

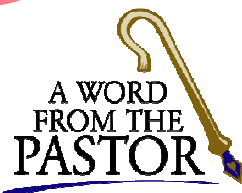
# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, May 27, 2014

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Over the next two weeks, we will continue to take a break from a sermon series and will instead focus upon the Scriptures from the rich tradition of Christian history. The Christian calendar recognizes some important events from the Acts of the Apostles in the New Testament for the next two weeks. First, we read in Acts 1 about the ascension of Jesus into heaven after his resurrection. Then, in Acts 2 we read about the experience on the Day of Pentecost where the disciples received the Holy Spirit and it led to the creation of the very first Christian church in Jerusalem.

These Scriptures for June 1st and June 8th remind us of the ending of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of humanity's work of living our lives shaped by Jesus' way, truth and life. These passages lay out for us an important concept: **Jesus entrusts the work of his ministry to us.** We are, as Paul later says, the body of Christ. We, as that body, continue his work of healing, helping, teaching and guiding. We cannot sit back and wait for God to act – for God chooses to work *through us*. Join us at the start of June as we explore these topics!

We as a church have so much going on this summer. Please read through this newsletter and see all that we have to offer, including ways in which you can serve others as a member of the body of Christ!

## Sunday Evening Worship

Please join us throughout the summer at 6pm on Sunday evenings for a meaningful celebration of God's love and grace.

Sunday Evening Worship at BPUMC will look a little different this summer. We will celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday evening. We will also connect with the global church as we read all four Scriptures assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary. The lectionary is a grouping of texts which covers the majority of the Bible over a three year cycle, and Christians throughout the world read and study these particular texts each Sunday.

If you are not able to attend our morning worship services, please join us for the evening service. Christ invites all to his table, and we invite you to join us there. A nursery is available for children as needed.

Mike, Peter and Tom

## Sunday Evening Worship Schedule June-August, 2014

Date	Preacher
June 8	Tom Duley
June 22	Tom Duley
July 13	John Gates
July 20	Peter von Herrmann
July 27	Tina Hardy
August 10	John Gates
August 17	Peter von Herrmann
No Service	Occasion
June 15	Father's Day
July 6	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Holiday Weekend
August 31	Labor Day Holiday Weekend
Special Activities	
June 29	Peterson Family: Gospel Jubilee Light Supper 5 pm; Singing 6 pm
August 3	Back to School Party
August 24	Imagine No Malaria Kick-off Dinner

# News of the Week

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## CHURCH-WIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday, June 8 from 5-6pm in the fellowship hall the youth will be hosting an ice cream social—the perfect summer recipe for fun and fellowship.

## CHURCH POOL PARTY

Grab your swim suit and sunblock and join the party. Sunday, June 22 from 5-7pm at the Vestavia YMCA.

## MUSIC & ARTS CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Five partial Camper Scholarships are available for Sumatanga's Music & Arts Week 2014 (July 7-11)! 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](http://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.

Contact Mike Holly or Suzanne Scivley ([suzannehscivley@gmail.com](mailto:suzannehscivley@gmail.com)) to apply.

## TIME TO REUPHOLSTER THE CHOIR

It's hard to believe, but 15 years have passed since we last purchased robes for the choir. If you sit in the front row you might notice a few loose threads. The time has come for an upgrade. We will be purchasing new robes for the choir, the acolytes, and the bell ringers. Approximately 100 in all, and we need your help.

Each robe set consists of one robe plus two reversible stoles. The cost of replacing the robes and purchasing new choir folders is approximately \$25,000 (\$220 per set.) The choir members have already contributed \$2000 and the Endowment Fund committee has approved \$5,000 for this project. We need to raise an additional \$18,000.

To help 'reupholster the choir', make a special contribution to BPUMC with the notation "*Robes Fund.*" Your contribution can be made in honor or memory of someone you love.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Vacation Bible School is July 7-11 from 5:00-8:15pm. You can register your child online for VBS (and other summer kids events.) We're still looking for volunteers, too.

## ATLANTA BRAVES BASEBALL

Come out Thursday, August 14th watch the Braves take on the Los Angeles Dodgers. We'll leave the church at 7:30am. Tickets are \$25, but there are only a few remaining. Call Cindy in the church office to reserve your spot.

## YOUTH BAND TOUR

Please pray for our student worship team and adult chaperons who will be leading worship across North Alabama on their annual summer tour beginning on Saturday, May 31 at Henagar UMC in the Upper Sand Mountain Parish.

