



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, April 16, 2013

NEW SENIOR MINISTER ANNOUNCED

Michael M. Holly has been appointed as the new Senior Minister at Bluff Park. June 12 is Moving Day, and his first Sunday with us will be June 16. Mike currently serves as Associate Pastor and Minister of Contemporary Worship at Canterbury UMC in Mountain Brook. Peter von Herrmann will be reappointed as our Associate Minister.



Family: Married to Rev. Julie Holly (Discovery UMC). They have two children, Lena Holly and Davis Holly.

Educational Background: Mike received a B.A. in Psychology at the University of South Carolina and a Master of Divinity at the Divinity School at Duke University.

Ministerial Background: Assistant to the Pastors, Mount Hebron United Methodist Church, West Columbia, SC

Director of Student Discipleship, Kern Youth Center, Lake Junaluska, NC

Member of Kadasha Experiential Worship Team, Lake Junaluska, NC

Campus Minister Intern, Wesley Foundation at UNC, Chapel Hill

Ministry Intern, Rocky Mount United Methodist Church, Mooresville, NC

Associate Pastor and Youth Director, First United Methodist Church, Trussville, AL

Favorite Books: *The Irresistible Revolution* by Shane Clairborne, *Practicing Passion* by Kenda Creasy Dean, *Resident Aliens* by Bishop William H. Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas, *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Confessions* by St. Augustine

Hobbies: Mike enjoys hiking, reading, blogging, visiting farmer's markets, and spending time with family.

Favorite Verse: Luke 9:23 "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."

APRIL 21—CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

It's always exciting to see the future of the church. And, to be precise, the future is now! On Sunday we will receive our 2013 Confirmation Class into the membership of the church. They have been preparing for several months to accept the responsibilities that come with membership. They have explored what it means to follow Jesus in today's world and how they can make a difference in the world. Let's welcome them with open arms and surround them with love and support. Thanks to Bart Styes, who has organized and led our Confirmation Class and to all the parents who have encouraged their youth during the process. To all of our Confirmands, we say, "Welcome Aboard!"

Golf Tournament:



Mon April 29;
Riverchase Country Club

Registration opens at
11:00;

Tee time 12:30

Cost: \$85 entry fee per player

(golf fees, range balls, box lunch, sodas)

Lots of prizes.

Sponsorship: \$100 per sign

or \$500 for 2 signs and

4 players.

Benefits

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

Presented By:

BPUMC United Appeals Fund, Inc.

To sign up, contact the church office.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Organized by women for hands-on missions to spread God's love _
The local UMW is always open to all ages who want to be involved in service.

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

Compassion - Sunday, April 28; 5pm; Food Pantry

Grace - April 22 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class

Hope-Love - April 22 @ 10AM at home of Julia Dunn

Joy - April 22 @ 10AM in Fireside Room

Friendship - April 22 @ 6:30PM in Parlor

Service Projects

Church Bake Sale and Belk's Charity Sale -

Proceeds to support local missions

Mission Highlights

Grace and Joy Circles visited the United Community Center in March. The members served lunch to the volunteers who provide activities and services for children, youth and adults. The Center is one of only two national missions in the state of Alabama and has been in service since 1903.

Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Anne Friddle, who died on April 12. She was a member of the Opportunity Class.....to the family of former BPUMC member Cliff Lowe, who died on April 9. Cliff and Louise were long-time members of the Friendship Class...to Mary Lee Monroe in the death of her daughter, Kim Barfield of Bristol, Virginia, on April 11....Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

Invitation: The Hoover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m. at the Wynfrey Hotel. Guest speaker will be Auburn and Miami Dolphins star Mike Kolen. The church has 16 seats, and they are available at no charge to the first 16 people who would like to attend. Sign up in the church office.

Pall: The church has a beautiful funeral pall available for use by church members, family, and friends. The pall covers the casket instead of a blanket of flowers. We also have a pall for cremation urns. Contact the church office when needed.

Welcome: There will be a New Member Brunch for anyone who would like to join the church on Sunday, May 5, at 9:45 (during Sunday School) in the fellowship hall. Information about BPUMC will be shared and questions answered. Anyone looking for a church home is invited and welcome. Those who've been visiting with us are encouraged to consider becoming members. We want you to be a part of our future as we prepare to receive a new Senior Minister and begin a new chapter in the life of our congregation.

How to Schedule a Baptism: We will have one or more baptisms for 10 consecutive Sundays, beginning on March 24. That's a lot of babies. Baptisms can be scheduled for the 8:45 or 11:00 morning worship service on any Sunday. Call the church office at 822-0910 to make arrangements.

