monday, August 10 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm UMW Reception & Program Tuesday, August 11 8:00 am Senior Fun Day Trip 8:30 am Maintenance 6:00 pm Under the Bridge Wednesday, August 12 Men's Chorus 6:00 pm 6:30 pm Choir Thursday, August 13 Shepherd's Center 9:30 am

SUNDAY, August 9, 2015 8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship *"Deception Destroys"* (Scripture - 2 Samuel 18: 5-9, 15, 31-33) Rev. Tom Duley

5:00pm Evening Worship Service Rev. Tom Duley

Lectionary Scripture Readings 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers 8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley Acolytes 8:45 Will Thompson 11:00 Michael Lagan Greeters: Friendship Communion Setup 5pm: Janet and Charlie Trucks Meals on Wheels: Thomas Food Pantry September 2: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

August 2, 2015	
Children	65
Morning Worship	457
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$29,435.11
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$826,863.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$821,008.54
New Members in 2015	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$920.00
Received to Date	\$779,805.87

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.

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