



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter, April 30, 2013*

## NEW MEMBER BRUNCH

**Sunday, May 5, 9:45**

Fellowship Hall

Have you been visiting BPUMC for awhile? Maybe participating in classes and activities? Would you like to make this your “official” church home? If so, you’re invited to our **NEW MEMBER BRUNCH** on Sunday.

We’ll talk a little about the church and answer questions. Those who would like to join and become church members can take that step at the Brunch. All are welcome.

As we prepare to welcome a new Senior Minister and begin a new chapter in the ongoing BPUMC story, **NOW** would be a perfect time to come on board. Be a part of the future of our congregation.



## CHILDREN’S CHOIR MUSICAL

“The Prodigal Clown”

**Sunday Night, May 5**

**6:00—Chapel**

(Light supper for children and parents before the program at 5:00 in the Fellowship Hall)

## SAFE SANCTUARY WORKSHOP

**Sunday, May 5, 10:00**

**(During Sunday School)**

**Youth Hall**

We take proper and responsible care of our children and youth seriously at Bluff Park. Their safety is of utmost importance. Every person—staff or volunteers—who works with children or youth in any capacity is required to complete the **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**. The process includes a legal background check. The training will be offered on Sunday. Those who have not been through the class in the past year— and any others who may have an interest in serving in our children or youth ministries—are invited to participate. Bart Styes will lead the session. A master list is posted in the Fellowship Hall for everyone whose **SAFE SANCTUARY** status is up to date. Feel free to drop by the Fellowship Hall and pick up some breakfast before heading down to the Youth Hall. Thank you for your cooperation and your participation in this essential process.



## TOM ROBERTS TO RETIRE



Tom Roberts, who has served as our Parish Minister for the past 10 years, will retire from that position at the end of May. Tom has ministered to our homebound and shut-in members, visited hospitals on Wednesdays, and been our regular Sunday night preacher. In addition, he has taught Sunday School classes, conducted funerals, and assisted in various ways. He and Jean have been a wonderful presence in our congregation. Tom’s final Sunday night to preach will be May 19 at 6:00 in the chapel. Prior to the service, there will be a light supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 where we will express our appreciation for his ministry at Bluff Park. Everyone is invited to attend. Thank you Tom and Jean!!!!

## LADIES DAY

Saturday, June 15

For All Ladies of BPUMC, Friends, and Community  
Worship, Music, Bible Study, Tablesapes, Special Guest, and Lunch

Tickets \$15.00

See Betty for tickets



## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 5

8:45 and 11:00 morning services

Sermon by Reid Crotty

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Steve Caufield in the death of his father, Reed Caufield of Pelham, Alabama, on April 24....also to Joan Davis in the death of her sister, Virginia Smith, of Decatur, Alabama, on April 28....Our prayers are with the families in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Ed and Meridith Collari on the birth of a 6 lb. 15 oz. daughter, Hvala Jane, on April 23. Bennie and Amanda Vinson are the maternal grandparents.

**Congratulations** to Jo Ann Huddleston, who will receive a Doctor Of Ministry in Biblical Counseling from the Birmingham Theological Seminary on May 17.

**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 7 seats, and they are available at no charge, while tickets last. Sign up in the church office.

**Midweek:** Our final Wednesday night will be May 8. Thanks to all those who have taught classes, worked with our children and youth, served in the music ministry, served meals, and made Midweek Ministries such a wonderful time together. We'll take our summer break and be ready to begin again in September. On May 8, all choirs and handbells, classes, and activities for children and youth will meet as usual.

- \* Peter von Herrmann will lead **Finding the Holy in Hollywood** at 6:00 in the Footsteps classroom. Narnia versus Middle Earth
- \* Reid Crotty's class at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity Class will conclude **Great Chapters of the Bible** by exploring James 2.
- \* **Green Team** will have **George Baldwin on Bees**, 6:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room
- \* **Coffee and Conversation** after supper in the fellowship hall. No lesson—No schedule—No agenda

**VIM:** We will send a Volunteers in Mission Team to Massapequa, Long Island, New York on August 10-18 to assist with Hurricane Sandy recovery. The team will stay at and work out of the Hicksville UMC on Long Island. We have 2 spots left on the team. Please contact Tom Duley immediately if you are interested at 822-0910 or email [tduley@bpumc.org](mailto:tduley@bpumc.org).

**"RAINBARRELL WORKSHOP"** Cost \$45.00. You leave with a 55 gallon barrel. Leave your name, contact information, and money in the office. Deadline to sign up and pay is Monday, May 13.

