

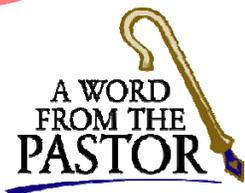
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, May 20, 2014

www.BluffParkUMC.org



Summer is almost here! The weather is warming up and the SEC Baseball Tournament is about to take over at the Hoover Met. At Bluff Park, that means an increased focus on missions as we become engaged with mission projects like Appalachian Service Project and our community garden.

We have sent teams this school year to New York and Chile. Our own Tom Duley is headed to Costa Rica this month. We are a church who cares deeply about serving others around the world.

On Saturday, Julie and I took our two children to the Regions Tournament at Shoal Creek. We ended up sharing a lunch table with the counselor from Bluff Park Elementary who thanked our church for our involvement with the backpack ministry where we supply kids without healthy food at home with a backpack of food.

She said it is making a difference! She did mention that there is a need for adults to come in and read with children, tutor them, or to simply get to know them. Is God calling you to this?

Sunday Evening Worship Schedule

June-August, 2014

Date	Preacher
June 1	Tom Duley
June 8	Tom Duley
June 22	Tom Duley
July 13	John Gates
July 20	Peter von Herrmann
July 27	Tina Hardy
August 10	John Gates
August 17	Peter von Herrmann

No Service	Occasion
June 15	Father's Day
July 6	July 4 th Holiday Weekend
August 31	Labor Day Holiday Weekend

Special Activities

June 29	Peterson Family: Gospel Jubilee Light Supper 5 pm; Singing 6 pm
August 3	Back to School Party
August 24	Imagine No Malaria Kick-off Dinner

Sunday Evening Worship

This summer, Sunday Evening Worship at BPUMC will look a little different. We will be celebrating Holy Communion every Sunday evening. We will also celebrate our connections with the global church as we read all four Scriptures assigned by the Revised Common Lectionary. The lectionary is a grouping of texts which covers the majority of the Bible over its three year cycle, and Christians throughout the world study these particular texts each Sunday.

You are invited to join us throughout the summer at 6 pm on Sunday evenings for a meaningful celebration of God's love and grace. We hope you will make a special effort if you were not able to attend our morning worship service. Christ invites all to his table, and we invite you to join us there. A nursery is available for children if needed.

Mike, Peter and Tom

Atlanta Braves Baseball Thursday, August 14th. Come watch the Braves take on the Los Angeles Dodgers. We'll leave the church at 7:30am. Tickets are \$25, but there are only 9 remaining. Call Cindy in the church office to reserve your spot.

“Five partial Camper Scholarships are available for Sumatanga’s Music & Arts Week 2014 (July 7-11)! Contact Mike Holly or Suzanne Scivley (suzannehscivley@gmail.com) to apply. The five partial scholarships are in the amount of \$125 each and will assist with the \$325 camper tuition. Campers may attend the Children’s or Youth Division. Go to www.musicandartsweek.org for details about this wonderful week at Sumatanga. Hurry! The deadline for scholarship applications is May 30, and camp registration deadline is June 7.”

Update Membership: It is not too late to update you **membership information**. You can do this online (<http://bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo/>) or by calling the office at 822-0910.

Thank You Canterbury Class for helping teach elementary Sunday School this month. The children enjoyed the water experiments, the painting, and the “mat” cookies that helped them learn the story about the Man Beside the Pool. Thank you for your leadership and care!

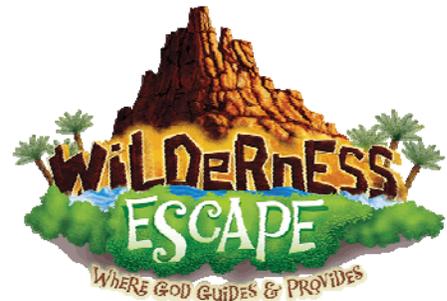


Are you looking for a Preschool or Parent’s Day Out program for your sweet child/children? If so, the answer may be closer than you think.

Little Imaginations Preschool is a half-day program serving children aged 6 months through 4 years. School hours

are 9:00-1:00. For more information or program details, please call the preschool office at 822-5813, or email our director, Tracy Estes, at imagination@bpumc.org.

There are still a few spots available in our Infants and Toddlers classes for the 2014-15 school year. If you, or someone you know is looking for a program for their child, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to sharing our preschool program with you!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7-11

5:00–8:15 p.m.

Register your child on line.

Volunteers needed.

