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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter, August 20, 2013*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



On Monday, children and students started back at school. But on the day before, we as a church prayed over the book bags of our students and we prayed for all of the schools in our area and their staff. Bluff Park UMC is a church that cares deeply about education. We have provided summer learning experiences for children in our community to learn about food and gardening with Creation Kids. We also know that some students cannot afford school supplies, so we try to help by sending backpacks full of supplies to those students who may not be able to afford them. On Sunday, we also saw our wonderful youth lead worship at 11:00 am and Bart shared with us all of the wonderful ways in which students are connecting or re-connecting to our student ministry.

Our current sermon series on Developing Healthy Relationships is another way in which we are trying to help students and families start off the new school year on the right foot. Last Sunday, we discussed giving our best to the ones we love versus giving them the "leftovers." This Sunday, we will be looking at two core values of healthy relationships: honesty and forgiveness.

In my own life, I have come to realize that the strongest relationships I have are ones in which there has been a lot of forgiveness shared. And if I am really honest, I have needed to be forgiven more than I have needed to give it. The truth is that we will all falter in giving our best to one another. Reconciliation is the biblical word for a relationship that has undergone a time of repentance and forgiveness. Come and hear more about how truth and reconciliation help lead us towards developing healthy relationships!

*Mike*



The **Annual BPUMC Golf Tournament** has moved to the Fall! This year's Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 23rd at Hoover Country Club.

We are joining up with St. Mark's UMC to have some fun and fellowship with fellow UMC members! The tournament is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund to raise money for the youth and other benevolent activities of the church. The cost of entry will be \$100 per player. This includes your entry fee, range balls, mulligans and lunch. To sponsor a team, the cost will be \$600 which includes the entry fee of 4 players and two Hole Sponsorships. Sign up for the tournament will be available in the Church office or narthex. Entry fees are due when you sign up. For more information about other ways to help sponsor the golf tournament (door prizes, tee gifts, snacks, etc), please contact Jennie Alley at [medplanjda@aol.com](mailto:medplanjda@aol.com) or Megan Wise at [megan.f.wise@gmail.com](mailto:megan.f.wise@gmail.com). Hope to see everyone on the course!

## 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

**Members of our Church Family in the Hospital: Lakeshore Ralph Drennen Fairhaven Ginnie Gillespie  
Children's Hospital Owen Davis**

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Cindy Holmes in the death of her mother-in-law, Betty J. Holmes, of Birmingham, on August 16 ..... Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

**Counseling:** Addiction is a major problem for both the addicted person and his/her family. There are a variety of types of addiction, all of them serious. If you're dealing with these problems, Steve Sweatt is available to help assess the situation and explore resources to help. He is a licensed counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and ordained minister who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. 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.

At **Rally Night**, Bluff Park UMC raised \$882.00 for Marcus Singleton's new church: Living Faith Community!

All of the men from Bluff Park UMC are invited to a **free breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall on September 8, at 9:45 am to hear guest speaker **Drew Sanford** share his faith with us. He journeyed to Alabama where he fished for the University of Alabama's Bass Team and earned a Degree in Business (Accounting). He uses his business degree to help promote and market fishing related companies.

**NEEDED** We need 2-4 people to be a storyteller for Wednesday night nursery 7-7:15 p.m. It's a wonderful time to share your favorite children stories with children who are eager to listen to a story! It's only a 15 minute time commitment. If you need a story, Mrs. Leigh has plenty to share. Contact Leigh Delashaw at 822.0910 or email at [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org) so we can put you on the schedule..

**BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF**

**A Children's & Ladies Consignment Sale**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 13TH Public Sale 9:00-6:00PM**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14TH Public Discount Sale 9:00AM-2:00PM**

**Sizes preemie to preteen**

**LADIES CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES**

**Juniors Sizes!**

**Children's Toys & Books**

**Children's furniture**

**Maternity clothing**

**Children's Accessories**

**Permanent Endowment Funds:** The market value of our Permanent Endowment Funds (Missions, General Ministries and Building) was \$619,910 at the end of the first 6 months of CY2013. Our earnings for the first half of CY2013 were \$4,907 bringing the total earnings since the funds were established in 1993 to \$302,668. The income from the permanent Endowment Funds supports unexpected, unbudgeted expenses which sometimes arise during the year. Our funds had a gain in market value of \$14,311 for the first half of Cy2013.

Our Permanent Endowment Funds are invested with the United Methodist Foundation of North Alabama in the "Balanced Fund". The Foundation in turn, invests in fixed income and equity instruments in a ratio which they and their advisers feel yields the greatest possible returns in prevailing market conditions.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Organized by women for hands-on missions to spread God's love -  
The local UMW is always open to all ages who want to be involved in service.

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

Grace - August 26 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class

Hope-Love - August 26 @10AM at home of Sally Frederickson

Joy - August 26 @10AM in Fireside Room

United Methodist Women Gathering

September 9, 2013 - 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall— Speaker, Judy Poole

Mission Highlights of the month

Thanks to all who participated in the Sex Trafficking program.

