



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter August 6, 2017*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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**N**ow that we have torn off the July dates from our calendars and begin to count the days of August we know that two things are coming very soon: students will be going back to school and college football will begin soon! August is also the time in which our church begins a new season of worship and education. I wanted to share some important things with you about what is happening this month:



**August 6 - United Methodist Women's Sunday.** Learn more about the wonderful things that the UMW does.

**August 13 - Blessing of the Backpacks** - all children and students are invited to bring their backpacks and book bags to worship to have them blessed by the church family.

**August 16 - Midweek Meetup starts back early in 2017!** Join us for dinner and sign ups for fall studies and classes.

**August 23 - Special Midweek Meetup programming** - VBS Reunion party and Guest speaker for parents. More information will be coming very soon!

We will also be participating in two mission projects as a church family this August. Below you will find more information about the Shoeboxes and the School Supply Drive!

## AUGUST SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



During the month of August, Bluff Park UMC is doing a school supply drive for local schools! This is a way to help with needed resources for our Little Imaginations preschool program and the Room 35226 project, which places healthy snacks, school supplies, clothing and shoes right in schools like Gwin, Bluff Park and Simmons! The school counselors make sure that any child with a need finds their way to Room 35226 supplies! A list of donation needs is available at the welcome center and on the church website.

## CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES!

During the month of August we are putting together Christmas Shoe Boxes to be distributed to children throughout Latin America at Christmas time. The Shoe Boxes have small items that many of the children our missionaries work with have a hard time getting. The list of needed materials is provided when you pick up a box. We provide the boxes and you can get them in the Narthex on Sunday morning. This is a project in partnership with the United Methodist Committee on Relief and our United Methodist missionaries working in the region.

# News of the Week

## UMW SUNDAY AND COFFEE

Sunday, August 6th, is UMW Sunday. Members will be recognized during the worship service. There will be a coffee fellowship gathering for members, and women of the congregation interested in becoming members, following the morning worship. The reception will be held in the Parlor from 9:45–10:15am.

## MIDWEEK MEETUPS RETURN FOR FALL

On Wednesday, August 16th, the our Midweek Meetups begin for the fall semester. We'll have sign-ups for classes and programming for kids and youth. Dinner starts at 5pm!

## BLOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking for a way to make a real impact in our community? Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. To help meet that need locally we host several blood drives each year. We are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested, contact Robin Martin at 205-531-5212 or rdm9465@gmail.com.

## LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CERTIFICATION CLASSES

The Central District of the North Alabama Conference is offering several classes for Lay Servant credit on Saturday, August 19th, from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The classes will be held at the Methodist Center on the campus of Birmingham Southern College. The classes which will be offered are Methodist Beliefs, Spiritual Gifts, and Polity & Organization. Download registration forms online: [bluffparkumc.org/forms/](http://bluffparkumc.org/forms/)

## BPUMC BLOCK PARTY—SAVE THE DATE

On October 1st, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will be hosting a party here at BPUMC. There will be free hotdogs, chips and drinks; carnival games and prizes, inflatables, a Velcro wall, a race car train, music, face painting and a Fun Run! Invite your friends and neighbors.



## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

On Monday, August 14th, at 6:30pm there will be a special program in the BPUMC Chapel on the topic of "Feeding the Hungry." Special guests Kathryn Strickland, from Community Food Bank, and Greg Bishop, from Hoover Helps, will talk about what is happening in our community, in our schools, and how you can help.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Mary Lee Monroe—Brookwood  
Robert Weaver—VA  
Harry Hill—St. Vincent's

## Memorials

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

**Opal Humphrey**, by Peggy and William Best, Brookwood Medical Auxiliary

**John Calloway**, by Battle Miller Construction, Kess Fabian, Homer Greer

### BUILDING FUND

**Opal Humphrey**, by the Opportunity Class

**Stretch Dunn**, by Joan Dunn

**Chuck and Kammy Cain**, by Charles and Patty Cain

### FOOD PANTRY

**John Calloway**, by Canterbury Class

### SENIORS MINISTRY

**Opal Humphrey**, by Mary Bess Clark Price and Family, M. Taylor Clark, JR and Family

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

**Nancy Lacey**, by Tim and Connie Gruber

## Honorariums

### GENERAL OPERATING FUND

**Charlie Trucks**, by Martha Leard

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**Melissa Hendon and Family**, by JB and Frances Thrasher

**John Gates and family**, by JB and Frances Thrasher

### UMCOR

**London Gibson**, by Pony Green

### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY

**Joy Raine Thrash**, by Elizabeth and Robert Cahoon

### ROOM 35226

**Reagan Gossett**, by Richard and Derilda Joiner

**PK4 Children**, by Richard and Derilda Joiner

### GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

**Joan Davis**, by Fred and Pam McDonaldp

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** On Sunday, August 13th, 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 backpacks throughout the year.

