



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter June 17, 2014

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This Sunday will be a wonderful day at Bluff Park UMC. In our morning worship services, Rev. Jack Hinnen will be our guest preacher. Jack is an old friend of mine and is currently serving as the Chaplain at Birmingham-Southern College here in Birmingham. A native of Dadeville, AL, he attended Auburn University and Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, GA. In 2008-2009, Jack was selected along with myself and two other clergy from North Alabama to be a part of the initial Young Pastors Network consisting of fifty United Methodist young pastors. Jack's wife Cheryl was just commissioned as a Deacon at this month's North Alabama Annual Conference at Birmingham-Southern. Jack is an energetic preacher and leader and I know we

will be blessed by his message!

We have a wonderful afternoon planned beginning at 5:00 pm at the Vestavia Hills YMCA for our annual pool party. This multigenerational gathering is a wonderful way to connect with other folks in our congregation! We are having a cookout as well and the party will end by 7:00 pm. For those of you who choose not to swim, we have evening worship at 6:00 pm in our Chapel. Come and celebrate Holy Communion and hear a wonderful message!

Finally, I wanted to share with you that starting on Sunday, June 29th, we will shift our focus for the remaining Sundays this summer to studying 1st and 2nd Corinthians in morning worship. Our pastors will preach through both books of the New Testament emphasizing how Paul's letters underscore how the Church should behave as a Community. We hope you all can join us for this series and that many of you can follow along in your Sunday School classes!

The Children Need You!

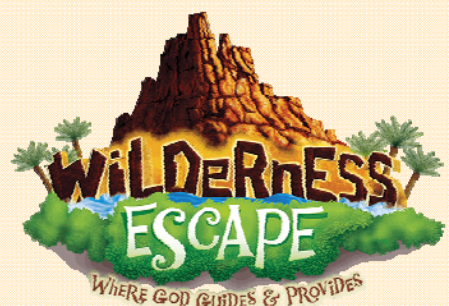
The Children's Ministry Team is in the process of updating our list of volunteers. The spiritual education of our children is the responsibility of the whole congregation and we encourage everyone to be a part of this important work.

We want to make sure that we connect each volunteer with the opportunities that best fit their gifts. To accomplish this we have prepared a short survey for volunteers.

Please take a few moments and fill out the survey today.

The survey is on our website at:

BluffParkUMC.org/childrensvolunteersurvey



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7-11

5:00–8:15 p.m.

Register your child online.

Volunteers needed.

News of the Week

CHURCH POOL PARTY

Grab your swim suit and sunblock and join the party. This coming Sunday, June 22 from 5-7pm at the Vesta-YMCA we gather together for the church pool party. The Pit Crew will provide food and refreshments.

VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING DINNER

All VBS Volunteers need to attend a special training session on June 25th. Dinner will be provided at 5:30pm and the meeting starts at 6:00pm.

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.

PETERSON FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, June 29 at 6:00pm Frances, John, Patty and Sonny Peterson will be performing at Bluff Park UMC. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm before the performance. Everyone welcome - this is a great opportunity to invite a friend.

If you need a ride to the event contact Betty Hottenstein.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our students and volunteers for a fantastic youth week last week!

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.

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:

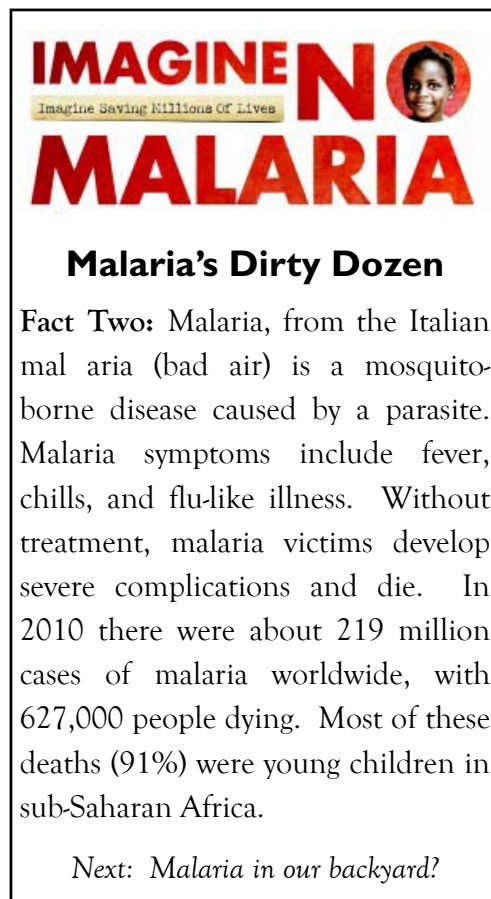
June 26 - "Calling Me Home," by Julie Kibler

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Mark Pitts, Keith Harper, Steve Mezzell, Ray Glaze, Shirley White, Gail Ketchersid, Donny Finley, Emily Rabren, Jack Barry, Carolyn Arthur, Jack and Myra Gray, Jerry Strong, Odessa Harbor, Jean Farrell, Steve Caufield, Peggy Hill, Doyle Shaw, Tim Mosley, Betty Lou Black, Connie Guy, Judy Farris, Neal Matthews, Johnnie Drennen.

