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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*April 8, 2018*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

[www.BluffParkUMC.org](http://www.BluffParkUMC.org)



I hope you will join me in praying for and supporting our 2018 Confirmation Class! These students have studied basic Christian theology, Wesleyan history and have decided to publicly profess their faith and become full members of Bluff Park UMC. We will confirm most of these students this Sunday, April 8, 2018, at the 11:00 am worship service.

#### VOWS OF A PROFESSING MEMBER FROM THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE:

- To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
- To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
- To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
- To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;
- To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
- To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
- To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

## Confirmation Class of 2018

Kate Ryan Black  
Avery Love Edwards  
Jacqueline Eliza Fort  
Lauren Alayna Gates  
Dylan Douglas Haigler

Anna Gale Hancock  
Lena Kathryn Holly  
Michael Alan Lagan  
Emma Catherine Leal  
Caroline Grace Marshall  
Clara Frances Maxwell

Lily Matheson  
Penny Rose Pearson  
Andrew Evan Pitts  
Vivian Whitley Shanlever  
David Patrick Williamson

# News of the Week

## SPRING SERVE DAY

Our Spring Serve Day is coming up on Saturday, April 21st, and the BPUMC Serve Team is looking for people in our neighborhood who could use a helping hand with spring cleanup. If you know someone in our community who could use help with yard work or light exterior projects, call the church office or email us and share their contact information. Do you want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in Bluff Park? Become a serve team volunteer! We'll have a sign-up table in the narthex on Sunday mornings April 1, 8, and 15. You can also sign up online at the church website.

## WANTED: CRAFTY PEOPLE

"The Prayer Shawls Ministry is in need of crafty people who want to crochet or knit! If you don't know how, we will teach you (even if you are left handed like me! :) We meet Monday mornings at 10am on the 3rd floor. This is a very rewarding ministry. Those who receive shawls feel so comforted and tell us they feel so blessed! We are a happy, friendly group and we'd love to have you join us. Contact Kandis Scudder for more details @ 985-9463.

## BLUFF PARK GREEN TEAM

BPUMC is seeking new members for our Green Team. Volunteers are needed to help with the Children's Garden, GOTB Community Garden, Planting and Grounds Team, and Environmental Awareness Team. Volunteers may participate in any or all of these activities. Contact Jan Rogers at [jan2rogers@gmail.com](mailto:jan2rogers@gmail.com) for more information.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Nell Woods—UAB West  
Sylvia Harper—UAB



22nd Annual  
**BPUMC BBQ  
& Bake Sale**  
April 13th 4-6pm  
April 14th 10am-3pm  
733 Valley Street | 822-0910  
Call the Church Office to reserve  
your Boston Butt (pick-up Saturday)



On April 15th–17th, Bluff Park UMC will join with several other churches, schools, and civic organizations from the Vestavia/Hoover area to pack nutritious meals to be sent overseas to relieve hunger. This project will be carried out in conjunction with Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now), an organization dedicated to eradicating world hunger.

We are encouraging groups from the church to volunteer together, but *each individual must register separately*. If you have any problems accessing the website to register, contact the church office for assistance.

To sign-up as a volunteer visit: [BluffParkUMC.org/riseagainsthunger](http://BluffParkUMC.org/riseagainsthunger)



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** This year's Vacation Bible School is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus! VBS will be held on July 16th-20th from 8:30-12:00 each day. Online registration is now open! To register visit: <http://bluffparkumc.org/vbs-2018/>. We look forward to seeing you there!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:** We had over 200 children attend our Vacation Bible School last year, and we are hoping to have even more attend this year! It takes so many volunteers doing so many different things to run a successful Vacation Bible School for this many children! If you would like to volunteer this year in any way, please contact Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org) and she will help find the perfect place for you to serve at VBS!

**NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry currently has two openings we are trying to fill on our nursery staff. Our nursery staff watches the Preschool-aged children of our church on Sundays, Wednesdays, and/or during special church events. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for these positions, please contact Marcie Walters at [nursery.bpumc.org](mailto:nursery.bpumc.org).

**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!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Our Elementary Sunday school lesson will be on "Paul's Shipwreck" and our Preschool Sunday school lesson will be on "Jesus goes back to Heaven!"

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our Children's Church lesson will be on the "Jesus appearing to his followers after the Resurrection!"

**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](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org).

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH IT'S CONFIRMATION SUNDAY FOR OUR 6TH GRADERS AT THE 11AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE.** Please show your love and support for our students as they take a huge step in their faith journey!

**ALSO, THIS SUNDAY EVENING IT'S FIRE & ICE NIGHT DONE A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY.** From 5-7pm, we'll have students share their experiences from past summer trips, games and the ice cream truck (our treat)! We will also have a notary public onsite, so parents please plan to join us to get your summer trips forms signed and notarized quickly and easily!

