

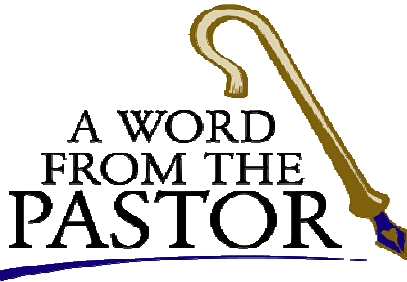


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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter, July 30, 2013



Well, August is finally here. And that means that we are about to transition into a fall schedule with football games, school schedules and Mid-Week dinner and studies. It is a busy time of year, but it also a wonderful time to establish routines and resolutions to keep you on track with God, life, family and friends.

Promotion Sunday will be on Sunday, August 18th and we will have a time to hear from our youth and to pray for all school-age children as they begin a new school year. August 18th will also be the beginning of a special two week sermon series on How To Develop Healthy Relationships.

We all are in some sort of a relationship. We have friends...spouses...parents and children. How can we work to establish holy habits for maintaining healthy relationships? We will talk about expectations, honesty, forgiveness and priorities. I hope you will join us for the last two Sundays in August!

Mike



RALLY NIGHT

Sunday, August 18

6:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Marcus Singleton will be our guest speaker.

Lonnie Parsons - Music



Please plan to attend a very important and informative meeting on **Sex Trafficking in Alabama**. Every year, thousands of women and girls in the United States are victimized by the sex trafficking industry. Every day, girls as young as 13, are being coerced into a life where they are no longer in control. Several months ago the local newscasts presented a documentary on Sex Trafficking along I-20 in Alabama. This was a real eye opener for all of us. Everyone is welcome to this program as we learn what is being done to combat this issue. Grandparents, parents and youth all need to be aware and know what to look for. Our speaker is Tajuan McCarty, the Executive Director and Founder of WellHouse. Please invite family and friends to this important program. Dinner (\$6) at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Program at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel on August 12. RSVP for dinner to Sylvia ssumners@bellsouth.net or 824-9902



2013 Flower Calendar: The following dates are still available to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion in the year 2013. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. Please sign up in the foyer of the Education building. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our Worship Services. Dates available: August 25; September 8, 29; October 27; November 3, 17); December 8, 29.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Cameron Paisley in the death of his father, Kenneth Noble Paisley, of Birmingham, on July 25 Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

The **memorial service** for Olys Hildreth will be held Saturday August 10th at 11AM in the parlor. The family has requested that memorials be made to the church Food Pantry.

A **Special thanks** to Pastor Mike Holly, Tom Duley and Peter von Herrmann and to all my extended church family for all the prayers ,cards visits and calls during my recent surgery. I am so blessed to have such a wonderful circle of friends. Hope to be back in church soon. J.B. Thrasher

Counseling: Remarriage following a divorce or death of a spouse is a major decision and a big step. There's a lot to think about. Steve Sweatt has many years of experience as a professional, licensed counselor and marriage and family therapist. He is also an ordained minister. He can help us to be sure that we've thought things through carefully and are ready to take that step. Steve is affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, and he comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church located below the chapel. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Weekend and evening appointments can be arranged.

Bass Club Meeting: Thursday, August 8, at 6:30P.M the Alabama Marine Police will speak at the Bass Club in the Fellowship Hall. We will also talk about the Weiss Lake Fishing Tournament on September 21.

**BLUFF PARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Presents**

**THE
DILL PICKERS**

SUNDAY,
AUGUST 25
6:00 P.M.
IN THE
SANCTUARY

Light
Supper at
5:00 p.m.



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING
OF WORSHIP, MUSIC AND FUN



THE VISION

United Methodist Women is turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world.

LIVING THE VISION

We provide opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, become more deeply rooted in Christ and put faith into action.

We are organized for growth, with flexible structures leading to effective witness and action.

We equip women and girls around the world to be leaders in communities, agencies, workplaces, governments and churches.

We work for justice through compassionate service and advocacy to change unfair policies and systems.

We provide educational experiences that lead to personal change in order to transform the world.

Bluff Park United Methodist Women
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CHILDREN'S NEWS

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP Our next trip is August 7. We will go bowling, eat pizza and go to a movie. Cost is \$30 for 1 child, \$55 for 2 children in the same family.

