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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter October 30, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



We are the 1,500 pieces of Bluff Park UMC. We have 10,000 reasons to move forward with our one vision for ministry and mission, which includes a new space for youth and community ministries. This coming Sunday in morning worship is the beginning of your opportunity to respond to the 10,000 Reasons Capital Campaign. We will give each and every person who would like to a means by which to approach the altar this Sunday to make an offering of their 2017 annual pledge as well as a three-year building campaign pledge. You should have received a card in the mail, but if you did not, please come to worship or to the welcome desk where there will be extra cards.

Please also remember that we have three different Food Trucks setting up for lunch with our church members Sunday afternoon. Please do bring some cash or credit for any desserts. One meal is take care of for each member of BPUMC thanks to the leadership of our church. The leadership of the church and I are committed to this campaign and I hope you and your family will be as well. It is vital to our future that we work together to provide excellent space for ministry and mission.

As we gather together as a church family over the next few weeks, I hope that you will be driven to celebrate and worship God's goodness and greatness in your very lives.

Mike

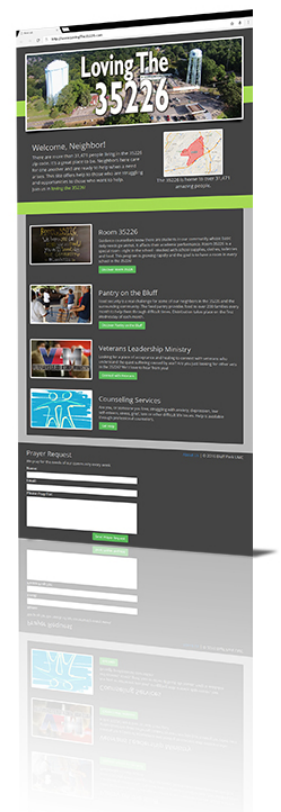
LovingThe35226.com

This past Sunday we officially launched a new website at the church. The site is called "Loving the 35226" and its goal is to connect people with community focused ministries. We started the site highlighting our Room 35226 program, providing resource rooms for students inside the public schools in our area, the food pantry, the Veterans Leadership Ministry, and the counseling services provided through United Counseling Services. We also have a prayer request form at the bottom of the page.

The website provides information for people looking for help as well as those looking for an opportunity to help others.

You can help spread the word about this new outreach. We have created business cards that lists the website information on the front with the message "Your neighbor is praying for you" printed on the back. These are available at the church office and the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. You can give them to anyone you meet.

We have also created a limited number of yard signs that feature the website address and the message "Find Help, Help Others." They are also available outside the church office and in the Narthex. You can place them in your yard, or any other visible place where you have permission to display one.



News of the Week

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Did you know that we had 76 children between birth-5th grade attend Midweek Meetup last week? That is by far our largest turnout on a Wednesday night in recent memory! These children, along with the youth of our church, have helped raise over \$600 towards our 10,000 reasons capital campaign and were rewarded last week by getting to play dodge ball against our children and youth ministers, Stanley Davidson and Bart Styes, who were dressed up as penguins! We pray that attendance and excitement continues to grow in both our Children's and Youth ministries, and we ask that you would join us in praying for each and every preschool, elementary, middle, and high school student as they grow in their faith at Bluff Park UMC.

COMMUNION USHERS NEEDED

The Service of Holy Communion is one of the most important things we celebrate as the body of Christ. For most of us, we know the routine of what we do. But for those visiting with us, the logistics of our communion service can be confusing. Would you be willing to serve as a communion usher once a month and help guide the flow of communion? If you would like to serve in this helping ministry, contact the church office.

CHURCH LIBRARY

You may have noticed that our church library has been renovated and that we have been working on obtaining curriculum and books for study for our staff and for our congregation. There is a wonderful resource for studying the Lectionary Scripture passages, but the 12-volume set of the series Feasting on the Word costs \$360.00. Please consider donating to our Library to

help us purchase the things that will help make our sermons and our small groups even better!

OFFERING OF BLANKETS

This Sunday, October 30th, is the final day of our annual blanket offering. We will share them with our homeless neighbors this winter. There will be a table set up in the Narthex on Sunday. We will have a Blessing of the Blankets during worship this week.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Members of the Board of Stewards will be gathering to vote on our building plans, church leadership and other important items on Sunday, November 6, 2016 in Hudson Hall at 5:00 pm.

HOLY COMMUNION AND EVENING PRAYER

Because of a busy November schedule, we will not hold Sunday evening Holy Communion and Prayer in the Sanctuary during the month of November. Events on Sunday evenings during the month of November include Charge Conference on November 6th, a Veterans Day Program on November 13th at 5:00 pm, and a Community Thanksgiving Service in Bluff Park on November 20th.

