



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter June 7, 2015

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Four years ago, my wife Amanda and I walked around Bluff Park United Methodist Church, knowing that I would in a few months become the associate pastor. As we stepped into our beautiful sanctuary, our attention was directed to two specific components of the worship space - the organ and the baptismal font. It was then that we knew we had found a home.

Both our organ and our baptismal font came from McCoy United Methodist Church, a congregation near Birmingham Southern College that closed its doors about 30 years ago. Their building currently houses a wonderful adult day care center, which, if you haven't heard about yet, you will around their annual "rock-a-thon" that we support. Before the congregation closed their doors, however, the or-

gan and the baptismal font were part of countless services and celebrations in that congregation. One of those was the service during which my older brother and I were baptized.

Amanda and I realized that as long as we were here, the font around which we would be baptizing children and the organ, with which we would be singing, were the same ones used when I was baptized years ago.

As many of you know, June 7 will be my last Sunday at Bluff Park UMC. As we anticipated four years ago, this congregation has truly been a wonderful home for me and my family. You are the congregation into which our son David was baptized. You are the congregation that taught my daughter Julia how God keeps His promises. You are the congregation that took care of my children so well that we have to battle weekly to keep them from storming the nursery and children's areas before programs start. Amanda and I have also found a spiritual home here with you. Thank you for all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you are becoming. As we move to First United Methodist Church of Center Point, we will miss each of you.

On June 7, we will hear Paul's admonishment in 2 Corinthians 4:18 to "look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal." Even as we move into an unseen future, whose details have not yet been worked out, we do so knowing that the love we have shared, the ways we have served, and the work we have done for the kingdom of God remain no matter what the future holds. As a congregation, we have done, are doing, and you will do things of eternal significance. It has been an honor to serve with you in making a difference in this community and throughout the world.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Peter

News of the Week

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This Sunday, June 7th, at 5pm we will have our annual Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. This year's event is also a special time for us to gather with the von Herrmanns and wish them well as Peter leaves to take on his new role as the pastor of Center Point First United Methodist Church. The Student Ministries hosts this event and it also serves as a fundraiser to support their summer activities.

CHURCH POOL PARTY

Grab your swim suit and sunblock and join the party. Sunday, June 14th from 6:30-8:30pm at the Vestavia YMCA. There will be food, refreshments, fun and fellowship for all ages.

VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY ORIENTATION

Our newly forming Veterans Ministry is holding an orientation meeting on June 25 at 7:00pm. This meeting is a time to learn more about the ministry and the opportunities available to serve.



Bluff Park Men's Chorus Perform at Rocky Ridge Retirement Home

For the first time in 6 years, the BPUMC Men's Chorus will perform outside the church. At 2:00 pm, on June 7th, they will bless the residents of Rocky Ridge Retirement Home with music. If you know someone living at Rocky Ridge, make sure to tell them about this performance so they don't miss it!

SUNDAY MEDIA VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to volunteer on Sunday mornings to assist with recording the audio and video taping of the worship service? If so, contact Andrew Seltz at aseltz@bpumc.org. No previous media experience is needed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM

The Youth Worship Team performed in the battle of the youth bands and took second place in the competition. They leave on their summer band tour this Sunday, June 7th, for 4 days. Please keep them in your prayers this week. Visit the church Facebook page to see a video of the band performing in the competition.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Anne Travis—Brookdale

Gaile Ketchersid—Aspire Rehab

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Laura Lee Boren by Riley and Norma Harmon, Mary S. Tyler, Elizabeth Davis, Sammy T and Patsy Boren, Retha Dorrough, Betsy McClean, Charles and Elizabeth Miller, Tim and Ellen Finley, Dale M Miller, Jan Harris, Mahala McKinney, Peggy White, Sue Crunk

Fred Teaford by Elizabeth Davis, Whitney S Lamont, Susan Hall, Carol S Faulkner, William and Kristine Braxton, Cindy H Mcemore, Michael and Karen Mann, Elizabeth Eich, Charlotte J Smith, Raymond and Rebecca Meeks, Mahala McKinney, Linda Day, Julia Dunn, Martha McLemore, The Fisherman Class

Joe Cummings by Rena Cummings, Martha A Baba, John W. and Beverly Cook

Dr. Aubrey Baugh by Dr. and Mrs. Norman Halpern, Wayne and Jackie Walton, Mary Pat Hemstreet, Bill and Paulette Pearson, Mahala McKinney, Sloan Baugh Pace, Nick Baugh, Peggy White, Sharon Youngkin, The Eufaula Trucking Co, Julia Dunn, Sherry Letson, The Fisherman Class

Dot Copeland by Donald H. Slappy, Stephen S. Davidson, The Opportunity Class, Sue Crunk, Evelyn Lawrence, David Patton, Birmingham Apothecary Inc., Opal Humphrey

