



WELCOME MIKE HOLLY OUR NEW SENIOR MINISTER



For the first time in 22 years, BPUMC has a new Senior Minister. Mike Holly will assume the position on June 12. We are thrilled to welcome him and look forward to his ministry with us.

Mike grew up in Aiken, South Carolina and graduated from the University of South Carolina. He received his Master of Divinity degree from the Divinity School of Duke University. At Duke, he met his wife Julie, who is also a pastor. Julie is from Huntsville, and they decided to make North Alabama their home Conference.

Following graduation from Duke in 2004, Mike was appointed as Associate Pastor and Youth Director at Trussville First UMC. In December, 2006, he became Associate Pastor at Canterbury UMC in Mountain Brook, where he currently serves as Minister of Contemporary Worship.

After serving as Associate Pastor at Huffman UMC for 4 years, Julie has served for the past 5 years as Senior Minister at Discovery UMC. She will now move to Canterbury to take the position Mike is leaving. The Hollys have two children, Lena (age 7) and Davis (age 5).

Along the way, Mike served on the staff of the Lake Junaluska Assembly and was a Campus Minister Intern at the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He will bring fresh energy and creativity to our congregation.

Mike's first Sunday at Bluff Park will be June 16. He will preach at both the 8:45 and 11:00 morning worship services. Let's fill the sanctuary to welcome him. There will be a reception for the Holly family on June 30. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come and meet them.



LADIES DAY

SATURDAY, June 15, 8:30-1:30

A MORNING FILLED WITH FUN AND SURPRISES

Worship by Lesli Wright, The Dill Pickers

Special Music by Ethan McGriff and Mahala McKinney

Memory Candle by Betsy Britain

Refreshments by Opal Humphrey and Sally Frederickson

Bible Study with Becky Walker

A Special Creative Art Memory with Rollina and the Art Connection Class

Art and Craft Vendors in the Gym

Luncheon Speaker, Jerra Dooley, Graceful Ministries

Lunch by Doris, Anita, Susan, and Chad

On Sunday, June 9, **Bluff Park United Methodist said goodbye to our Senior Minister.** Reid Crotty spent the last 22 years, approximately half of his ministry career, at Bluff Park. Here are a few highlights of his career:

- * During his years at Bluff Park, Reid estimates that he has officiated about 600 funerals, married about 400 couples and baptized about 500 babies.
- * The Bluff Park Membership has increased 1,145 people during his time here.
- * The church has completed several building programs under his leadership resulting in a beautiful new sanctuary, children's area, fellowship hall and the elevator tower which now allows elevator access to all three levels. We have built a columbarium, added a number of acres to our campus, added much needed additional parking, built a new children's playground and on Sunday, dedicated the Bluff Park Promise Home which has been one of Reid's dreams.

At the retirement party on Sunday evening, the church presented Reid a memory quilt containing signatures of the members of Bluff Park, a book of notes written during the retirement party and a monetary gift for Reid and Martha to take those long awaited vacations. Words cannot adequately express our love and appreciation, so we will simply say, Thank you.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tom Duley in the death of his mother, Sue Duley of Dunnellon, Florida, on June 6....also to Marcia Patrick in the death of her father, Johnny Miller of Pleasant Grove, on June 7..... Our prayers are with the families in their time of sorrow.

Choir: We always need “Summer Singers” during the vacation season. Maybe you can’t sing in the choir on a year-round basis, but you could make a real contribution during the summer. Teachers—College students—High school students—Others. Just come to rehearsal at 6:30 on Wednesday night.

Counseling: United Counseling is a ministry of the North Alabama Conference that offers counseling and psychiatric services to people of all faiths across north Alabama. There is a satellite counseling office here at the church to serve our congregation and community. The Bluff Park satellite office is staffed by Steve Sweatt, who is an ordained minister, licensed professional counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It’s confidential, convenient, and affordable. Weekend and evening appointments can be arranged.