Midweek: Midweek Ministries continues on Wednesday nights through May 8. This week— April 17 - all choirs, handbells, and activities for children and youth will meet as usual. Classes include:

- * The **Cooking Class** at 6:00 in the Fireside Room features Scott Jones, former Executive Editor Southern Living magazine..
- * **Great Chapters of the Bible** led by Reid Crotty at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity classroom will explore John 21.
- * Peter Kirchikov continues the story of his book **Walnuts on My Bookshelf** at 6:00 in the parlor.
- * Becky Walker leads **Revelation and the End Time** at 6:00 in the Friendship classroom.
- * There's always **Coffee and Conversation** after supper in the fellowship hall. No lesson—No schedule—No agenda

Prayer and Missions: Our Volunteers in Mission Team are serving at the El Vergel Methodist Agricultural School in Angol, Chile with our missionary John Elmore. They will return on April 20. Please keep the team in your prayers as they serve and travel.

Cancellations on the Flower Calendar: Both June 9th and 16th (Fathers Day) are open. Call the church office or sign up in the narthex of the education building.

Missing: If you have checked out the DVD's from J. Ellsworth Kalas studies: *Parables from the Back Side and * Old Testament Stories from the Back Side, please call or return them to the church office.

"Save the Date" for the rain barrel workshop that is scheduled on Sunday, May 19th in the fellowship hall from 2-4 pm and the cost is \$45. Sign up begins April 21st. Contact Julie Adams for more information at 822-6516.

Counseling: Premarital counseling can help a marriage get off to a good start. We may spend \$25,000 (or more) on a wedding, but one of the best investments in the future could be a few hundred dollars for several sessions with Steve Sweatt. He is a licensed professional counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Steve has many years of experience in assisting couples as they prepare for married life. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. Evening and weekend sessions can be arranged.

Meetings:

Wednesday, April 17 6:30 VBS meeting New Light Class

New York VIM Team: We now have 2 openings for the New York VIM team. If you are interested in going, please communicate your interested to Tom Duley, call the church office at 822-0910 or email him at tduley@bpumc.org.

Thank you to the congregation for all the prayers and concern for our grandson, Tripp Mitchell and their mom and dad, Abby and Flop. Prayers were answered, he is home and doing well. Sarah and Mike Campbell

Thanks to everyone for your support of the BBQ, it would not be a success without you. The BBQ Committee

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www.growalabama.com
for more information



ATTENTION!! Fashionistas and Bargain Hunters

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CHARITY SALE is April 27h from 6-10 am .Once again United Methodist Women will be offering \$5.00 discount tickets. For your convenience, early shopping begins APRIL 7th. Beat the crowd and get even better savings All proceeds from sale tickets will go to support our Local Mission programs. See any UMW member for tickets and pamphlets to see the deals.



VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning!
Drive to the covered
entrance near the nursery

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month
We are serving
100+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!



Monday 6:30
In the Gym

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER**BREAKFAST**

Mondays, 6:30-7:00 am
Arby's on Montgomery Highway

Men's Freeplay Basketball**In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm
Wednesday: 7:00pm
(church members) (community)

Note from Chile: As I write this, I am traveling in a van with the team towards the coast for a Saturday holiday! El Vergel (where we are working) is nestled in the fertile valley with the Andes rising in the east and coastal mountains in the west. I could write volumes on how much we love being immersed in Chilean culture and experiencing this bit of God's world. We have been so fortunate to become friends with many of the Methodists in this region. In fact, our team will be singing with the musicians at Iglesia Metodista Emaus at a concert in the town of Angol. We have had two rehearsals with guitars and keyboard—and those evenings have truly been Holy Ground. Singing and praying together have a way of dissolving the language barrier! As I sang the words to "Heme Aqui, Dios" (Here Am I, Lord), my throat constricted with God-love knowing we are "uno in Cristo". There is no end to the depth and width this trip is taking us to God!
Leonette Slay

CHILDREN'S NEWS

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING is Sunday May 5 at 10a.m. in the youth Worship Room on the Youth Hall. You can grab breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45a.m. and then come on down! This is for adults who have not received the training this year or who have not received this type of training in the last 3 years.

VBS- EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR will be this summer July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4k-thru elementary age children. We are looking for adult volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Delashaw at ldelashaw@bpumc.org. A nursery is provided for children of volunteers. The 2 year olds (rising 3k preschoolers) of volunteers will have a VBS experience, too.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL Thank you Home Improvement class for teaching the April unit on Pentecost. Last Sunday was wonderful! Every teacher, every shepherd spot was filled. Thank you for all of the members of this class. This is an excellent way for children and parents to have a Sunday School lesson. Everybody can learn something!

SUMMER is not that far off. **Children's Ministry** is geared up for lots of fun activities.

June- On the Road Again Elementary field trips. Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. Must have notarized Travel/Medical form on file. Doors open at 7:30a.m. Pick up your child by 5:30p.m. We are back from trips between 4 and 4:30p.m.

