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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter, July 9, 2013*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



This Sunday we are thinking about the fourth dimension of abundant living: grace filled meals. Many of Jesus last moments on earth were spent having meals with his disciples. He celebrated the Passover meal on the last night of his life. During this meal he instituted what we know as the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. In the Gospel of Luke one of the last things Jesus did before he ascended into heaven was to share a meal with two of his disciples in the village of Emmaus.

They were indeed grace filled meals for Jesus' early disciples. The grace that was present in both of those meals was the grace of recognition. Through those meals the disciples were able to recognize who Jesus was. During the Lord's Supper Jesus took bread and said, "this is my body." He also took wine and said, "this is my blood." The grace of recognition. During the meal in Emmaus we are told that the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Again, the grace of recognition.

When we partake of Holy Communion it is a grace filled meal for us just as it was for those early disciples. The grace of recognition is available to us through this holy meal just as it was for them. That makes all the difference because when we recognize Jesus for who he is we are able to see our true selves. The abundant life is life filled with the Spirit of Christ. It is the life of Christ come alive in us. The grace of recognition which we experience in Holy Communion helps us to recognize Jesus and ourselves. It is the grace necessary for the abundant life.

*Tom*



## 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. Also accepting applications for the Christin Crockett Scholarship, which is available to anyone. Deadline for applications and nominations is August 1. We have many applicants so any donation would be appreciated. Mark your check scholarship fund. Thank you.

**Members of our Church Family in the Hospitals:**

**Brookwood**   Faye Sims   **Princeton**   J. B. Thrasher

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Olys Hildreth, who died on July 1. She was a member of the Opportunity Class..... Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

**Counseling:** Parenting is hard work, and most parents feel incompetent and ineffective at times. What works with one child doesn't work with another. There's no single formula that works in every case with every child. If we're struggling as parents, Steve Sweatt is here to help. He is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church to meet with people from our congregation and community. Steve is affiliated with United Counseling, an agency of the North Alabama Conference. Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable.



**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 still have room for more folks on the New York VIM trip. We will be travelling to Massapequa, NY on Long Island to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief work. The dates are August 10-18. If you are interested in being a part of the team please contact Tom Duley to register. The deadline is July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanks** to the church family for all the prayers, cards, and caring I've received. Thank you Peter, and Tom for your prayers and visits. Thank you Mike for the many times you came to Lakeshore and not finding me. It was during the time I had physical therapy. It's been a blessing to belong to this church. My leg is getting better each day, but I still can't put any weight on it. Sincerely, Jackie Walton

**Important Event:** The United Methodist Women at Bluff Park UMC invite you to attend a special presentation on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (Dinner at 6:00 pm) to hear guest speaker Tajuan McCarty, Founder of The Wellhouse. The program will be in the Chapel and you will hear about how The Wellhouse is a place of grace for women and girls who have been coerced and trafficked into a life of abuse and exploitation. Please RSVP for dinner (\$6) by August 5<sup>th</sup>: [ssumners@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssumners@bellsouth.net).

**Fairhaven**

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, Bluff Park will host a Birthday Party Celebration at Fairhaven Nursing Home. Our youth will provide the entertainment

**You Can Help!**

The United Methodist Women are collecting bed sheets for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Please bring donations of new bed sheets marked "Sheets for UMCOR" to the Church and leave them on the counter in the Parlor kitchen.

**United Methodist Women**

We will celebrate our UMW circles and all of the good that they do on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, in worship. Please be sure to attend and hear more about the United Methodist Women!



*Friday Night  
July 26 at 6:30 p.m.  
Picnic with hamburgers and hot dogs  
from the Pit Crew  
Movie in the  
Chapel*

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** Our next trip is July 24. We will go to Cathedral caverns in Woodville Alabama. For fun, we will make our lunches here for the trip and have a picnic. We will also stop for a special snack on the way home. Cost is \$30 for 1 child, \$55 for 2 children in the same family.



**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](http://www.bluffparkumc.org). Fine Arts Camp is **July 29-August 1**. 9a.m.12:30p.m. This is for Children who are rising 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Cost is \$35.00 a child.

**PASSPORT CAMP:** July 14-17, please pray for each student who is going to Macon, GA

## STUDENT MINISTRY

We have a student mission team serving in the Johnson City, TN area through Appalachia Service Project from July 14-20. We've got a couple spots left on the trip for students ages 14 and up by July 14. If you're interested in being a part of this opportunity, information is available in the Youth Wing OR you can email [youth@bpumc.org](mailto:youth@bpumc.org). Please pray for our students, adult leaders and the families that we'll be serving.

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 10, 6:00pm: ASP Team Meeting (all students, parents and volunteers asked to attend)

Thursday, July 11, 6:30pm: Art Night with Laura and Lauren Michael in the Youth Wing

Sunday, July 14, 6:30am: ASP Mission Team leaves for Washington County, TN

Sunday, July 14, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, July 14, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 14, 6:00pm: Youth Games in the Gym

Monday, July 15, 2:00pm: Monday Sports in the Gym

Tuesday, July 16, 10:20am: Recreation with Community Garden Kids in the Gym

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**BRIDGE and LUNCH:**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 9:**

With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. Beginners and advanced **ATLANTA DAY TRIP**, Church Tour, International World Farmers Market and more—tour bus. Bus arrives at 6:15 a.m.—depart 6:45 a.m.

**THURSDAY, JULY 11:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Money and banking. Richard Joiner

**TUESDAY, JULY 16:**

**RUFFNER MOUNTAIN**, Tree House Tour & Mystery Lunch. 9:30a.m.-3:00p.m.

**THURSDAY, JULY 18:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—James Spann—ABC 33/40 weather

**TUESDAY, JULY 30:**

**DAY TRIP AUBURN**, Jordan Hare Stadium Tour, 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Call Betty **THE DILL PICKERS** will be coming to Bluff Park on Sunday, August 25.

**NEWS:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS 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. 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. Balance Due ASAP.

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

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## The Week of July 14-20

### Sunday, July 14

6:30 a.m. Youth Leave for ASP  
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Monday, July 15

Tuesday, July 16  
6 Betty—Mystery Trip

### Wednesday, July 17

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, July 17

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### Thursday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Shepherd Center

### Friday, July 19

### Saturday, July 20

**Sermon, July 14, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
"Recognition"  
(Luke 24:13-35)  
**Tom Duley**

**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
"These Prophets \*#?!\*#?!"  
(Amos 8:1-12)  
**Tom Duley**

**Ushers**  
8:45: Nelson 11:00: Dover  
**Cross**  
8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski  
**Acolytes**  
8:45: Clayton Marshall 11:00: Mollie Edwards  
**Greeters July 21:** Faith  
**Meals on Wheels: July 17** Linda Barefield  
**Food Pantry: August 7:** Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

July 7, 2013

Sunday School	450
Morning Worship	643
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$26,599.45
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$730,677.00
Received to Date	\$722,676.57
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,503.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$158,613.85
New Members in 2013	36

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,078.00
Received to Date	\$215,731.34

**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)