



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter July 15, 2014*

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There are many signs of life around Bluff Park UMC this month. It is always wonderful to hear the sound of children around our church and we had many voices this past week! One hundred and seven children participated in our Vacation Bible School as they learned about the Israelites and their journey from Egypt to the land God was giving them ~ "the land flowing with milk and honey." These children studied and sang, created and laughed all throughout the week. We need to thank all of the wonderful parents and volunteers and students who made this possible as well as our staff and leaders.

As I type these words, our parking lot is getting a make-over thanks to the leadership of our Trustees and the generosity of our Finance and Permanent Endowment committees. On that same note, I am happy to report to you that word will soon be spread that Bluff Park UMC will be honored as a first place winner in the 2014 Hoover Beautification Board Awards Ceremony in August!

Finally, I want to again invite each and every one of you to consider participating in our evening worship service, especially if you were on your way back into town during morning worship. We practice weekly communion and have a good crowd in our chapel. It has been the right ending to my Sabbath day quite a few times.

This Sunday morning, Rev. Peter von Herrmann will be preaching as we continue in our study of 1st Corinthians. May God bless you until we see you again!

*Mike*

## **Class Presidents Luncheon**

Joe Campbell, chairperson of the Stewardship Committee, and Mike Holly are hosting a luncheon for all of the Sunday School Class Presidents from 12:00-1:00pm on Sunday July 27th. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. If the president cannot attend a class representative should be designated to attend instead. Families of presidents and representatives are invited as well.

This luncheon is being held to discuss our upcoming Stewardship Campaign and how we would like your class to become involved.



# News of the Week

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have begun the process of putting together a new photo directory. You will be receiving a call from Color Craft (who is putting the directory together) to schedule a photo session at the church in the next two weeks or so. Sunday School class photos will be taken on July 27th and August 3rd.

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Help keep the pastoral care team up to date on what is going on with the members of our church. E-mail concerns and celebrations to [care@bpumc.org](mailto:care@bpumc.org) and each member of the pastoral care team will receive the information. And please do not forget that we have an emergency care phone number. Simply call (205) 533-9902 and leave a voicemail and we will get back to you promptly.

## IT'S A BOY

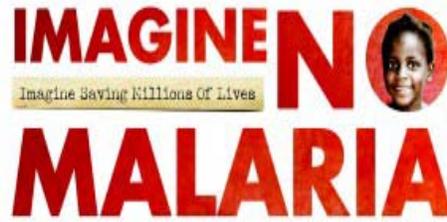
Congratulations to Grant and Kaleigh Stokes on the birth of their son Lawson Oliver Grant Stokes on July 7th.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was a huge success! We had 107 children to experience our Wilderness Escape- where God Guides and Provides. We raised \$271.10 for the Imagine No Malaria campaign. A giant thank you goes out to all of the adult and youth volunteers that made this one of the best Vacation Bible Schools ever!

## SMALL GROUP SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

We want everyone to have the ability to be a part of the ministries of Bluff Park UMC. If any small group



## Malaria's Dirty Dozen

**Six:** Initiatives A wide variety of promising initiatives to combat malaria are underway. Here are examples that show the varied approaches to eradicating malaria. In 2005 President Bush launched the President's Malaria Initiative (PMI), a five year \$1.2 billion program to cut malaria deaths in half in 15 of the hardest hit African countries. Funding for PMI continues as part of President Obama's Global Health Initiative. A grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has created the Malaria Vaccine Initiative, to accelerate development of promising vaccine candidates. A consortium in the US and UK is sequencing the genome of the *P. falciparum*, one of the parasites that causes malaria. The World Health Organization sponsors the Medicines for Malaria Venture, a public-private sector initiative to develop antimalarial drugs for distribution in poor countries .

*Next: Research and development costs and products in the pipeline*

has a fee or charge, we will gladly cover that fee or charge for any participant who needs that assistance. Any assistance will be confidential. Call or e-mail Rev. Mike Holly and he will take care of it for you: [mholly@bpumc.org](mailto:mholly@bpumc.org).

## BLUFF PARK MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

We are updating the office records for Bluff Park UMC members who are currently serving in the Armed Forces. If you, or a member of your family is currently serving, please contact the office and let us know which branch of service and current deployment.

## CLOTHES HANGER DRIVE

Jefferson County Foster Care Kids normally arrive in their new foster home with only the clothes they are wearing or if they are allowed, they may have had time to grab a day or two of clothes. It is up to the foster families to have basic necessities on hand for all kids that arrive at any time of the day or night. It is hard to have all different sizes or to immediately shop for a new child.

Jefferson County DHR is trying to revitalize their Clothes Closet to help ease this burden and we are asking for your help to provide hangers for this project.

We are accepting wire hangers of all sizes (DHR handles newborns - teenagers) in order to organize the clothes closet so the kids and workers can shop as needed that first day / night / week to help clothe the kids during this initial transition week.

If you can help, please take hangers to the Home Improvement Classroom or contact Rhonda Fort at 205.492.5207.

## 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](http://BluffParkUMC.org/childrensvolunteersurvey)

**FINE ARTS CAMP** is July 28-31! 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This camp is for rising 1<sup>st</sup> graders thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders. The Theme is *Once a Shepherd Then a King*. King David is one of the most fascinating people in the Bible and we will experience different parts of his life. Cost is \$35.00 a child. You can register on-line or fill out a registration form that you can find at the Welcome Center or in the office. Classes include, drama, cooking, music, science and art.