## BASS FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Mark your calendars. The Bluff Park UMC will have two Bass Tournaments this season. The first event will take place May 24th at 5:30am at the Howton Camp on the Warrior River. The second event takes place on June 21st at 4:00 am at Town and Country at Lake Logan Martin.

## NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 1-4 Mike Holly, Peter von Herrmann, Tom Duley Becky Walker and Kathryn Coltrane will be representing Bluff Park United Methodist Church at the annual conference. Keep them, and the work of this gathering in your prayers.

## SPECIAL THANKS...

Thanks to Julie Adams, Jimmy Ashworth, Frances Bellows, Peggy Comer, Joan Davis, Olivia Howard, Evelyn Lawrence, Jan Rogers, and Alan Word for all the help planting the spring flowers. They look beautiful!

I can always count on you.

—Wayne Freeman

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP** is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Bowling, pizza, and a movie! This is for rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders thru 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org) if you would like to volunteer!

### SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

On The Road Again Field Trip	Wed. June 4 Wed. June 18	For rising 1 <sup>st</sup> thru rising 6 <sup>th</sup> graders Cost \$30.00 a child 7:30am-5:30pm
Little Imaginations Day Camp	Mon.-Fri. June 16-20	9am-1pm Call 822-5813 for more info!
Preschool Splash Party	Tue. June 24	For Preschoolers and family 10:30am-noon Cost-Free!
VBS Volunteer Training Dinner	June 25,	5:30-7:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm meeting starts at 6pm
Vacation Bible School	Mon.-Fri. July 7-11	Cost \$10 Dinner served. 5-8:15pm.
Fine Arts Camp 9a.m.-12:30p.m.	Mon.-Fri. July 28-31	Cost \$35 For rising 1 <sup>st</sup> thru rising 6 <sup>th</sup> graders
Promotion Sunday	Sun. Aug. 3	All Children!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### SUMMER CALENDARS

Need to pay for a summer trip? Go to [BluffParkUMC.org/youth-event-epay](http://BluffParkUMC.org/youth-event-epay) where you can 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.

### WELCOME RISING SIXTH GRADERS

All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join in our student ministry activities this summer, starting with our Sunday evening youth event, June 1st. We'll play nine-square and have student sign-ups and info sheets on lots of fun and meaningful events we've planned for the summer. As well, there will be a visit from the Goodies Ice Cream Truck, free to students.

### SUMMER INTERNS

We are excited to welcome Stephen Copper, Sammy Slack and David Smith to our student ministry as summer interns. They will report for orientation on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and will each have individual responsibilities in student outreach/recreation and mission/service projects. As well, each will work on a summer-long capstone project that will impact our student ministry into the fall and winter. Please pray for each of them and the students they will serve.

**Tuesday-Thursday, May 27-May 29:** Summer Intern Orientation

**Saturday-Wednesday, May 31-June 4:** Youth Band Tour

**Sunday, June 1, 10:00am:** Sunday School in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, June 1, 5:30pm:** Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, June 1, 6:00pm:** Nine-Square Game & a FREE visit from the Goodies Ice Cream Truck!

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THURSDAY, MAY 29:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** – Ginny – Lakeshore Rehab

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24:**

**COLUMBUS, MS. DAY TRIP** – Historical Home Tours, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, John Grisham Museum, Charles H. Templeton Music Museum  
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. Cost \$675pp double.

### Special Moment with Jesus

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. Mark 11:25

\*\*\***Summer Brochures are out, pick one up at the Welcome Center.**

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**The Week of June 1-7**

**Sunday, June 1**

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

**Monday, June 2**

6:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship

**Wednesday, June 4**

7:30 a.m. OTRA Filed Trip  
9:00 a.m. Food Pantry  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

**Wednesday, June 4**

6:30 p.m. Children's Council Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, June 5**

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

**Friday, June 6**

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

**Last Week's Record**

May 25, 2014

Children	26
Morning Worship	337
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$13,843.60
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$567,525.00
Received to Date	\$498,586.86
New Members in 2014	35

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,046.67
Received to Date	\$494,459.78

**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, June 1, 2014**

**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**

**"What Time Is It?"**

**(Scripture - Acts 1:1-11)**

**Mike Holly**

**Ushers**

8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality

**Cross**

8:45 Clayton Marshall 11:00 Caroline Owen

**Acolytes**

8:45 John David Shanlever 11:00 Emily Toth

**Children's Church**

8:45 Bowman 11:00 Pitts

**Meal on Wheels June 4:** Peggy White

**Greeters May 25:** New Horizons Class

**Food Pantry June 4:** Penny Burns

**VALET PARKING**

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