**VBS REUNION/SCIENCE EXPERIMENT SHOW:** On Wednesday, August 23rd, from 6:30-7:30 all of our elementary aged children are invited to a night of VBS Songs, games, an appearance by the toilet paper gun, and a special science experiment based program by Jan Mattingly! While the kids are enjoying this event, parents are invited to the Fellowship Hall to hear local Christian speaker and author Kari Kampakis, who will be speaking on "20 Ways to Save Your Sanity in a New School Year!" We look forward to seeing you all there!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** For the month of August and September, we will be studying the life of King David!

**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!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6TH, 5:00PM: LASER TAG IN THE GYM** We are turning off the lights in the gym and transforming it into a laser tag arena. We'll rotate teams of students in to play while we have food and other activities across the hall. All 6th-12th graders are invited to this FREE event!

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH, 5:30PM: FREE NEW CHINA & HOLY GROUND WORSHIP** After the first day of classes, join us for FREE New China in the Youth Wing at 5:30pm. Then we'll worship together in the Holy Ground Room. Our monthly worship theme will focus on keeping faith first and foremost as we head back to school.

**BAND CAMP! JOIN OUR STUDENT WORSHIP TEAM** Our worship leader, Jake Smith, is organizing a multi-day fun training and rehearsal event for students who want to be part of our Wednesday night worship team this fall. No experience is required and there is no cost. You don't even have to know how to sing or play an instrument. Students will learn some of our favorite songs along with the basics of running our lighting, video, and sound for Holy Ground. Contact Jake at [jdsmith94@gmail.com](mailto:jdsmith94@gmail.com) for more details.

**DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE.** There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: fun weekly events, big trips 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.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 6th, 10:00am

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Sunday, August 6th, 5:00pm

Wednesday, August 9th, 5:30pm

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Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Laser Tag in the Gym & Snack Supper

FREE New China in the Youth Wing

Holy Ground Worship

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### 55+ AND FRIENDS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Are you a retired teacher or someone interested in helping children read? Please consider volunteering to listen to children read afterschool at BPUMC! Just one hour each week this fall. Contact Fran at 822-0910 or email [fgatch@bpumc.org](mailto:fgatch@bpumc.org) Thank you!

**COMMUNITY CONCERT:** Sunday Afternoon, September 24th Concert ~ Dr. Joseph and Suzanne Hopkins, Dean School of the Arts Samford University ~ will perform a variety of vocal variations. We are offering these exquisite vocalist For your enjoyment and inspiration. Free Event. Reception in Parlor to Follow!

### SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

August 10

**Gibraltar!** The Rock at the End of the World

August 17

**Gary Sanders,** UAB Director of Broadcasting ~ Stories and Jokes from My Life at Work

August 24

**Shades Mountain Air Concert** ~ Enjoy this blue grass, gospel and humorous Band

August 31

**Dolores Hydock,** Actress, Storyteller, Yale Grad ~ Shares Stories of Aging



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**The Week of August 6—12**

**Sunday, August 6—UMW Recognition Sunday**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
**Monday, August 7**  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl  
**Tuesday, August 8**  
8:30 am Maintenance  
6:00 pm Under the Bridge  
**Wednesday, August 9**  
5:45 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Choir  
**Thursday, August 10**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
**Friday, August 11**  
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

**SUNDAY, August 6, 2017**  
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship  
Matthew 9:1-8  
*"Creed: What God Loves To Do"*  
Rev. Mike Holly

**Daily Scripture Readings**  
Sunday—Matthew 9:1-8  
Monday—Luke 17:1-4  
Tuesday—Micah 7:18-20  
Wednesday—Matthew 6:5-15  
Thursday—Colossians 3:12-17  
Friday—Psalm 103  
Saturday—Romans 6:1-14

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**Ushers**  
8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality  
**Acolyte**  
8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Mary El Neal  
**Greeters:** Friendship  
**Meal on Wheels:** Adams/Pearson  
**Food Pantry September 6th:** Summers

**Last Week's Record**

July 30, 2017

Children/Youth	58/35
Morning Worship	438
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,891.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$841,247.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$838,488.62
New Members in 2017	21

**10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN**

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$1,603.00
Received to Date	\$344,445.31

**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.