



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Did you know that Father's Day became an official holiday 58 years after Mother's Day became accepted as an official holiday? One theory that I have read about the vast number of years between the two adoptions of these holidays has to do with commercialism. You see, fathers do not have the same "sentimental appeal" as mothers, history asserts. This sentimental appeal translated into business for florists, shops, and eventually the greeting card industry.

In the church, we are reminded again and again that we do not need things to make us happy. And we do not need to give things to show others love. It's not that things are necessarily bad, particularly when they are given as gifts. We must remember that gifts are symbols of the love and thanksgiving that we have for the recipient. Our relationship with the recipient is more valuable than any gift given.

This is why as we look back at the gifts we receive, we realize that we tend to hold on to those gifts that are home-made or those letters or cards with personal messages within. What you treasure in these instances is the relationship and the love shared with the one who gave you these things.

If you really want to show someone love: spend time with them, listen to their stories, ask them questions. I guarantee that if we are all more vulnerable and open with one another we will find that we are really more loved and are more lovable than we assume.

Where Are They Now?

Former Bluff Park UMC Pastors:

- Reid Crotty - retired
- Rusty Glasgow - Cahaba Heights UMC, Vestavia
- Lawton Higgs - Oakmont UMC, Homewood
- Keith Beatty - New Heights UMC, Chelsea
- James Calhoun - retired
- Mike Ratliff - First UMC, Springville
- Mark Lacey - First UMC, Trussville
- Lonna Lynn Higgs - Chaplain: United Methodist Children's Home
- Rusty Tate - Langdale UMC, Valley
- Bill Etheridge - Aldersgate UMC, Huntsville
- Pete West - retired

Appointments for Ministers with Bluff Park UMC ties:

- Steve West - First UMC, Arab
- Buster Timmons - Columbiana UMC, Columbiana
- Paul McCracken - Hopewell, Pierce Chapel, and Morris Chapel - Opelika, AL

Malaria's Dirty Dozen

As we prepare for the upcoming Imagine No Malaria campaign we will explore one fact about this disease each week – a total of 12 in all.

Fact One: Malaria is a completely preventable disease. No one HAS to die from malaria!

News of the Week

CHURCH POOL PARTY

Grab your swim suit and sunblock and join the party. Sunday, June 22 from 5-7pm at the Vestavia YMCA. The Pit Crew will provide food and refreshments.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Vacation Bible School is July 7-11 from 5:00-8:15pm. Dinner will be provided each night. You can register your child online for VBS (and other summer kids events.) We're still looking for volunteers, too.

BLUFF PARK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Please start making plans to join us as we build the Bluff Park Habitat House in October and November. Please set these work dates aside on your calendar and make your plans to be with us as much as you can.

Work Dates: October 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31. November 1, 6, 7, 8.

BASS FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Bluff Park UMC will have its second Bass Fishing Tournament this season on June 21st at 4:00 am at Town and Country at Lake Logan Martin.

BPUMC BOOK CLUB

Join us in the church parlor at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month for thought-provoking conversation and fellowship. Next Meeting:

June 26 "Calling Me Home," by Julie Kibler

NEW ROBES FOR THE CHOIR

The time has come to purchase new robes for the choir, the acolytes, and the bell ringers. Approximately 100 in all, and we need you.

To help 'reupholster the choir', make a special contribution to BPUMC with the notation "Robes Fund." Your contribution can be made in honor or memory of someone you love.

SPECIAL THANKS TO CANTERBURY CLASS

Charles and Carolyn Arthur would like to thank the members of the Canterbury Class for the fruit basket, cards, prayers, and phone calls.

New Members of the Bluff Park United Methodist Church Family



Dusty McNabb and Katie Morgan
Campbell and Phyllis



Whitney Upshaw and Don Mosely
Kennedy and Tyler

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP is June 18th. 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 18	For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders Cost \$30.00 a child 7:30am-5:30pm
Little Imaginations Day Camp	Mon.-Fri. June 16-20	9am-1pm Call 822-5813 for more info!
Preschool Splash Party	Tue. June 24	For Preschoolers and family 10:30am-noon Cost—Free!
VBS Volunteer Training Dinner	June 25,	5:30-7:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm meeting starts at 6pm
Vacation Bible School	Mon.-Fri. July 7-11	Cost \$10 Dinner served. 5-8:15pm.
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 BluffParkUMC.org/youth-event-epay where you can make a partial or full payment for 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.