**APRIL HOLY GROUND SERIES: MORNING, NOON & NIGHT... DAY BY DAY DEVOTED** On Wednesday evenings in April, we'll be learning what it means to commit each day and season of our lives to Christ, the good times and the bad. Also, how to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to God in some of the most unexpected places of our everyday lives. Ministry can happen anytime, and we want to be tuned in to the Holy Spirit's leadings even in the seemingly mundane tasks of everyday life!

**WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-6:30PM IN THE YOUTH WING.** There are 3 groups to choose from, all guys, all girls or co-ed. You're welcome to join in at anytime, this is a great time to get to know each other and share what's going on in your life.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** *Senior Recognition Sunday & Brunch* is May 20th, *Adventure Camp at Whitewater Express* is June 22nd-24th, *ASP Mission Trip* is July 8th-14th.

### THIS WEEK

Sun, April 8th @ 10am  
Sun, April 8th @ 5pm-7pm  
Wed, April 11th @ 4:30pm  
Wed, April 11th @ 6pm  
Wed, April 11th @ 6:30-7:30pm  
Sat, April 14th

Youth Sunday School  
Fire & Ice Night and get summer trip forms notarized  
Holy Ground Rehearsal & Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing  
Small Groups (Girls Only, Guys Only & Co-ed)  
Holy Ground Worship  
Youth Car Wash Fundraiser For Summer Trips

## 55+ MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5-6:30pm Conversation and Candlelight Dinner in the Faith Classroom

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10 Trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens - Lunch Tour, Lunch and Shop. Free Admission ~ Kathy G's Lunch \$6-\$14 10AM-3PM ~ RSVP [fgatch@bpumc.org](mailto:fgatch@bpumc.org).

April 17 "Birmingham Heroes Luncheon" Honoring Andrew Gerow Hodges, Birmingham's Own WWII Hero. Penguin Published Writer, Denise George presents the dramatic true story. Delicious Catered Lunch and Program \$15 ~ Noon ~ Fellowship Hall. RSVP [fgatch@bpumc.org](mailto:fgatch@bpumc.org) by April 10th.

### SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

Programs - 10 AM - Thursdays  
In The Fireside Room  
All are Welcome!

#### April 12

"Build It and They Will Come" ~ Story of the Ark ~ Jan Rogers, Master Teacher

#### May 9

Trip to Military Museum, Aliceville, AL  
Program by Curator, Lunch, Tour  
Admission \$7 ~ Lunch \$10





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## The Week of April 8—14

**Sunday, April 8—Confirmation Sunday**  
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  
12:30 pm Youth Council  
**Monday, April 9**  
8:00 am UMW Executive Committee  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl  
**Tuesday, April 10**  
8:30 am Maintenance  
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study  
10:00 am 55+ Trip to Botanical Garden  
6:00 pm Under the Bridge  
**Wednesday, April 11**  
9:00 am Building Committee Meeting  
4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup  
5:30 pm Men's Chorus  
6:00 pm Handbell  
6:30 pm Choir  
6:30 pm Holy Strollers  
**Thursday, April 12**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
9:30 am Sewing Group  
**Friday, April 13**  
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon  
5:00–7:00 pm Annual BBQ and Bake Sale  
**Saturday, April 14**  
10:00 am–3:00 pm Annual BBQ and Bake Sale  
10:00 am Kid's Garden Plant Sale

**SUNDAY, April 8, 2018**  
8:45 & 11:00am Traditional Worship  
Acts 4:32-35  
"What Would You Do?"  
Rev. Mike Holly  
11:00am The Gathering at Bluff Park  
Rev. John Carl Hastings

### LIFETRACK

**Sunday**  
Acts 4:32-35 | Psalm 112  
**Monday**  
1 John 2:3-11 | Psalm 1  
**Tuesday**  
1 John 2:12-17 | Psalm 6  
**Wednesday**  
Mark 12:18-27 | Psalm 13  
**Thursday**  
1 John 2:18-25 | Psalm 18:1-20  
**Friday**  
1 John 2:26-28 | Psalm 17  
**Saturday**  
Luke 22:24-30 | Psalm 17

### SERVING

**Ushers**  
8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley  
**Acolyte**  
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Ellie Blanchard  
**Cross**  
8:45 Cadence Ward  
11:00 Emma Ruth Cooper  
**Meal on Wheels:** Shanlever  
**Food Pantry May 2nd:** Adams  
**Midweek Meetup April 11th:** Menu—TBA

## Last Week's Record

April 1, 2018

Children	125
Traditional Worship/Gathering	968/74
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$31,923.68
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$352,781.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$326,270.15
New Members in 2018	3

### 10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$2,945.00
Received to Date	\$523,969.64

\*Provisional figures pending approval of 2018 budget

**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.