

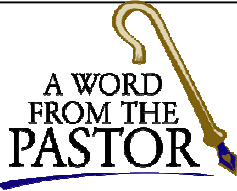
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, May 13, 2014

www.bluffparkumc.org



This Sunday we are going to honor the graduating high school seniors from the class of 2014. We have a remarkable group of young people in our congregation and we are very proud of all of them. We will have our graduating seniors attend our 11:00 am worship service this Sunday, May 18th. Please be sure to attend and give them a pat on the back!

Rev. Tom Duley will be preaching this Sunday in both services, completing our four-week sermon series called "Loving Large." Tom is an excellent preacher and we will be blessed by his words.

This summer, we are planning to pick up with the adult Sunday school curriculum used by many of our adult classes: Adult Bible Studies. From June 29th through August 31st, our pastors will be preaching on Community as seen through 1st and 2nd Corinthians. We are encouraging all adult small groups and Sunday school classes to study along with us.

There is also a wonderful supplemental book that you might want to pick up to read through July and August. "The Good and Beautiful Community" by James Bryan Smith would be a great companion to our summer study.

Mike

Sunday, May 18
Senior Recognition Sunday at 11:00
Breakfast at 9:45 a.m.

Evan Blackman
Jake Callahan
Robert Glass
Sam Hardy
Meaghan Johnson
Sarah Patrick
Hannah Thomas

Cavan Breland
Daryl Clinton
Drew Goins
Anna Claire Johnson
Ashley Mezzell
Hannah Shultz
William White



“Five partial Camper Scholarships are available for Sumatanga’s Music & Arts Week 2014 (July 7-11)! Contact Mike Holly or Suzanne Scivley (suzannehscivley@gmail.com) to apply. The five partial scholarships are in the amount of \$125 each and will assist with the \$325 camper tuition. Campers may attend the Children’s or Youth Division. Go to www.musicandartsweek.org for details about this wonderful week at Sumatanga. Hurry! The deadline for scholarship applications is May 30, and camp registration deadline is June 7.”

Compassion Circle will have a team –“ Compassion for a Cure” – at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Great Strides Walk on May 17. Check –in at 9:00 am, Walk at 10:00 am. Questions or RSVP to Jennifer McEuen, 410-1244.

Joy Circle and Hope-Love Circles will meet on May 19, 10 am, Fellowship Hall. Lunch will follow. Guest speakers will be Rev. Emily Penfied and Mason Boyd from Woodlawn United Methodist Church. The beautiful old sanctuary, built in 1912, was destroyed by fire in 2009. Come hear what has developed on this site, what programs are offered and what we can do to help this area. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a friend.

Friendship Circle will meet on May 19, 6:30, in the church parlor. The program will be presented by our new pastoral counselor Daniel Seigal. Words of wisdom for the “sandwich generation”. Visitors are welcome.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jay Lutenbacher and Laura Ann Pitts whose dad and grandfather died on April 11. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

We will be going to an **Atlanta Braves** game on Thursday, August 14th. It is an afternoon game and they will be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tickets are \$25.00. There are nine tickets available. We will leave from the church at 7:30 am. If you are interested please make your reservation with Cindy in the church office.

Blood Drive
Sunday, May 18
In the Gym 7:30-12:30



The Choir Committee will meet May 18 at 3:30 in the library. We will be discussing new choir, acolyte and handbells robes.

Update Membership: It is not too late to update your **membership information**. You can do this on line (<http://bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo/>) or call the office at 822-0910.



Are you looking for a Preschool or Parent's Day Out program for your sweet child/children? If so, the answer may be closer than you think.

Little Imaginations Preschool is a half-day program serving children aged 6 months through 4 years. School hours are 9:00-1:00. For more information or program details, please call the preschool office at 822-5813, or email our director, Tracy Estes, at imagination@bpumc.org.

There are still a few spots available in our Infants and Toddlers classes for the 2014-15 school year. If you, or someone you know is looking for a program for their child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to sharing our preschool program with you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7-11

5:00—8:15 p.m.

Register your child on line.

Volunteers wanted.

MEMORIALS

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bobby Jo Ashworth by A. R. And Sherrie Powell, Tim and Betsy Covington, Jan Harris

Lisa Gibbons by Dr. Lee and Dr. Christie Summerlin

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Studivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

UNDER THE BRIDGE

Marvin Broome, Sr. by Norma and Ray Thweatt,

Walter McCullers by J. B. Thrasher

FOOD PANTRY

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Carol and Bruce Herold, Teresa Peters Vest, Betty Peters, Sula Hicks, Cathy Brazelton, Leland and Katherine Ashworth, Carolyn Womack, Clyde and Judith Brashier, Joe and Roberta McCoy, Stokley and Sandra Morgan, Mike and Sandy Miller, Mary Johnson, Evelyn Lawrence, Nathan and Alice Chase, Wayne and Jackie Walton, Roy and Charlotte Shanlever, John and Carolyn Herndon, Fred Major and Jenny Dollar, Bernie and Margie Thompson,

