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# BLUFF PARK

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*April 15, 2018*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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



**B**ishop Debra Wallace-Padgett of the North Alabama Conference is set to appoint all of our pastors back for another year of ministry this June. Rev. Stanley Davidson, our Director of Children's Ministry, will continue to serve as a Deacon on our staff. Stanley will be ordained this summer in the North Georgia Conference after finishing a three year process of being evaluated and approved to serve in ministry. This is a tremendous achievement and we are so very proud of Stanley and his work! Rev. John Carl Hastings will begin his third year of ministry at Bluff Park after starting our newest expression of worship: The Gathering at Bluff Park which meets Sundays at 11:00 am in the Chapel.

Rev. Angela Martin will begin her fourth year of ministry at Bluff Park UMC and continues to lead with excellence in all areas! Angela is in charge of our summer Church Life events, our Day of Service and our Fall Block Party among many other assignments and duties. Finally, I will return for my sixth year of ministry at Bluff Park UMC. I am the proud father of a new member at Bluff Park as my daughter, Lena, was confirmed on Sunday, April 8. I know that she is in good hands here at Bluff Park UMC. We are a church family that yearns to seek God, to lose ourselves, and to find life. My prayer is that we all continue to find life together as we journey through faith step by step together.

*Mike*



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)



# News of the Week



## Kairos Prison Ministry International

Kairos Prison Ministry shares the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to impact their hearts and lives—encouraging them to become loving and productive citizens in their communities. The next Kairos weekend at Donaldson Correctional Facility in West Jefferson County is April 19-22. Tom Duley and Rick Hardy will be representing Bluff Park inside the prison. You can help by baking homemade cookies or brownies to be shared with inmates. Place two dozen in gallon zip lock bags marked “Kairos”. No fruit or powdered sugar on top. Please drop them off in the church office by Wednesday April 18.

### 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.

### 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.

### IN THE HOSPITAL...

Harold Bailey—Grandview  
Peggy Fields—Brookwood  
Anne Miller—Brookwood  
Sylvia Harper—UAB



## 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 signup online at the church website.





## 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!

**DOLLY AND ME TEA PARTY:** Girls of all ages are cordially invited to a Dolly and Me ParTEA in the Courtyard and Fireside Room on Sunday, April 29th beginning right after the 11:00 worship service until 1:30! There will be a light lunch, activities, crafts, and more! If you would like to attend, please register online at [www.bluffparkumc.org/dollyandme](http://www.bluffparkumc.org/dollyandme). We hope to see you all there!

**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 "God Sends the Holy Spirit!"

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our Children's Church lessons for the month of April will be on "The Life of Peter!"

**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

**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!

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH** It's time for Serve Night from 5pm-7pm! After our free snack supper, we'll be doing all kinds of projects... PB & J's for the homeless, stocking the food pantry and more! We'll also have a special surprise treat to end the evening with as usual, we hope to see y'all Sunday night!

**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:** *Rising 6th Grade Cookout at The Sty's Home* is May 9th from 5-7pm, *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 15th @ 10am  
Sun, April 15th @ 4pm-5pm  
Sun, April 15th @ 5pm-7pm  
Wed, April 18th @ 4:30pm  
Wed, April 18th @ 6pm  
Wed, April 18th @ 6:30-7:30pm

Youth Sunday School  
Holy Ground Rehearsal  
Serve Night  
Holy Ground Rehearsal & Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing  
Small Groups (Girls Only, Guys Only & Co-ed)  
Holy Ground Worship

## 55+ MINISTRY

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17 "Birmingham Heroes Luncheon" Honoring Andrew Gerow Hodges, Birmingham's Own WWII Hero. Penguin Published Writer, Denise George presents the dramatic true story. Noon ~ Parlor.

### SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

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

April 19

Niki Sepsas-World Travel Guide

April 26

Professional Storyteller, Edna Turner,  
Phd



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## The Week of April 15—21

### Sunday, April 15

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

### Monday, April 16

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

### Tuesday, April 17

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study  
12:00 am 55+ Hero's Luncheon  
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

### Wednesday, April 18

4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup  
5:00 pm ECO Fair Committee  
5:30 pm Men's Chorus  
6:00 pm Handbell  
6:30 pm Choir  
6:30 pm Holy Strollers

### Thursday, April 19

9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
9:30 am Sewing Group

### Saturday, April 21

8:00 am Serve Day

### SUNDAY, April 15, 2018

8:45 & 11:00am Traditional Worship  
Luke 24:36b-48  
"Charging Station"  
Rev. Mike Holly

11:00am The Gathering at Bluff Park  
Rev. John Carl Hastings

### LIFETRACK

#### Sunday

Luke 24:36b-48 | Psalm 114

#### Monday

1 John 3:10-16 | Psalm 9

#### Tuesday

Hosea 5:15-6:6 | Psalm 28

#### Wednesday

Mark 16:9-18 | Psalm 38

#### Thursday

Acts 3:17-26 | Psalm 37:1-18

#### Friday

Psalm 23 | Psalm 105:1-22

#### Saturday

Genesis 48:8-19 | Psalm 30

### SERVING

#### Ushers

8:45 Footsteps 11:00 Davis

#### Acolyte

8:45 Matthew Pitts 11:00 Mary El Neal

#### Cross

8:45 Spencer Schillaci

11:00 Mary Lynn Williamson

Meal on Wheels: White

Food Pantry May 2nd: Adams

Midweek Meetup April 18th: Menu—Beef mac, corn on the cob, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

## Last Week's Record

April 8, 2018

Children/Youth	96/47
Traditional Worship/Gathering	505/50
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$21,721.00
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$379,981.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$347,991.15
New Members in 2018	19

### 10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$1,152.00
Received to Date	\$525,121.64

\*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.