GREEN TEAM TIPS

Pour water and ice out of cups before disposing of cups and bottles in trash cans. If water is sealed up in plastic bags and bottles in the landfill, that water is lost to the natural replenishment cycle.



IMAGINE NO MALARIA
Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives

Malaria's Dirty Dozen

Fact Two: Malaria, from the Italian mal aria (bad air) is a mosquito-borne disease caused by a parasite. Malaria symptoms include fever, chills, and flu-like illness. Without treatment, malaria victims develop severe complications and die. In 2010 there were about 219 million cases of malaria worldwide, with 627,000 people dying. Most of these deaths (91%) were young children in sub-Saharan Africa.

Next: Malaria in our backyard?

CORRECTION

In last week's edition of the newsletter we inadvertently omitted 2 names in the "Where Are They Now" list on page one.

The list of former pastors should include: Pete West - retired. The list of Ministers with Ties to BPUMC should include: Paul McCracken - Hopewell, Pierce Chapel, and Morris Chapel - Opelika, AL

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SURVEY The Children's Ministry Team is updating the list of volunteers. The spiritual education of our children is the responsibility of our whole congregation and we want to encourage everyone to be a part of this important work. In order to connect each volunteer with the opportunities that best fit their gifts, we have prepared a short survey. Please take a few moments and fill out the survey today. The survey is on our website at: BluffParkUMC.org/childrensvolunteersurvey

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

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| 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! |
| Passport Camp | July 14-17 | For rising 4 th graders – 7 th graders. Leave at 7:45a.m. on the 14 th and back around 7p.m. the 17 th . Cost is \$240.00. Contact Leigh Delashaw for more information. |
| OTRA field Trip | Wed. July 24 | Cathedral Caverns, Woodville, AL |

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.

MAGIC CITY TRIBES Our summer recreation series kicked off last week with a dodgeball tournament. Congratulations to Bluff Park - Orange Team who won against some serious competition from Morgan Road UMC in the finals! We continue the games at Loch Haven Park for the next two weeks.

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| Sunday, June 22, 10:00am | Sunday School in the Youth Wing |
| Sunday, June 22, 4:00pm | Holy Ground Team Rehearsal in the Youth Wing |
| Sunday, June 22, 5:00pm | Church-Wide Pool Party & Cookout at Vestavia-East YMCA (no transportation provided to this event) |
| Monday, June 23, 3:30pm | Monday Sports in the Gym |
| Tuesday, June 24, 10:30am | Recreation with the Community Garden Kids in the Gym |
| Tuesday, June 24, 2:30pm | Fun @ First Light Shelter - Team meets in the Church Parking Lot |
| Wednesday, June 25, 12:00pm | HS Lunch Bunch TBD (all rising 9th-12th graders welcome!) |
| Wednesday, June 25, 5:00pm | TRIBES at Loch Haven Park Fields (Check in 5-6pm, Games 6-8pm) |

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <u>TUESDAY, JUNE 24:</u> | COLUMBUS, MS. DAY TRIP - Historical Home Tours, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, John Grisham Museum, Charles H. Templeton Music Museum Cost \$65.00pp includes breakfast and lunch. |
| <u>THURSDAY, JUNE 26:</u> | SHEPHERD'S CENTER - MYSTERY PROGRAM??? |
| <u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23:</u> | 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. Balance Due on July 1st. |

Special Moment with Jesus

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



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The Week of June 22-28

Sunday, June 22

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
3:00 pm Permanent Endowment
Committee
3:30 pm Building Team Meeting
5:00 pm Pool Party
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, June 24

9:00 am Betty Day Trip
10:00 am Preschool Splash Party

Wednesday, June 25

5:30 pm VBS Volunteer Dinner &
Training
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, June 26

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
7:00 pm BPUMC Book Club

Friday, June 27

6:30 pm Fisherman Class Dinner

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Our Disruptive God"
(Scripture - Matthew 10:34-39)
Rev. Jack Hinnen

6:00pm Evening Worship in the Chapel
Tom Duley Preaching
"Sarah Knows Best"

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Psalm 8

Genesis 21:8-21
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 10:24-39

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Montz 11:00 Lawson
Cross
8:45 Clayton Marshall
11:00 Savannah Sanders
Acolytes

8:45 John David Shanlever 11:00 Ruskin Gold
Children's Church

8:45 Shanlever 11:00 Williamson
Greeters : Seekers

Meal on Wheels June 25: Leonette Slay
Food Pantry July 2: Sylvia Summers

VALET PARKING

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

Last Week's Record

June 15, 2014

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| Youth/Children | 76/62 |
| Morning Worship | 594 |
| Weekly Operating Needs | 29,189.36 |
| Operating Receipts | \$23,186.08 |
| 2014 Operating Budget | \$1,517,847.00 |
| Expected to Date | \$648,600.00 |
| Received to Date | \$572,529.94 |
| New Members in 2014 | 35 |

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

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| Amount Pledged | \$1,083,250.00 |
| Received Last Week | \$1,563.33 |
| Received to Date | \$504,163.11 |

BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM
Information Sheets in Narthex and Church
Office

FREE PLAY BASKETBALL in the gym

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| 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!