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.

Schedule: There will be no evening activities at the church on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 16. Enjoy the day with your family.

Board: The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, June 30, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served at 5:30. This will be our first meeting with our new Senior Minister Mike Holly. All Board members are encouraged to attend. It’s summer time, but a lot is happening at Bluff Park.

Meetings:

Thursday, June 13	6:30	Finance Committee
Sunday, June 30	6:00	Board of Stewards

Thank you for your monetary donation to the Girl Scout Troop 226. Our girls are learning and growing together through community service and special projects. We would love to have the girls volunteer at the Church. Also, thank you for allowing us to meet at BPUMC. Please let us know if there is ever an issue after we leave. Please contact me concerning a volunteer opportunity for our girls. Thanks Again, Michel O’Brien, Troop 226

Thank you to Reid Tom, and Peter for their visits, prayers, phone calls, and concerns. This helped so much in Jim’s recovery. The ministers and the church family are so appreciated by the Northington Family.

Missing: We are missing some tablecloths from the parlor. If you have taken them for laundering please return them as soon as possible.

To All My Bluff Park Friends:

I want to thank you for your kind words and for your generous gifts. I appreciate the kindness and support that so many of you have given over the past 22 years. It has been a joyful privilege to serve as your pastor.

Methodism has an “itinerant” ministry. That’s the genius of our system. The word “itinerant” means “traveling from place to place.” It implies a journey. It means that while pastors come and go, the church remains. Over time, congregations can benefit from a variety of styles and emphases.

The time has come for me to travel on. I’m grateful to God and to the North Alabama Conference for the opportunity to serve here for so long. I’ve been very fortunate in all the appointments I’ve been given during my ministry. There were wonderful, highly committed people in every church who showed me what it means to be followers of Jesus. I have received far more than I have given.

I know that you will give Mike Holly a warm welcome. He is one of the most outstanding young ministers in our Conference. He will come with fresh energy and new ideas. The future for Bluff Park is bright. May God bless you in every way.

Sincerely, Reid Crotty

PROMISE HOME DEDICATION PRAYER

Gracious God, Father and Mother of us all: We present to You this house that we have built and pray that You would make it a home. Fill each room with Your Spirit, and let it be a place of love and joy and peace.

We give thanks for all who have contributed to the construction of this facility. May they derive a sense of satisfaction from seeing it finished. Enable our church to see and to grasp the possibilities for ministry and service that the Promise Home presents. And help us to receive with gratitude the gifts that the residents will bring to our congregation. Keep us always in Your care. Teach us to love one another. And may the Promise Home be a sign of Your Kingdom coming on earth even as it is in heaven. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen

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

Men's Freeplay Basketball

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



The first ever **Family Life Pool Party** is Sunday, June 23rd from 5-7pm. It is at the Vestavia Y _ a private pool party just for us! There will be hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the Pit Crew. Please RSVP if you are coming to amymatheson1999@gmail.com so we can get a good estimate for the food. Start practicing your cannonball!

CHILDREN'S NEWS

OLDER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS The UMW women have put together a **community garden for children**. It is back behind the sanctuary. They are inviting all older elementary students to participate in the caring for and the cultivation of the garden. Every Tuesday, the children will have a hour of gardening, an hour of inside activities pertaining to plants and after that, they will be served lunch by the UMW. It is 9:30a.m.-12:30p.m. It is a FREE activity. Please let Mrs. Leigh know if your child would like to participate!

ALSO FOR OLDER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS We need about 8 children to help pack grocery bags for the pantry. Meet in the elevator lobby on Tuesday, July 2 at 10a.m. Let Mrs. Leigh know if your child can help. This can count toward community service hours.

PRE-SCHOOL SPALSH DAY! Tues. June 18- 10a.m.-noon on the Playground. This is for all preschoolers and their siblings! An adult must accompany the child. We will have sprinklers and pools, bubbles and snacks. Come and get wet with us!

