

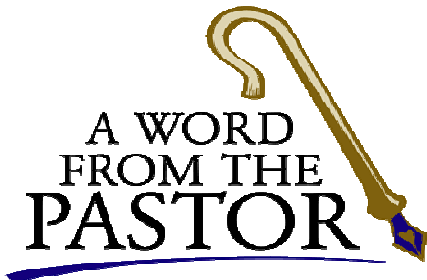


BLUFF PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, June 18, 2013



Friends,

What a joy it was on my first Sunday with you all. I am so honored to be your pastor and I look forward to sharing our stories together along this journey! I also look forward to introducing my family to you during Sunday school on June 30th.

This summer, we will be looking in depth at the concept of Abundant Living that I shared with you in my first sermon. Each week, we will look into the dimensions that establish a "good life" and how we might continually give ourselves freely to God and one another.

On June 23rd, we will discuss the first dimension: worship.

- Worship helps us understand who God is, who we are, and what we are called to do.
- I hope you will take the time to read through Psalm 95 and consider how regular worship can assist you in finding joy, meaning and purpose in God's grand story.

Mike



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 amymathe-son1999@gmail.com so we can get a good estimate for the food. Start practicing your cannonball!

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.

TORNADO RELIEF
Received to date: \$4,640

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to 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.

Flower Ministry: Thanks to everyone for your generous support of our flower ministry. Your donations of flowers, vases and time to arrange and deliver flowers are very much appreciated by the bouquet recipients. We need additional help delivering flowers Sunday afternoons or Mondays, especially this summer. You can volunteer to deliver once a week, or once or twice a month, and you can cancel whenever you have a conflict. Can you help? Contact Ellen Finley (979-4950; ellen.finley@gmail.com) or the church office (822-0910).



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.



Need a wedding gift? A cookbook from Bluff Park would be a perfect gift. They are on sale in the narthex every Sunday.

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.

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



Scholarship

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.

Missing: 4 Light weight wheel chairs.

Welcome



Welcome Reception for Ministers and their families

On June 30, during the Sunday School hour, we will have a reception to welcome our new and returning ministers and their families. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Each Sunday School class will receive communication with a time for your class to attend the reception. If you are not in a Sunday School class, you are welcome to come anytime between 9:45 and 10:45. Light refreshments will be served.

Bluff Park UMC Presents *Everywhere Fun Fair*

Vacation Bible
School
July 8-12
9a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Rising 4K thru
rising 5th Grade
Cost is

\$10.00 a child-
\$25.00 family Max

Register on-line at www.bluffparkumc.org



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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.

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 19- SciQuest in Huntsville AL. Wed.

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

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

REGISTRATION FOR FINE ARTS CAMP is now! The Theme is "*You Are The Salt of the Earth.*" We will have Drama, Music (Hand bells), Cooking, and something else that's fun! You can register on-line at www.bluffparkumc.org . Fine Arts Camp is **July 29-August 1**. 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for Children who are rising 1st thru 6th graders. Cost is \$35.00 a child.

EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS is July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4K-rising 5th graders. Cost is \$10.00 with a family max of \$25.00. you can register and pay on line at www.bluffparkumc.org .

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Just under 100 students on 8 tribes from 6 churches participated in our first Magic City Tribes competition of the summer. Students played in a flag football tournament (with one of our Bluff Park tribes coming in second!), brought new friends and first-time visitors and donated canned goods for points. More tribes will be joining us as the summer goes on. Make sure that your rising 6th grader through graduated 2013 senior gets on a tribe. They will NOT want to miss out on this fun event.

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

Sunday, June 23, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 23, 4:30pm: Worship Team Rehearsal in the Holy Ground Room

Monday, June 24, 2:00pm: Monday Sports in the Gym

Tuesday, June 25, 10:30am: Student-led Recreation with Community Garden Kids

Tuesday, June 25, 12:00pm: HS Student Lunch Bunch (we'll text out the location so you can meet us there)

Tuesday, June 25, 2:00pm: Fun at First Light Shelter (meet at the Youth Wing, back around 5:30pm)

Wednesday, June 26, 6:00pm: TRIBES COMPETITION at Regions Park Soccer Fields

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

BRIDGE and LUNCH: With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 10 and 11. Beginners and advanced

TUESDAY, JUNE 18; **MYSTERY CHURCH TOUR**—9:30-3:00

THURSDAY, June 20 : **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Ginni from Lakeshore

TUESDAY, JUNE 25: **BRYANT DENNY STADIUM TOUR**, Lunch, Cypress Inn, Tuscaloosa,

THURSDAY, JUNE 27: **SHEPHERD CENTER**—Dr. Natalie Davis, Professor, Birmingham-Southern

TUESDAY, JULY 2: **ANNISTON DAY TRIP**, Lunch Classic-on-the-Noble, The Rabbit Shop

TUESDAY, JULY 9: **ATLANTA DAY TRIP**, International World Farmers Market and more—tour bus

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!

Salvation belongs to the LORD; Thy blessing be upon Thy people! Selah Psalm 3:8

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The Week of June 23—29

Sunday, June 23

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

5:00 p.m. Pool Party Vestavia Y

Monday, June 24

6:00 p.m. VBS Evening Dinner

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 a.m. Betty Bryan Denny Stadium

Wednesday, June 26

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, June 26

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

6:30 p.m. VBS Meeting Opportunity Class

Thursday, June 27

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

Friday, June 28

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

Saturday, June 29

6:00 p.m. Covenant Class

Last Week's Record

June 16, 2013

Sunday School	467
Morning Worship	691
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$19,643.66
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$649,600.00
Received to Date	\$657,243.08
Building Fund Receipts	\$10,248.33
Building Fund in 2013	\$151,457.18
New Members in 2013	36

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$9,998.33
Received to Date	\$219,188.00

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

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

Sermon, June 23, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Falling on Our Knees"
(Psalm 95)
Mike Holly

No Evening Worship

Ushers
8:45: Cornerstone 11:00: Lawson
Cross
8:45: Caroline Owen 11:00: Lauren Ann Holmes
Acolytes
8:45: Savannah McGough 11:00: Rachel Martin
Children's Church
8:45 Welborn 11:00 Black
Greeters July 30: Wesley Forum
Meals on Wheels: July 3: Linton and Pat Chambers
Food Pantry: July 3: Theresa Richerson

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



Monday 6:30
In the Gym

Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

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