



# BLUFF PARK

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Historically, Peter was understood to be the first leader of the early church. At the end of the Gospel of John, Jesus both restores Peter to a right relationship with Jesus after denying him on the night of his arrest and He instructs Peter on how he should lead the disciples in ministry after Jesus departs and ascends to the Father. Jesus gives three commands to Peter: feed my lambs, tend my sheep and feed my sheep.

Jesus was criticized again and again for embracing the outcasts while he was healing the sick and restoring broken lives. He served others and instructed his disciples to lead through service. And Jesus taught tirelessly about God and helped people to understand anew what it meant to be a faithful follower of God, even if it meant confronting hypocrisy in the current religious leadership in the Temple.

Jesus fed and tended God's flock - the people of God. Peter is instructed to continue Jesus' ministry by leading a new community that would become known as the Church. As we gather for worship this Sunday, we will discuss how the Church should continue to do the works of Jesus.

And do not miss a special Sunday in the life of Bluff Park UMC! Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Laity Sunday and our own Lay Leader, Becky Walker, will preach in both Sunday morning services!

*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. 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!



## It's That Time Again

**READY - SET - GO**

**Freeze, Bake, Bring**

**Bluff Park Art Show**

**Bake Sale**

**October 5th**

**Bring baked goods to Fellowship Hall on Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 12-6PM**

**Members of our Church Family in the Hospital: St. Vincent Ralph Drennen**

Many members of Bluff Park UMC have worked very hard to make the **Promise Home** a reality. In order to express our appreciation for their efforts there will be a Banquet of Thanks on Tuesday evening October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM. The banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a nice meal and fellowship time together. There will also be entertainment provided by our own Leigh Delashaw and Bart Styes. The Banquet of Thanks is open to anyone who helped on the Promise Home in any way. However, we must have reservations in order to know how many meals to prepare. Please make your reservations by phone or by email through Cindy Myers in the church office.

**Counseling:** Family conflict can be bitter and painful, and it's often hard to rebuild broken relationships with those closest to us. It takes grace and courage and patience. Steve Sweatt is available for that purpose. 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.

**Thank You:** I would like to thank my entire church family but especially Mike, Peter and the Vitality Class for all of your prayers, visits, food, and cards during my recent surgery. I continue to heal but my journey is not yet complete so I ask to be continually lifted up in prayer. It has been a tremendous feeling to be carried in God's fold throughout this illness and I know I could not have made it this far without all of my prayer warriors. Thanks be to God. Lisa Avant.

**BACK TO CHILE:** I will enjoy a trip to southern Chile from Sep 15-29 and will see our missionary, John Elmore, his wife Cristina, and El Vergel staff. I am taking big and small things for John. The biggest will be funds from the generous BPUMC congregation that will allow John to proceed with much-needed work on the El Vergel septic system. This work is not as visible or as other VIM projects but essential nonetheless. I will also take some "big guy" work clothes to John, along with his usual request for jars of peanut butter (very pricey in Chile). My trip will include joining in celebrations of Chilean Independence Day on September 18, seeing the German community, thermal pools ("termas"), and volcanoes in the Lake District south of where we usually work, and continuing to build friendships at El Vergel and elsewhere. Please keep John and his work at El Vergel in your prayers, as well as the Methodist churches in Chile. Leonette Slay

The **United Methodist Women** will have the following priorities for study and outreach in 2014:

Domestic violence (a continuing concern) Human trafficking (another continuing concern) Disabilities ministries (NEW). This new emphasis is especially timely as we welcome the residents of Promise Home into all facets of our church family.

We invite women of all ages to become a part of the learning, missions, and fellowship that defines United Methodist Women.

Interested? Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093.

**MIDWEEK CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11**

**Pastor's Bible Study 4:30 PM;** with Mike, Tom and Peter; "From Genesis to Revelation" in the Opportunity Class  
**Becky Walker's Bible Study 6:00—7:30 pm;** Adam Hamilton's "The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" in the Friendship Class

**Write your family history—6:00 p.m. Parlor (starting September 11, limited weeks);** Join Peter Kirchikov in learning to write your family's history and your own story. Whether you've done extensive genealogical work, or whether you're just curious about your ancestors, Peter will help you learn how to record and treasure the stories and family history that help make us who we are.

**Mike Holly's Bible Study 6:30—7:30 pm;** "The Wesleyan Way" in the Opportunity Class.

**Coffee And Conversation — 6:30 pm;** Stay in the Dining Room after dinner for a pleasant conversation with friends. No agenda / No lesson / No schedule. Just "coffee and conversation."