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP June- *On the Road Again* Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. We 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

DAYCAMP FOR PRESCHOOLERS thru 2nd graders. *Awesome Airplane Adventure*, Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m.

REGISTRATION FOR VBS AND FINE ARTS CAMP is now! You can register on-line at www.bluffparkumc.org. VBS is **July 8-12** and Fine Arts Camp is **July 29-August 1**.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, June 13 : **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Patricia Alexander, Sheriff Department, Jefferson County, Identity Theft

SATURDAY, JUNE 15: **LADIES DAY** Music, Worship, Bible Study, Special Events in the Gym, Lunch with guest speaker, sign up to do a Tablescape (1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes will be awarded.) Table space available to share your arts and crafts for all to see in the gym.

BRIDGE and LUNCH: With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 10 and 11. Beginners and advanced for anyone that would like to come play.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18: **Mystery Church Tour**—9:30-3:00

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

Historical District tour, Carriage Ride Tour, Plantation Tea 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!

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:2**

Student Ministries

Our student worship team's tour ended on Wednesday, June 5. Over the course of six days, they led worship in a variety of environments: in urban, suburban and rural locations and with people as diverse as the homeless of Birmingham to mission teams on Sand Mountain. We thank you for your support of our tour. As well, over \$1,300 was raised at the Ice Cream Social for future student ministry trips. Thank you for making our ministry possible!

We have SO many ways to get involved through recreation or service this summer. Interested in something you see on the schedule? Text your name and what you'd like to do to [205-790-1803](tel:205-790-1803) to sign up or get more info.

Wednesday, June 12, 6:00pm: TRIBES COMPETITION at Regions Park Soccer Fields

Sunday, June 16, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 16: No Afternoon/Evening Activities

Monday, June 17, 2:00pm: Monday Sports in the Gym

Tuesday, June 18, 10:30am: Student-led Recreation for Community Garden Kids

Tuesday, June 18, 12:00pm: HS Student Lunch Bunch (we'll text out the location so you can meet us there)

Wednesday, June 19, 6:00pm: TRIBES COMPETITION at Regions Park Soccer Fields

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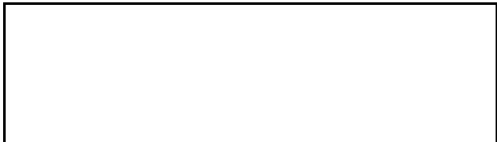
Director of Chancel Choir

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The Week of June 9—15

Sunday, June 9

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Super K Sunday
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Dedication of Promise Home
5:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Monday, June 10

Tuesday, June 4

Wednesday, June 5

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, June 5

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, June 6

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

Last Week's Record	
June 9, 2013	
Sunday School	440
Morning Worship	849
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$28,180.87
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$622,575.00
Received to Date	\$637,599.42
Building Fund Receipts	\$5,972.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$141,208.85
New Members in 2013	36

LIVING OUR LEGACY	
January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$5,337.00
Received to Date	\$209,189.67

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

Sermon, June 16, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Living Fully"
(John 10:1-10)
Mike Holly

No Evening Worship

Ushers
8:45: White 11:00: Davis
Cross
8:45: Barrett Stahr 1:00: TBA
Acolytes
8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Logan Watts
Children's Church
8:45 Turner 11:00 Sparks
Greeters June 23: Vitality
Meals on Wheels: June 26 Pearson/Adams
Food Pantry: July 3: Theresa Richerson

Scholarships: Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2013-2014 academic year are available in the church office. Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can be submitted to the church office. Deadline for applications and nominations is August 1.



**OKLAHOMA
TORNADO RELIEF**
Received to date
\$4,415.00
It might be here next time!

Prayer: We are going to have a Prayer Line at Bluff Park that people can call if they want someone to pray aloud with them. We need volunteers for this endeavor. If you would like more information about it, call Kandis Scudder at 985-9463.