



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter April 19, 2015*

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## PASTORAL STAFF CHANGES

With mixed emotions, we report to the congregation of Bluff Park United Methodist Church that Rev. Peter von Herrmann will be moving to a new church in the Birmingham area this June. Peter will become the pastor of Center Point First UMC on June 10, 2015. Peter has been instrumental in making sure that a smooth transition took place when beloved senior pastor Rev. Reid Crotty retired and our new senior pastor, Rev. Mike Holly, arrived. Peter, Amanda, Julia and David have been a true blessing to our church and we will miss them. We are very proud of Peter, and his ministry, and are also excited for this new chapter as he takes leadership over the wonderful Center Point church.

On June 14th, we as a congregation will welcome our new associate pastor, Rev. Angela Martin. Angela began her ministry at Helena UMC, but recently served as the senior pastor at Harpersville UMC. She is married to Patrick and they have three adult children. We are excited about Angela joining our staff!

Please stay tuned for opportunities to celebrate Peter's ministry and to wish him well as well as an opportunity to welcome Rev. Angela Martin to Bluff Park.



Rev. Peter von Herrmann



Rev. Angela Martin

# News of the Week

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## FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On Sunday, April 26, at 11:00 am there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All current food pantry volunteers, and those who want to volunteer, are invited. RSVP to Theresa Richerson at 637-4760 or [theresaricherson@gmail.com](mailto:theresaricherson@gmail.com) by April 20. If you need childcare please let us know.

## CHILDREN'S MUSICAL

The Children's Musical is coming on Sunday, April 26th, at 5:00pm in the Chapel. They will be performing a program titled, "King of the Jungle." The musical will take the place of evening worship that week.

## LADIES DAY RETREAT

The Ladies Day Retreat is coming Saturday, May 2nd, from 9:00am-12:30pm. Purchase your ticket in the Narthex on Sundays or contact Betty Hottenstein.

## PIT CREW THANKS

Lots of people were involved to make the annual church barbeque event happen—from staff and volunteers to all of the folks who donated door prizes and bought tickets. This year was a big success and we look forward to all the wonderful things that will be supported in the upcoming year thanks to the money we raised.

## 2015 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2015 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. Dates available include: May 10 and 31 and June 14, and 21. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

## COMMUNITY DAY OF SERVICE

Our Church Life Committee is organizing a work day to help out neighbors in Bluff Park who have spring cleaning needs in their homes and yards and need assistance to get them done. On, April 25th, from 8:00-11:00 am we'll meet at the church, receive work assignments, and then spread out in teams.

Sign-up on the website at [BluffParkUMC.org/dayofservice](http://BluffParkUMC.org/dayofservice) or call the office.

*Do you know someone who needs help, please contact the office and let us know.*

## THIS IS MY WAR, THIS IS MY WOUND...

April 22nd, BPUMC member Peter Kirchikov will be leading the second session of his special 2-part MidWeek history study in the church Parlor. This will be an exploration of the effects of war seen through the experiences of I. Z. Postalovsky, a military translator, interpreter, tank crew member, Master Sergeant and sharp shooter from 1942-1946. He is also the grandfather of Tosh, Maxim, and Ilya Kirchikov.

## USHER TAGS

The usher tag box is a little empty again. If you have served as an usher in recent weeks and inadvertently taken a tag home, please return it to the usher station. Thank you!

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Charlotte Word—Lakeshore  
Bill Walker—Brookdale  
James Hill—Children's



This past Sunday, we learned that Methodism is essentially about changing how we worship and how we live in order to experience God's grace more fully as well as to become channels for God's love as we grow to become more and more like Christ each day. This Sunday, we will explore the foundation of this statement. You see, God's grace is the beginning of our faith together as Christians. God's grace works in our hearts and minds before we can even utter the name "God." And God's grace leads us throughout our entire lives.

Rev. Tom Duley will be preaching this Sunday on God's grace and how we understand it as United Methodist Christians. We look forward to you joining us in worship as we learn how God's grace can transform us into becoming more and more like Christ each day.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK:** This week we will continue our unit on the Seven Helpers. This week we will act out a play called "Seven Were Chosen." Seven actors will volunteer to do the play, and during the play they will choose from the rest of the kids, seven to be the seven helpers. We will give these "Seven Helpers" their names. We will then lay hands on them and pray for them as the disciples laid hands on the seven helpers and prayed. This activity will reinforce how momentous choosing the "Seven Helpers" were and will teach them their names.