**Counseling:** Change can be hard. Whether it's a move—a change of job or school—health issues—a death in the family—divorce—children leaving (or returning) home—retirement—a change in the neighborhood or community—or something else, change can leave us floundering. Steve Sweatt is available to help. He is a licensed professional counselor and certified 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. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Evening and weekend sessions can be arranged.

**Meetings:** Thursday, May 9 5:30 p.m. Missions Executive Committee  
 Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

**To my Bluff Park Family:** Thank you so much for your prayers and support during my mother's recent illness and death. It helps so much to know that we were being lifted up in prayer during that most difficult time. Ellen Kerns.

**MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 12**  
 8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship  
 A Gift for Every Female  
 Anthem "Bless This House"  
 Sermon: "A Mother's Love"  
 (II Samuel 21:1-14)  
 Reid Crotty



**Summer Reading List** - Join the BPUMC Book Club in discussing the following books in the church parlor at 7 pm on the following dates. You're also invited to join us on Sunday afternoon, May 19 to see The Great Gatsby. Call Susan at 978-5562 for more info.

May 23	Coming Up for Air	Patti Callahan
Jun 27	The Postmistress	Sarah Blake
Jul 25	Far From the Madding Crowd	Thomas Hardy
Aug 22	Breakfast at Tiffany's	Truman Capote



**GROW ALABAMA**  
 Pick up at the church  
 Call 205-991-0042  
 or [www.growalabama.com](http://www.growalabama.com)  
 for more information

**VALET PARKING**

Every Sunday morning!  
Drive to the covered  
entrance near the nursery  
and fellowship hall.

**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 of all ages welcome

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

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

**PRAYER TEAM MEETING** 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 7. in the Seekers Class Our Prayer Ministries Team is looking to expand by adding a "Prayer Line." If you are interested in planning for or participating in this ministry, join us at 6:00. Contact Kandis Scudder for more details at 985-9463.

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**PARENTS-** We are members of an online library that has video lessons on a wide variety of topics that you can use for your personal study at home . These range in topics from bible studies to parenting studies, to life application studies. There are videos for children and youth also. If you are interested in accessing this library, please contact Leigh Delashaw or Bart Styes.

**NEXT ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** will be Wednesday June 12. We will go peach picking, to Pizza Pro and watch a movie. Cost is \$30.00. Be on the look out for more details!

**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.

Tues. June 18- **Preschool Splash Day!** 10a.m.-noon on the Playground. This is for the 5 and under children! An adult must accompany the child.

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

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

**Day Camp for Preschoolers thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.-**Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m. Children must bring a lunch. Call the Preschool Director, Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for more information.

**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](mailto: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.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 2;**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** Jack Owen, Retired FBI

**SATURDAY, MAY 4;**

**LADIES DAY** rescheduled for Saturday, June 15

**THURSDAY, MAY 9;**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC**

Historical district tour, carriage 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!**

*Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

**Student Ministries**

If you're still looking for a way to show our students you care about them, you can contribute to 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, May 1, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 5, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 5, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Rehearsal Team

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

Sunday, May 5, 6:00pm: Karaoke Night in the Youth Wing & HS Small Groups

Wednesday, May 8, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

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**The Week of May 6—11**

**Sunday, May 5**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Membership Class  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Musical

**Monday, May 6**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**Wednesday, May 8**

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. Men's Chorus

**Wednesday, May 8**

6:00 p.m. Finding the Holy in Hollywood  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir  
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study

**Thursday, May 9**

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center  
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

**Friday, May 10**

**6:00 p.m.** Friendship Class

**Saturday, May 11**

Wedding Moose/Wenzler

**Last Week's Record**

April 28, 2013

Sunday School	407
Morning Worship	599
Evening Worship	23
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$18,522.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$459,425.00
Received to Date	\$445,155.88
Building Fund Receipts	\$1,336.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$91,900.85
New Members in 2013	20

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$976.67
Received to Date	\$162,553.67

**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Midweek Meal, May 1**

Chicken Casserole and green peas, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Midweek Meal, May 8**

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, garlic bread, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Sermons May 5, 2013**

**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"Surrender and Defeat"**  
**(John 10:11-18)**  
**Reid Crotty**

**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
**"The Prodigal Clown"**  
**Children's Choir Musical**

**Ushers**

8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore

**Cross**

8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Savannah Sanders

**Acolytes**

8:45: Olivia Woodruff 11:00: Lauren Ann Holmes

**Greeters May 12: Friendship**

**Meals on Wheels: May 8: Pam and Fred McDonald**

**Food Pantry: May 1: Kay Adams**

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

**May 1—Midweek Servers**

Canterbury Class - Fellowship Hall;  
Peggy and Gail-Carryout

**Cashiers**

Sally Holland and Woodie Comer