It was truly an informative but heart-wrenching event

Keep saving SHEETS for UMCOR

Bluff Park's UMW hosted the monthly Birthday Party at Fairhaven with help from the Youth praise and worship group.

Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

**You are invited you to view the documentary \*4 Little Girls** \*as part of the City of Birmingham's 50 Year Forward campaign commemorating the Civil Rights Movement.

We, Living Faith Community, will host a screening of the documentary at the Moonlight on the Mountain, August 21st at 7pm. We will view the movie with a brief discussion to follow.

We invite you to join us as \*We Reflect. We Respond\*. Join us and people from around Birmingham who will reflect and respond in churches and venues across the city. For more information email me and/or click on the below

link: <http://sidewalkfest.com/4littlegirls/>

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

**MIDWEEK** starts Sept. 4. The Young Ringers, M&M Kids, Children's Choir, and 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will meet at the same time as last year. The schedule is as follows:

Preschool choir is at 6p.m. in the 3 year old classroom. Preschool Open Gym time is 6:30-7p.m. they will return to the nursery for story time. The Young Ringers (Hand bell choir for children 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet at 4:30-5p.m. in the Hand Bell room. Open Gym for elementary children (K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade) starts at 5:15p.m. Once your child comes to the gym, they will not be allowed to come back to the Fellowship Hall unless a parent comes to get them. They will be considered in rotation for the rest of the night. At 5:50p.m. the children will be escorted to children's choirs upstairs in the Canterbury classroom or the Fellowship classroom. At 6:25, elementary children are escorted to M&M Kids or 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the elementary hall. Parents can pick up M&M Kids anytime after 7:15p.m. At 7:30p.m. all children who are left in M&M kids will be taken to the nursery. 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will be released after 7:15p.m.

**MAY GOD BLESS** each child as the new school year begins!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Hey Parents! We have a Parent Orientation Fair on Wednesday, August 28th just for you. We'll feed you dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Then at 6pm, we'll move to the Youth Wing where you'll learn all about our student ministry and how you can plug in. Any parent who attends AND signs up to help before leaving will receive a \$25 discount on the Fall Retreat for their student.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our student-led worship service on Sunday, August 18th. Prayers are being lifted constantly as you start back for the fall semester.

Sunday, August 25, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, August 25, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 28, 5:30pm: Dinner for Parent Volunteers in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00pm: Parent Volunteer Orientation & Training in the Youth Wing

Note: Holy Ground Worship starts back on Wednesday, Sept 4th at 6:30pm.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Niki Sepsas—The Great Klondike Gold Rush

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Wayne Thaggard—Wood Carving

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4:** RIVER BOAT CRUISE and Lunch—Montgomery 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

\$8 pp for Shepherd Center members \$30 pp non-members. Traveling by tour bus.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:** SENIOR FUN DAY WITH MIKE—Lunch, entertainments and surprises

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

***MISSING: 3 Light Weight Wheel Chairs. Pleases return or call Betty and let her know you have one.***

**GOOD NEWS:**

**THE DILL PICKERS** will be here this Sunday.

**Join us for supper at 5:00 evening worship and music at 6:00 in the sanctuary.**

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*Those who love a pure heart and are gracious in speech will have the king as a friend. Proverbs 22:11*

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## The Week of August 25—31

### Sunday, August 25

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Worship –The Dill Pickers

### Monday, August 26

### Tuesday, August 27

### Wednesday, August 28

5:30 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Parent Volunteer Training  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, August 28

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### Thursday, August 29

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Center

### Friday, August 30

### Saturday, August 31

**Sermon, August 25, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**“How to Develop Healthy Relationships 2: “Bear With Each Other”**  
(Colossians 3:12-14)  
**Mike Holly**  
**5:00 p.m. Dinner**  
**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
**Music by The Dill Pickers**

**Ushers**  
8:45: Cornerstone 11:00: Lawson  
**Cross**  
8:45: Clayton Marshall 11:00: Lydia Coltrane  
**Acolytes**  
8:45: John David Shanlever 11:00: Kate Culverhouse  
**Children's Church**  
8:45: Little 11:00: Bowman  
**Greeters August 25:** New Light  
**Meals on Wheels August 28:** Peggy and Bill Fields  
**Food Pantry: September 4:** Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

August 18, 2013

Sunday School	451
Morning Worship	585
Evening Worship	167
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$23,396.33
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$892,827.00
Received to Date	\$876,384.15
Building Fund Receipts	\$940.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$167,954.48
New Members in 2013	36

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$880.00
Received to Date	\$230,008.62

**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!

**Life Line Screening**  
Tuesday, September 17  
Call 1-800-897-9177 for appointments

### VALET PARKING

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



Monday 6:30  
In the Gym  
**First Class Free**  
Class \$5  
Ivan Correa instructor

### Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

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