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Megan and David Wise on the birth of a son, Daniel David on October.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Richard Joiner—Princeton
Jack Anderson—Brookwood

FOOD TRUCK
COMMITMENT SUNDAY CELEBRATION

BLUFF PARK UMC | OCTOBER 30TH | 10:30^{AM} - 1:30^{PM}

JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH!
Select meals from the following food trucks with a meal voucher:

SLAPHAPPY BBQ	EUGENE'S HOT CHICKEN
OFF THE HOOK	BIG SPOON CREAMERY

*no vouchers provided for ice cream so bring a little cash or credit card for dessert

10,000 REASONS
1,500 PIECES
ONE VISION

PICNIC SEATING
LAWN - FELLOWSHIP HALL - GYM

RSVP **CATHERINE WARD 822-0910** OR **CWARD@BPFUMC.ORG**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP: Our next mission trip/field trip will be on Friday, November 11th. We will be going Ice Skating at the Pelham Civic Center in the morning, eating lunch at Pizza Hut, and then buying Christmas gifts for three children we have sponsored through the Festival of the Three Kings. Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 10:00, and pickup will be at the church between 4:30 and 5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible as we only have 26 spots available.

MOVIE NIGHT UNDER THE STARS: Bring your family, friends, blankets, and tailgating chairs to the the Bluff Park UMC Playground on Friday, November 11th from 6:00-8:00 for a family movie night under the stars! We will be showing a family friendly movie on a large screen and everyone that comes will receive popcorn and a drink. You don't want to miss it!

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup programming for children happens every Wednesday night from 5:00-7:00! The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, Bible Study/Classroom time, Bible Memory Verse Challenges, and more. Each week this Fall at Midweek Meetup a Bible verse will be given to everyone who attends. A prize will be given every week to anyone who has memorized their weekly verse. Then, on one of the last Midweek Meetups of the Fall, any child who has memorized all of their Bible verses will get to have an ice cream (with all the toppings)/pizza party with Mr. Stanley! Will you accept the challenge?!?!?

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "A Chariot of Fire" and our Elementary Sunday School will be a Halloween themed lesson on the "The Parable of the Pumpkin!"

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Our Children's Church lesson will be on "Samuel."

STUDENT MINISTRY

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL & HAUNTED YOUTH WING—WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26TH Students who are volunteering in our Haunted Youth Wing need to arrive as soon after school as possible. As well, it is extremely important that all student volunteers stay for thirty minutes after we shut down to help take down our decorations and take out any trash. Do not ask to leave early if you are a volunteer!

FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION IS OPEN We're heading to Camp Sumatanga on Friday-Sunday, November 18-20 with several other area youth groups for a weekend of fun, relaxation and worship. Cost is \$135. Contact Kathryn at kdavis@bpumc.org for registration details.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING FALL SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move deeper into 2016: Holy Ground Worship, the Fall Retreat and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our free app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it.

SAVE THESE DATES Thursday-Friday, November 10-11: *One Night for the Homeless*; Friday-Sunday, November 18-20: *Fall Retreat at Sumatanga*. Online Registration is open, Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017: *Discovery Weekend*, Sunday-Saturday, July 9-15, 2017 (tentative): *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*. (Contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org if you have any issues.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, Oct 30, 10:00am
Sunday, Oct 30, 4:00pm
Sunday, Oct 30, 5:00pm
Tuesday, Nov 1, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Nov 2, 5:00pm
Wednesday, Nov 2, 6:00pm
Wednesday, Nov 2, 6:30pm

Sunday School
Worship Team Rehearsal
FREE Snack Supper
HS Girls Small Group @ Dover Home (4743 Marywood Circle)
Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing & the Gym
Small Groups in the Youth Wing (Coed, Boys & Girls Groups)
Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 27

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Mystery???

DAY TRIP—Aniston, Classic on the Noble, and the Rabbit Shop. 10am-3pm. Call Betty and leave a message.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Story time with Carol Armistead, 3 Little Pigs. Come See, come hear, come laugh, come enjoy!!

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Niki Sepsas Veterans Day Program.

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM—Special guest speaker Lt. Jim Lawrence, USA Ret., Hoover High School Jazz Band, Dinner served at 5pm program at 6pm.

ENCORE!

A Community Respite Ministry

Our Mission: To enrich the lives of adults with memory loss meets each Tuesday and Thursday at Canterbury United Methodist Church for fellowship and activities. We could use a few good volunteers from BPUMC.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5



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The Week of October 30-November 5

Sunday, October 30

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:20 am-1:30 pm Commitment Sunday
Celebration
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:30 pm Disciple II
5:00 pm 1st Corinthians Bible Study
6:00 pm Holy Communion

Monday, October 31

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, November 1

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study
6:30 pm Staff Parish Meeting

Wednesday, November 2

9:00 am Food Pantry
9:30 am 1st Corinthians Bible Study
4:30 pm Pastors Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Gospel of John Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
6:30 pm Freezer Meals
6:30 pm Walk/Run with Laura Ann Pitts
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Holy Communion
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, November 3

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, November 4

7:30 am Children's Field Trip

SUNDAY, October 30th, 2016

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

Matthew 7:24-29

"Building Wisely"

Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Habakkuk 1:14, 2:14

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:14, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45am Doran 11:00am Arthur

Cross

8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Beverly Redding

Acolyte

8:45 Ella Bowles 11:00 Mary El Neal

Greeters: Fisherman

Meals on Wheels: Agent

Food Pantry November 2nd:

Kay Adams

Midweek Meetup Menu—November 2:

WORDplay Meatloaf, collard greens, scalloped potatoes, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

October 23, 2016

Children/Youth	120/49
Morning Worship	502
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,632.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$1,142,899.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$1,117,692.88
New Members in 2016	19

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$465.00
Received to Date	\$981,967.87

**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.