**4K GRADUATION TO THE THIRD FLOOR** will be May 31st. Details soon!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS:** Welcome Bethany Claire Mooney! She is Ms Rebecca's beautiful 4lb, 4oz baby girl. Congratulates Ms Rebecca and family!

**CHOIR PRACTICE** will be held in the chapel this Wednesday night (4/22) from 5:50pm-7:00pm.

**THE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL** will be held on April 26th in the chapel at 5pm. All participants need to be there by 4pm for a final walk through. Costumes are what you might wear to go to a Safari Theme Park Field trip. Blue Jean or Khaki long pants or shorts. Colored t-shirts. Visors, sunglasses, hats, bandanas (any combination there of) If you like bandanas but might not have one, Ms. Melissa has some left over from Bible School.

**4TH/5TH FELLOWSHIP** The end of the year is fast approaching. There will be an end of the year party on April 29th 6:30-7:30 on the playground. Word has it ice-cream will be involved. All current 4th and 5th graders will be invited.

**MAY 6TH 5:50pm-6:25pm** we will have a special cross over event for 3rd/4th/and 5th. Charlotte McCrary will be having a special cooking class just for them. After we will head down to Holy Ground to have mid-week with the youth. All 5th Graders (AKA Rising 6th Graders) can start attending youth activities on May 31st!

**OFF CAMPUS MISSION PROJECT-** The off-campus mission project has been cancelled. We will reschedule another for the Fall.

**VBS-EVEREST IS COMING!** Let's get excited!! VBS is July 13th-17th and will be 8:30am-12:30pm. NEW this year- Registration will be online ONLY. Go to [BluffParkumc.org/VBS2015](http://BluffParkumc.org/VBS2015) to register! Cost is \$10 per child for up to two children. Three or more children is just a flat \$25 family rate. Payment is due the first day of the event. Thank you to Sarah Chavez and Lori Beasley for being directors this year! Recruitment for volunteers has already begun. Please contact [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org) to sign up. We need teachers, team leaders, snack helpers, sign-in/out help, decorating help, prep help... We have a job for everyone and every schedule! Go to <http://vols.pt/fNsZBT> to sign up.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19 Second Week of the "Seven Helpers"  
April 22 Mid Week  
April 22 Children's Choir 5:50-7:00 in the Chapel  
April 25 Church Wide Mission Project

April 26 Children's Musical 5pm  
April 29 Midweek end of year festivities  
May 6 3rd/4th/5th crossover event  
May 6 Elementary Mid Week on Holy Ground

July 13-17 VBS "Everest"

# STUDENT MINISTRY

**DOWNLOAD OUR NEW MOBILE PHONE APP - YOUTH WING.** We now have a new tool for parents and students to stay informed about what's going on and connect to each other. Just go to your phone's app store and search for Youth Wing. You'll be able to scroll through youth events up to six months in advance and instantly get all the details you need without searching for old emails or newsletters. Plus you can check out our social presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. There are still edits to be made to improve this, so be patient. Eventually we'll have weekly summer devotions for students who are traveling, PLUS sign up and payment links. Youth Wing is available for FREE on both iOS/Apple and Android/Google devices such as phones and tablets.)

**EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP.** Our student worship team will be on tour in early June. We're very excited and proud of them because they have been asked to provide the music for a three-day student ministry event in Blount County called "Beach Reach". Each day, students from the community will do service projects and then gather at Spring Valley Beach Water Park for worship and a message. To help prepare and raise money for the tour, we hope you will join us This coming Sunday at 5pm in the Chapel. Our students will perform music from the tour and ask for donations. As well, you can pre-order tour shirts. We hope to see you there!

**SAVE THESE DATES:** *Evening of Worship*, April 19, *Senior Recognition Sunday*, May 17, *Band Tour*: Sunday-Wednesday, June 7-10, *MS Mission Trip*: Sunday-Friday, June 21-26, *ASP Mission Trip*: Sunday-Saturday, July 5-11, *Beach Retreat*: Friday-Monday, July 31-Aug 3.

## THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 19, 10:00am  
Sunday, April 19, 5:00pm  
Sunday, April 19, 6:00pm  
Wednesday, April 22, 4:30pm  
Wednesday, April 22, 5:30pm  
Wednesday, April 22, 6:30pm  
Sunday, April 26, 10:00am  
Sunday, April 26, 4:30pm  
Sunday, April 26, 6:00pm  
Sunday, April 26, 6:30pm

Sunday School in the Youth Wing  
Evening of Praise & Worship in the Chapel  
Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall  
Holy Ground Team Rehearsal  
Hang Out Time in the Youth Wing & Gym  
Holy Ground Worship (with the message from Amanda Alldredge)  
Sunday School in the Youth Wing  
Worship Team Rehearsal  
Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall  
FREE Goodies Ice Cream Party!

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY APRIL 22

THURSDAY APRIL 23

TUESDAY APRIL 28

SATURDAY MAY 2

TUESDAY MAY 12

SAT-SUN JUNE 6-7

TUESDAY JULY 14

AUGUST 30-SEPTEMBER 5

**COOKING CLASS** with Sue Ann Jennings, The Pampered Chef. 6:00-7:00pm.  
**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - Jerry Armor, Author, "A Home For Wayward Boys". Everyone invited.

**MYSTERY LUNCHEON** - 10-3:00pm - call Betty.

**LADIES DAY RETREAT** - Breakfast Brunch and Tablesapes. Tickets, \$10.00, on sale each week. Special guest - Jamie Davis, Doreen Duley, Becky Walker and Delores Hydock.

**CROSSVILL TN** - Cumberland Playhouse - "Ring-of-Fire" Johnny Cash, the Man-in-Black, musical. Cost: \$50.00 ticket/gas donation. Lunch on your own. Call Betty.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** with Jimmy Carter, our 39th President Plains, Ga. Over-night cost: \$220.00. Tour Bus.

**TUPELO, MS** - Elvis's Hometown Tour. Church, School, Hardware Store, Auto Museum and much more. Cost: \$80.00pp includes Breakfast Sandwich, Coffee, all Admission Tickets, Tour Guide, Lunch, Tour Bus.

**MACKINAC CITY AND ISLAND** - A week of Fun, Excitement, Tours, Good Food, Ferry Rides, and lots and lots of Laughter. Cost: \$800.00-900.00pp. Call Betty.



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## The Week of April 19—April 25

### Sunday, April 19 Sunday

8:30 am-12:30 pm Directory Pick-Up  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
7:00 pm ISN'T Bible Study

### Monday, April 20

7:00 am Becky Walker's Bible Study  
9:00 am Men's Bible Study  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl  
5:30 pm Permanent Endowment Committee

### Tuesday, April 21

6:30 pm Building Committee

### Wednesday, April 22

4:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study  
5:00-6:30pm Dinner  
5:30 pm Disciple 1  
6:00 pm Cooking Class  
6:00 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, April 23

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

### Friday, April 24

5:00 pm Fisherman Class Dinner

### Saturday, April 25

8:00 am Community Day of Service

### SUNDAY, April 19, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship  
*"METHODISM: It All Starts with Grace"*  
(Scripture - 1 Peter 1:3-9)  
Rev. Tom Duley

5:00pm Evening Worship Service  
Youth-Led Worship

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalms 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### SERVING SUNDAY

#### Ushers

8:45 Lawson 11:00 Davis

#### Cross

8:45 Caroline Marshall 11:00 Rory Edwards

#### Acolytes

8:45 Vivi Shanlever 11:00 Avery Edwards

#### Greeters: Covenant

Meals on Wheels April 22: McCallum

Food Pantry May 6: Becky McCrary

#### MIDWEEK MENU: April 22nd

Chicken casserole, green beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

## Last Week's Record

April 12, 2015

Children	77
Morning/Evening Worship	462/15
Operating Receipts	\$29,117.82
Received to Date	\$434,251.66
New Members in 2015	9

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,330.33
Received to Date	\$738,113.20

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

### BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

### VALET PARKING

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