YOUTH WEEK, JUNE 8-14

Youth Week started on Sunday, June 8th with our Ice Cream Social. We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who came to this important fundraising event. Each day for the rest of the week there will be something going on, from opportunities to play sports and make art to serving at First Light Shelter downtown to crazy things like an inflatable water slide in the Youth Parking lot. Come kick off the summer with our Student Ministry!

Wednesday, June 11, 12:00pm: HS Lunch Bunch at Mr. P's (all rising 9th-12th graders welcome!)

Wednesday, June 11, 5:00pm: TRIBES at Trace Crossings Elementary Fields (Check in 5-6pm, Games 6-8pm)

Thursday, June 12, 6:00pm: Art Night in the Youth Wing (until 8:00pm)

Friday, June 13, 6:00pm: Cookout & Waterslide in the Youth Parking Lot (\$5 per person/\$20 max per family)

Saturday, June 14, 2:00pm: Scavenger Hunt (meets in the Youth Wing, with pick-up at 5:00pm)

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

Monday, June 16, 3:30pm: Monday Sports in the Gym

Tuesday, June 17, 10:30pm: Recreation with the Community Garden Kids in the Gym

Wednesday, June 18, 12:00pm: HS Lunch Bunch at New China (all rising 9th-12th graders welcome!)

Wednesday, June 18, 5:00pm: TRIBES at Trace Crossings Elementary Fields (Check in 5-6pm, Games 6-8pm)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 12: SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Judith Wilson, will share Healthy Living with Essential Oils of The Bible.

TUESDAY JUNE 17: Our Lady Of Angels Monastery Tour – 8:30am. Call Betty.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18: CARDS to our sick/shut-ins - 11:00am in the Library. Volunteers needed.

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 breakfast and lunch.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23: SAN ANTONIO, TX. A week of fun and excitement. 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

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. Psalm 25:1



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The Week of June 15-21		Last Week's Record	
<p>Sunday, June 15</p> <p>8:45 am Morning Worship Service 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship Service NO EVENING WORSHIP</p> <p>Monday, June 16</p> <p>9:00 am Little Imaginations Day Camp</p> <p>Tuesday, June 17</p> <p>9:00 am Little Imaginations Day Camp 9:00 am Betty Day Trip</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">June 8, 2014</p> <p>Children 74 Morning Worship 473 Weekly Operating Needs 29,189.36 Operating Receipts \$21,789.00 2014 Operating Budget \$1,517,847.00 Expected to Date \$621,575.00 Received to Date \$549,343.86 New Members in 2014 35</p>	
<p>Wednesday, June 18</p> <p>7:30 am OTRA Field Trip 9:00 am Little Imaginations Day Camp 6:00 pm Men's Chorus 6:30 pm Choir</p> <p>Thursday, June 19</p> <p>9:00 am Little Imaginations Day Camp 9:30 am Shepherd's Center 2:30 pm Leadership Central Dinner</p> <p>Friday, June 20</p> <p>9:00 am Little Imaginations Day Camp</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">LIVING OUR LEGACY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015</p> <p>Amount Pledged \$1,083,250.00 Received Last Week \$5,236.00 Received to Date \$502,599.78</p>	
<p>Sermon, June 15, 2014 8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship <i>"A Commandment with a Promise"</i> (Scripture - Ephesians 6:1-4) Mike Holly</p>		<p>Ushers 8:45 Open 11:00 Davis Cross 8:45 Jonathan Kerns 11:00 Graham Coltrane Acolytes 8:45 Sally Francis Little 11:00 Billy Neal Children's Church 8:45 Little 11:00 Gray Greeters : Seekers Meal on Wheels June 1: Debra McCallum Food Pantry July 2: Sylvia Sumners</p>	
<p><u>VALET PARKING</u></p> <p>Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.</p>		<p>BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office</p>	
		<p><u>Men's Free Play Basketball</u> In the Gym</p> <p>Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members) Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)</p>	
		<p><u>BPUMC FOOD PANTRY</u> 1st Wednesday each month We are serving 200+ families a month. We appreciate all donations!</p>	