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

John Baird by Gene and Jean Brown

CHOIR ROBES

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Jamie Davis

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

CHILDREN'S NEWS

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP is June 4th. Bowling, pizza, and a movie! This is for rising 1st graders thru 6th graders. Cost is \$30 a child. Room for 23 students. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We leave around 9:30a.m. and are back by 4:30p.m. We ask that you pick your child up by 5:30p.m. Call to reserve your child's place on the bus!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL leaders are looking for volunteers to help with our **Wilderness Escape this year**. If you like having fun and enjoy watching children grow in their faith, we have just the thing for you! Please e-mail Mrs. Leigh Delashaw @ ldelashaw@bpumc.org if you would like to volunteer!

WOW! We are heading into summer! Check out the summer events calendar below!

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

On The Road Again Field Trip	Wed. June 4	For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
	Wed. June 18	Cost \$30.00 a child 7:30am-5:30p.m
Little Imaginations Day Camp	Mon.-Fri. June 16-20	9a.m.-1p.m. Call 822-5813 for more info!
Preschool Splash Party	Tue. June 24	For Preschoolers and family
		10:30a.m.-noon Cost—Free!
Vacation Bible School	Mon.-Fri. July 7-11	Cost \$10 Dinner served. 5-8:15p.m.
Fine Arts Camp 9a.m.-12:30p.m.	Mon.-Fri. July 28-31	Cost \$35 For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
Promotion Sunday	Sun. Aug. 3	All Children!

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUMMER CALENDARS

Need to pay for a summer trip? Go to www.bluffparkumc.org and scroll over the Giving tab. Then click on Online Donations. From there you can click on the Youth tab and make a partial or full payment for the Band Tour, ASP or the Beach Retreat. Anyone can also make a donation to our Student Trip Scholarship Fund, which assists families who need a little help getting their students to all the great things we have planned off-site. Contact Bart Styes if your family needs assistance with a trip.

HOLY GROUND IN MAY

We have two more Holy Ground Worship services this spring, May 14th & May 21st, and then we take our summer break to participate in Tribes and other events. We will provide an optional snack supper before worship on those dates for \$5 per student (while food lasts).

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 18

Our graduating seniors will be honored with a breakfast at 10am and during worship at 11am. Parents of seniors: Remember to get digital photos turned in to the office!

Wednesday, May 14, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Youth Wing (\$5 per student)

Wednesday, May 14, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 18, 9:45am: Senior Recognition Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (all high school students are invited)

Sunday, May 18, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 18, 11:00am: Senior Recognition in the Sanctuary during Worship

Sunday, May 18, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, May 18, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 18, 6:00pm: Interactive Prayer Walk in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Youth Wing (\$5 per student)

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, MAY 15:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Rev. Tom Duley, guest speaker.

SATURDAY, MAY 17:

BPUMC RED HAT 10 YEAR REUNION with Mary Jane Wesler. Past, present and future members are invited. 979-8047 for reservations.

TUESDAY, MAY 20:

DAY TRIP Debi and John Whitcomb's garden and fish pond, lunch at Grand River 9:30—3:00

THURSDAY, MAY 22:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER Mystery Guest

TUESDAY, JUNE 24:

COLUMBUS, MS. PILGRIMAGE HOME TOURS – Tour Bus

7:00am-5:00pm Cost \$65.00pp includes lunch.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23:

SAN ANTONIO, TX. Riverwalk, The Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral, Fredericksburg, National Museum of the Pacific War, LBJ Ranch and lots of other good stuff. 1 room available. \$100 non-refundable deposit

Special Moment with Jesus

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, Proverbs 3:13

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Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org

The Week of May 18-24

Sunday, May 18

7:30 a.m. Blood Drive
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Senior High Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening worship

Monday, May 19

8:30 a.m. Betty Day trip

Tuesday, May 20

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, May 21

6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 22

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting

Friday, May 23

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

Saturday, May 24

Ushers
8:45: McDonald 11:00: Footsteps
Cross
8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski
Acolytes
8:45: Will Thompson 11:00: Carolyne Hecklinski
Children's Church
8:45 Carpenter 11:00 Neal
Meal on Wheels May 21: Robin Martin
Greeters May 18: Home Improvement Class
Food Pantry June 4: Penny Burns

Last Week's Record

May 11, 2014

Youth/Children	42/96
Morning Worship	569
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$22,183.33
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$513,475.00
Received to Date	\$464,637.26
New Members in 2014	30

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,014.00
Received to Date	\$489,898.11

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

Men's Free Play Basketball In the Gym

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

1st Wednesday each month
We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

Sermon, May 18, 2014

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
**"Can Christians Change the
World?"**

(Matthew 22:34-40)
Tom Duley

VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered
entrance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.