**Choir Schedules**

Men's Choir, 6:00—6:30 pm; Adult Choir, 6:30—8:15 pm; Handbell Choir, 5:45 pm

**BPUMC Book Club** Enjoy reading the following selections and join us for discussion on the dates listed at 7 pm in the church parlor:

Sep 26	The Rules of Civility	Amor Towles
Oct 24	The Ghost Bride	Yangsze Choo
Dec 5	Losing Clementine	Ashley Ream
Jan 23	The Boys in the Boat	Daniel James Brown

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**MIDWEEK SCHEDULE** 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.

4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP will go to the Game Zone in Pelham to play laser tag this Sunday, Sept. 15. Be here at 4:45p.m. We will be back at 6:30p.m. to eat pizza. We will be done at 7p.m. Cost is \$12.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL has been changed. We will meet on September 29, at 4:30p.m. in the New Light Classroom.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL Bible verse for the month is..."We are ambassadors for Christ." 2 Corinthians 5:20. Ask your elementary kids to memorize this and ask them what it means to them. To take it one step farther, discuss it what it means to you with them.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Holy Ground Worship on September 4th was an incredible start back to the fall. It was the most worship-filled and best attended Wednesday night we can remember. Our Gospel According to Mumford & Sons series continues through the month of September. See you there!

Thank you to every parent who has signed up to help as a volunteer this fall. We still have several needs, including Sunday School teachers, event chaperons and small group leaders. To learn more, contact Bart at [205-790-1803](tel:205-790-1803) or [barts@bpumc.org](mailto:barts@bpumc.org)

Wednesday, September 11, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, September 15, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, September 15, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal in the Youth Wing

Sunday, September 15, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 15, 6:00pm: Improv Comedy Night in the Holy Ground Room (followed by a short devotion)

Wednesday, September 18, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**BRIDGE and LUNCH:**  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 12:**

With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. Beginners and advanced  
**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** —Peter Kirchikov, *Walnuts on my Bookshelf*  
**We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall due to the Consignment Sale.**

**MONDAY, SEPT. 16:**

**AARP SAFETY DRIVING** with Mark Hearn 8:00-2:00

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 17:**

**LIFELINE SCREENING** - 1-800-897-9177 for app.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 19:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - John Wayne Bible Study with Charlie Trucks

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 25:**

**ANNISTON DAY TRIP** - Classic on the Noble

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27:**

**SENIOR FUN DAY WITH MIKE and PETER**—Lunch, special entertainment.  
Everyone's invited for a morning of fun, fellowship, and ?????????? Call Betty.

**MISSING: 3 Light Weight Wheel Chairs. Pleases return or call Betty to let her know.**

### **CHRISTMAS TRIP**

***Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg—December 4th-7th. \$375 per person/double  
Christmas lights/ shopping/shows, Christmas on the Titanic, and Christ in the Smokies Museum!***

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25*

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**The Week of September 15-21**

**Sunday, September 15**

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, September 16**

**Tuesday, September 17**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 18**

4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 18**

6:30 p.m. Mike Holly's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, September 19**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Center  
6:30 p.m. Bass Club

**Friday, September 20**

6:30 p.m. Friendship Class

**Saturday, September 21**

**Ushers**

8:45: McDonald 11:00: Footsteps

**Cross**

8:45: Ethan Pomeroy 11:00: Savannah McGough

**Acolytes**

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: John Michael Williamson

**Children's Church**

8:45: Schillaci 11:00: Gold

**Greeters September 15:** Seekers

**Meals on Wheels September 18:** Shultz/Hardy

**Food Pantry: October 2:** Kay Adams

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**

**1st Wednesday each month**

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

**Last Week's Record**

September 8, 2013

Sunday School	437
Morning Worship	551
Evening Worship	41
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$22,442.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$973,902.00
Received to Date	\$928,990.32
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,919.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$177,960.16
New Members in 2013	37

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,809.00
Received to Date	\$239,604.29

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Wed. Night Servers—Sept. 18**

Fellowship Hall—Fishermen Class  
Carry Out Line Peggy and Gail

**Sermon, September 15, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
"More Fish"  
(Matthew 4:18-22)  
**Mike Holly**

**6:00 Evening Worship**  
"Welcome All"  
(Luke 15:1-10)  
**Tom Duley**

**VALET PARKING**

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

**Men's Freeplay Basketball**  
In the Gym

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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Monday 6:30  
In the Gym  
**First Class Free**

**Midweek Meal, Sept. 11**

Fried chicken, rice/gravy, green limas, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Midweek Meal, Sept. 18**

Pork loin, rosemary potatoes and green beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.