MEMORIALS

Pastors Discretionary

Gene Watterson, by Ann Gilliland

No Designated Fund

Gene Watterson, by Opportunity class

Food Pantry

Bobby Jo Ashworth, by Richard & Kathy Peebles, Dr David & Jeannie Jenkins

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2014 Flower Calendar:

There are a few dates left on the 2014 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion.

One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. The dates that are available are: June 15 (2), October 26 (1).

To reserve a date, please sign up in the main office or contact 822-0910.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP is June 4th. Bowling, pizza, and a movie! This is for rising 1st graders thru 6th graders. Cost is \$30 a child. Room for 23 students. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We leave around 9:30a.m. and are back by 4:30p.m. We ask that you pick your child up by 5:30p.m. Call to reserve your child's place on the bus!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL leaders are looking for volunteers to help with our **Wilderness Escape this year**. If you like having fun and enjoy watching children grow in their faith, we have just the thing for you! Please e-mail Mrs. Leigh Delashaw @ ldelashaw@bpumc.org if you would like to volunteer!

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

On The Road Again Field Trip	Wed. June 4	For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
	Wed. June 18	Cost \$30.00 a child 7:30am-5:30p.m
Little Imaginations Day Camp	Mon.-Fri. June 16-20	9a.m.-1p.m. Call 822-5813 for more info!
Preschool Splash Party	Tue. June 24	For Preschoolers and family 10:30a.m.-noon Cost-Free!
Vacation Bible School	Mon.-Fri. July 7-11	Cost \$10 Dinner served. 5-8:15p.m.
Fine Arts Camp 9a.m.-12:30p.m.	Mon.-Fri. July 28-31	Cost \$35 For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
Promotion Sunday	Sun. Aug. 3	All Children!

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUMMER CALENDARS

Need to pay for a summer trip? Go to www.bluffparkumc.org and scroll over the **Giving** tab. Then click on **Online Donations**. From there you can click on the **Youth** tab and make a partial or full payment for the Band Tour, ASP or the Beach Retreat. Anyone can also make a donation to our Student Trip Scholarship Fund, which assists families who need a little help getting their students to all the great things we have planned off-site. Contact Bart Styes if your family needs assistance with a trip.

HOLY GROUND IN MAY

We have one more Holy Ground Worship service this spring on May 21st, and then we take our summer break to participate in Tribes and other events. We will provide an optional snack supper before worship for \$5 per student (while food lasts).

SUMMER INTERNS

We are excited to welcome Stephen Copper, Sammy Slack and David Smith to our student ministry as summer interns. They will report for orientation on Tuesday, May 27th, and will each have individual responsibilities in student outreach/recreation and mission/service projects. As well, each will work on a summer-long capstone project that will impact our student ministry into the fall and winter. Please pray for each of them and the students they will serve.

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Youth Wing (\$5 per student)

Wednesday, May 21, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

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

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, MAY 22:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Mystery???

MONDAY, MAY 26:

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

THURSDAY, MAY 29:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Ginny – Lakeshore Rehab

TUESDAY, JUNE 24:

COLUMBUS, MS. DAY TRIP – Historical Home Tours, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, John Grisham, Museum, Charles H. Templeton Music Museum
7:00am-5:00pm Cost \$65.00pp includes lunch.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23: SAN ANTONIO, TX. Riverwalk, The Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral, Fredericksburg, National Museum of the Pacific War, LBJ Ranch and lots of other good stuff. 1 room available. Cost \$675pp double.

Special Moment with Jesus

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27:1

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The Week of May 25-31

Sunday, May 25
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
Monday, May 26
Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
Tuesday, May 27
8:30 a.m. Betty Day trip
Wednesday, May 28
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, May 28
6:30 p.m. Choir
Thursday, May 29
9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
5:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting
Friday, May 30
6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class
Saturday, May 31

Last Week's Record

May 18, 2014

Youth/Children	28/78
Morning Worship	594
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$20,106.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$540,500.00
Received to Date	\$484,743.26
New Members in 2014	31

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,515.00
Received to Date	\$492,413.11

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

**Men's Free Play Basketball
In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

Sermon, May 25, 2014

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Already There"
(Acts 17:22-31)
Peter von Herrmann

Ushers
8:45: Chatterton 11:00: Youth
Cross
8:45: Matt Lagan 11:00: Harrison Winter
Acolytes
8:45: Neiley Mann 11:00: Savannah Sanders
Children's Church
8:45 Bowman 11:00 Pitts
Meal on Wheels May 28: Robin & David Martin
Greeters May 25: New Light Class
Food Pantry June 4: Penny Burns

VALET PARKING

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