Wed. June 12-Peach Picking, Pizza and a movie.

Wed. June 19-SciQuest in Huntsville AL. Wed.

Wed. June 26- Museum of Natural History, Anniston AL

Day Camp for Preschoolers thru 2nd graders.-Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m. Bring a lunch.

Call the Preschool Director, Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for more information.

July- July 8-12 Vacation Bible School- Everywhere Fun Fair- Where God's world comes together!

For rising 4K -Rising 5th graders. 9a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Friday is dinner and program at 6p.m.

July 14-17. Passport Camp -For rising 4th graders - 7th graders. Leave at 7:45a.m. on the 14th and back around 7p.m. the 17th. It is at Mercer University in Macon GA. We have been going for 5 years and the kids love it. Cost is \$240.00. Contact Leigh Delashaw for more information.

Wed. July 24 ORA field Trip- Cathedral Caverns, Woodville, AL

August—July 30-Aug. 2 Fine Arts Camp- "Who is My Neighbor? The Story of the Good Samaritan.

9a.m. - 12:30p.m. For rising 1st through 6th graders. Cost: \$35.00 a child. Daily snack included.

Weds. Aug. 7 ORA Field Trip Bowling, Pizza and a movie.

Weds. Aug. 14 ORA Field Trip Springville Splash Pad

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17: COOKING CLASS —with Scott Jones, former Executive Editor Southern Living, recipe development and testing.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Seasoned Performers, White Hats and Six Guns

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24: COOKING CLASS — with Sammy Emaish, Pita

THURSDAY, APRIL 25: SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Charon Rogers, Care boxes to our service men and women.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26: SENIOR FUN DAY with REID AND TOM ROBERTS

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. special music, mystery guest, lunch \$6.00 pp. Call Betty for reservations. Everyone is invited for the fun!

SATURDAY, MAY 4:

LADIES DAY—Reflecting the Beauty of the Lord; Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

Sign-up for Tablescapes with Betty at the Welcome Center on Sunday. Tickets \$15.00.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC

Historical district tour, church tour, and more. Side trip to Myrtle Beach, Barefoot Landing, shopping for the ladies, men bring your golf clubs for a round of golf at a local golf course. The cost: **\$565.00** pp. Deposit \$100.00. Balance Due

July 1

Special Moment with Jesus!

Love one another with brotherly affection. Out do one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10

Student Ministries

Are you looking for a ways to show our students you care about them? Help with our Scholarship Fund. With so many trips coming up this summer, any help you can give to lower costs for families with multiple children in our student program or who have a demonstrated financial need is greatly appreciated. You can make out a check to BPUMC with "Youth Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and turn that in to our main office at your convenience. Also, be sure to eat at Creekside Tavern in Patton Creek on the first Tuesday of each month. Let the wait staff know you'd like a portion of your check to go to Bluff Park UMC!

Wednesday, April 17, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 21, 10:00am: Sunday School

Sunday, April 21, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, April 21, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 21, 6:00pm: Scavenger Hunt & HS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 24, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

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The Week of April 21-27

Sunday, April 21

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Monday, April 22

Tuesday, April 23

Wednesday, April 24

4:30 p.m. Children's Handbells
4:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study
5:00-6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal
5:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
6:00 p.m. Walnuts on the Bookshelf
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 p.m. Cooking Class
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study

Thursday, April 25

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

Friday, April 26

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

Saturday, April 27

4:00 p.m. Wedding McGhee/Wilson
6:00 p.m. Covenant Class

Last Week's Record

April 14, 2013

Sunday School	412
Morning Worship	553
Evening Worship	80
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$21,916.16
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$405,375.00
Received to Date	\$405,562.26
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,715.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$86,512.65
New Members in 2013	8

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,255.00
Received to Date	\$157,859.67

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**
Information Sheets in Narthex and Church
Office

Midweek Meal, April 17

Taco salad and refried beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, April 24

Baked fish, rosemary potatoes, vegetable casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread and dessert.

Sermons April 21, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Chosen"
(Acts 10:34-43)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Finding Rest"
(Psalms 22 and 23)
Peter von Herrmann

Ushers

8:45: White 11:00: Davis

Cross

8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Lydia Coltrane

Acolytes

8:45: John David Shanlever 11:00: Vasi Tsantes

Children's Church

8:45 Poe 11:00 Williamson

Greeters April 28: Faith

Meals on Wheels: April 24: Debra McCallum

Food Pantry: May 1: Kay Adams

Need a Hospital Bed? We have one free of charge. Call Betty.

April 17—Midweek Servers
Fishermen Class-Fellowship Hall;
Betty and Gail-Carryout
Cashiers
Sally Holland and Woodie Comer