**PROMOTION SUNDAY** is Sunday August 3. All families and children are invited to the Sanctuary at 9:45a.m. to celebrate the new school year, our children and to fill out registration forms. We will also have doughnuts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall for the adults after we meet.

**A NEW POLICY** will be instituted on Aug. 3rd. All children (birth through 5th grade) will need to be signed in for all activities by their parents. This includes Sunday School and Wednesday night Midweek programming. Further information is forthcoming!

**ELEMENTARY TEACHER TRAINING** for the new school year teachers is Sunday July 27 in the Seekers' Classroom at 9:45a.m.

### SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

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| Fine Arts Camp 9a.m.-12:30p.m. | Mon.-Fri. July 28-31 | Cost \$35 For rising 1 <sup>st</sup> thru rising 6 <sup>th</sup> graders |
| Promotion Sunday               | Sun. Aug. 3          | All Children!  |

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**CAR WASH FUNDRAISER RESULTS.** Our students want to thank everyone who supported us through our car wash fundraiser. Over \$1,100 were raised to help us go on trips like the ASP Mission Trip and the Beach Retreat. We're very grateful to be a part of this church family. We promise to represent you well as we travel this summer.

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT.** A team of 28 student and adult servants will leave on Sunday, July 20 for Greene County, TN. This marks the eighth consecutive year that our students have served rural Appalachia through ASP. We couldn't do this work without the support of our church and we now ask for your prayers for safe and faithful service over the course of the trip.

**BEACH RETREAT, AUGUST 1-4** Make sure to get one last trip to the beach in before school starts back. We're staying at the Laguna Christian Retreat, west of Panama City Beach, FL. Cost is \$175 and includes lodging, transportation, a t-shirt and most meals. Register and pay online.

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| Sunday-Saturday, July 20-26  | ASP Student Mission Trip to Greene County, TN    |
| Sunday, July 20, 10:00am     | Sunday School in the Youth Wing                  |
| Sunday, July 20, 5:30pm      | Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall              |
| Sunday, July 20, 6:00pm      | Youth Activity in the Gym (TBD)                  |
| Monday, July 21, 3:30-5:30pm | Monday Sports in the Gym                         |
| Tuesday, July 22, 10:30am    | Recreation with Community Garden Kids in the Gym |
| Wednesday, July 23, 12:00pm  | HS Lunch Bunch (location TBD)                    |

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <u>THURSDAY, JULY 17</u> | <b>SHEPHERD'S CENTER</b> – Rosemary Dallam – Something Good is Cooking. 10:00am–Fireside Room  |
| <u>FRIDAY, JULY 18</u>   | <b>TUSCUMBIA – HELEN KELLER'S IVY GREEN TOUR and St John's Episcopal Church Tour</b> – Lunch at Rattlesnake Saloon. 8:00-4:00pm. Cost: \$5.00/admission - \$5.00/gas donation. Call Betty. |
| <u>TUESDAY, JULY 22</u>  | <b>JONES VALLEY TEACHING FARM and MYSTERY LUNCHEON</b> 9:00 – 3:00pm. Call Betty to reserve your seat on the bus. Cost: \$3.00/donation to the Farm \$3.00/gas donation.                   |
| <u>TUESDAY, JULY 29</u>  | <b>MYSTERY???????</b> 9:00-3:00pm Fun and Surprises.   |
| <u>THURSDAY, JULY 31</u> | <b>SHEPHERD'S CENTER</b> – Ron Jones – Artist's-On-The Bluff   |

### Special Moment with Jesus

“Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!” Psalm 59:6



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## The Week of July 20-26

### Sunday, July 20

8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Church Directory Photos  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
12:00 pm Cleaning the Nursery  
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

### Monday, July 21

6:00 pm Permanent Endowment Committee

### Tuesday, July 22

9:00 am Betty Day Trip  
12:00 pm Children's Garden Group

### Wednesday, July 23

6:00 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, July 24

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

### Friday, July 25

9:00 am Church Directory Photos  
6:30 pm Fishermen Class Dinner

### Saturday, July 26

9:00 am Church Directory Photos

### SUNDAY, July 20, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship  
*"Overcoming Temptation"*  
(Scripture - 1 Corinthians 10:9-22)  
Rev. Peter von Herrmann

6:00pm Evening Worship in the Chapel  
Peter von Herrmann Preaching

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers  
8:45 McDonald 11:00 Footsteps  
Cross  
8:45 Jonathan Kerns 11:00 Preston Scott  
Acolytes  
8:45 Emma Patton 11:00 Caroline Owen  
**Children's Church**  
8:45 Robinson 11:00 Hecklinski  
Greeters : Covenant  
**Meal on Wheels July 23:** Nan and Ed Thomas  
**Food Pantry August 3:** Kay Adams

### VALET PARKING

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

## Last Week's Record

July 13, 2014

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Youth/Children          | 41/134         |
| Morning/Evening Worship | 500/37         |
| Weekly Operating Needs  | \$29,189.36    |
| Operating Receipts      | \$39,686.82    |
| 2014 Operating Budget   | \$1,517,847.00 |
| Expected to Date        | \$756,700.00   |
| Received to Date        | \$693,141.00   |
| New Members in 2014     | 44             |

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015 |                |
| Amount Pledged                    | \$1,083,250.00 |
| Received Last Week                | \$1,967.33     |
| Received to Date                  | \$519,325.81   |

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

### FREE PLAY BASKETBALL in the gym

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| Sunday & Thursday:<br>7:00pm<br>(church members) | Wednesday:<br>7:00pm<br>(community) |
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**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**  
1st Wednesday each month  
We are serving 200+ families a month.  
We appreciate all donations!