PROMOTION SUNDAY is Sunday August 18. All children will be in the class that they will start school in this year. All 3 and 4 year olds will start their new classes on the back hall of the nursery wing under the sanctuary. All 1st -5th graders will meet up stairs in the Zoo room. K5 children and their parents can meet Mrs. Leigh in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45a.m.

ALL CHILDREN'S PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS Please come to a Parent/Volunteer dinner meeting on Wednesday August 28 at 5:30p.m. This is especially for people who have 3year olds through 5th graders, or people who would like to work with children. There will be a nursery for babies and open gym time for elementary students. In the parent meeting you will learn about what goes on in Children's Ministries and how you can help. We hope men and women, husbands and wives come to this. In the Volunteer meeting you will be trained in use of materials, what the expectations are, and a chance to volunteer for different events and programming. The hope is the Fellowship Hall will be full for dinner that night. See you there!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Magic City Tribes ends on August 7. Congratulations to the Flatulent Flamingos on their Week Four Victory! We have some fun events scheduled for Youth Week, Aug 4-7, including a Scavenger Hunt that Sunday, Broomball that Monday, and a Luau that Tuesday. Our annual Youth Beach Retreat is Thursday-Sunday, August 8-11 at Laguna Beach, Florida. Cost is \$175 and you can register and pay online through our church website.

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, July 31: Magic City Tribes at Trace Crossings Elementary (5-6pm check-in, 6-8pm Live-Action Risk!)

Thursday, Aug 1: Art Night with Laura & Lauren-Michael in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Aug 4, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Aug 4, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Aug 4, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Aug 4, 6:00pm: Scavenger Hunt (meet in Youth Wing)

Monday, Aug 5, 10:00am: Broomball in Pelham (\$20 per student, includes lunch, meet at Youth Wing parking lot)

Tuesday, Aug 6, 1:00pm: Packing Groceries for the Food Pantry (space limited, contact Intern Ted)

Tuesday, Aug 6, 2:30pm: Fun at First Light (we'll leave at 2:30pm SHARP from the Youth Wing Parking Lot, space limited, contact Intern Trey)

Tuesday, Aug 6, 5:00pm: Luau (\$10 per person, includes dinner & fun, swimsuit & towel recommended!)

Wednesday, Aug 7: Magic City Tribes at Trace Crossings Elementary (5-6pm check-in, 6-8pm Mystery Game)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

BRIDGE and LUNCH: With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. Beginners and advanced

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1: SHEPHERD CENTER —Story Time with Delores Hydock

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8: SHEPHERD CENTER—Ann Lynn, Princeton—Hoover

****Need a meal for one of our sick/shut-ins? Pick one up at the Shepherd's Center on Thursday.*

GOOD NEWS:

THE DILL PICKERS will be coming to Bluff Park on Sunday, August 25.

Mark your calendar for an evening of worship, music, and fun.



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

Historical District tour, Carriage Ride Tour, Plantation Tea Tour, Church Tour, and more.

Special Moment with Jesus!

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

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The Week of August 4–10

Sunday, August 4

8:45 a.m. Youth Week Begins
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Scholarship Committee
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, August 5

6:30 a.m. Betty to Charleston

Tuesday, August 6

6:00 p.m. Bass Club

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. On the Road Again
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, August 7

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a.m. Shepherd Center
Youth Beach Retreat

Friday, August 9

6:00 p.m. Friendship Class

Saturday, August 10

6:00 p.m. Wedding Ferguson/Sorensen

Ushers

8:45: Thompson 11:00: TBA

Cross

8:45: TBA 11:00: Katie Norris

Acolytes

8:45: Caroline Owen 11:00: Logan Watts

Greeters August 4: Fishermen

Meals on Wheels August 7: Leigh Ann Agent

Food Pantry: August 7: Sylvia Summers

Sermon, August 18, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"New Clothes"
(Proverbs 4:20-23)
Mike Holly

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Tom Duley

Last Week's Record

July 28, 2013

Sunday School	390
Morning Worship	477
Evening Worship	36
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$16,795.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$811,752.00
Received to Date	\$793,898.30
Building Fund Receipts	\$3,028.62
Building Fund in 2013	\$163,681.47
New Members in 2013	36

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,958.62
Received to Date	\$222,737.29

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!

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)