Trudy Lawler by Bill Lawler

Dimples Sherman by The Opportunity Class, Helen Brickman, Edward and Lois Flick, William and Susan Flick

Judy Farris by Mary C and Charles White

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Pat Adair by Bill Adair

FOOD PANTRY

Fred Teaford by Barbara Brannum

Laura Lee Boren by John and Nancy Boren, Bob and Becky Walker

Aubrey Baugh by Peggy Wyatt

YOUTH

Fred Teaford by Dan and Carol Cartledge

BUILDING FUND

Dimples Sherman by Kenneth McEwen

SCHOLARSHIP

Dot Copeland by Jim and Sara Perry

MUSIC FUND

Fred Teaford by Charles and Ester Stephens

Dot Copeland by Jack and Sue Pearson

Laura Boren by Jack and Sue Pearson

Judy Farris by The Covenant Class

Honorariums

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Bart Styes by The Vitality Class

Tina Hardy by Patricia Strahan

Tom Duley by Patricia Strahan

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Peter von Herrmann by Kyle and Tammy Puchta

Please Note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VBS 2015 "EVEREST!" WE NEED YOUR HELP TO REACH THE TOP! With a 5 member leadership team and an increased budget this year's VBS will be the best we've ever had! 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. New this year! Training videos for most positions!

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS. We are looking for the following items to help us decorate the church for VBS: Hiking Rope, Sleeping Bags, Back Packs, Camping Lanterns, Hiking Boots, Hiking Poles, Shovels, Wood Crates, and Christmas Trees. If you have any of these items that you would like to lend us for the week, you can drop them off at the church office, Mr. Stanley's office, or Mrs. Melissa's office ASAP! Please just let us know what you have dropped off so that we can return it to you at the end of VBS. We appreciate your help!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015/2016. Recruitment for Elementary and Preschool Sunday School is under way. If you would like to volunteer, please go to <http://vols.pt/PFzJ4t> to sign up. Thank you for your help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: Sunday School: Movie and Popcorn Day!

FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK! We will be going to a movie, to eat Pizza, and bowling on June 10th, and the Springville Splash Pad on June 24th. Cost is \$30 per child. Drop off begins at 7:30am, pick up ends at 5:30pm. Email Melissa at mhendon@bpumc.org if you would like to register. The field trips are for Rising 1st-6th grades.

THE PRESCHOOL SPLASH PARTY IS ALMOST HERE! It is June 9th at 10am-12pm. All preschoolers and their families are invited. Bring a chair and join us for some popsicles, snow cones, and fun on the playground. To register just go to: <http://bluffparkumc.org/children/preschool-splash-party/>. Or, you can email Ms Marcie at nursery@bpumc.org.

VBS 2015-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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 7 Sunday School: Movie and Popcorn Day
June 9 Preschool Splash Party!
June 10 Field Trip!
June 14 Lesson 2 Kidmo

June 21 Father's Day Project
June 24 Field Trip!
July 13-17 VBS "Everest"

STUDENT MINISTRY

ICE CREAM SOCIAL On Sunday, June 7th, we'll have our annual Ice Cream Social fundraiser. Families are encouraged to make homemade ice cream (or bring your favorite store brand) and enjoy a casual supper in the fellowship hall. This will also be our church's opportunity to say goodbye to the Von Herrmann family. Students who volunteer (and families who bring ice cream) will earn money for their summer trips.

MAGIC CITY TRIBES We continue our summer-long competition event with other area churches this summer. Week One of Tribes will be in our Youth Wing. We'll play video-based games (like at Discovery Weekend on opening night) and get ready for the coming competitions against the other youth groups.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH OUR FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on in June, July and August. The Ice Cream Social, Band Tour, Mission Trips, Magic City Tribes, Beach Retreat and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it. As well, be sure to pick up your four-page, color-coded Student Ministry Calendar in the Youth Wing so you don't miss a thing...

SAVE THESE DATES: Tribes Kickoff Event: Wednesday, June 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, June 7, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, June 7, 6:00pm	Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 7-10	Youth Band Tour
Wednesday, June 10, 12:30pm	HS Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, June 10, 5:00pm	Magic City Tribes

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 11
TUESDAY JUNE 16
THURSDAY JUNE 18
WEDNESDAY JULY 1

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - MYSTERY???

CHURCH TOUR And Lunch.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Magic Day with Arch.

BOAT CRUISE and lunch on the Montgomery Harriott II. A day of fun and excitement. \$20.00pp includes, lunch, tour bus, Mystery stop. \$10.00pp for Shepherd's Center members.

TUPELO, MS - Elvis's Hometown Tour. Cost: \$80.00pp includes lunch, all admissions, tour guide. Traveling by Tour Bus.



TUESDAY JULY 14

MACKINAC CITY and MACKINAC ISLAND

August 30-September 5

A week of Fun, Excitement, Tours, Ferry Rides, Grand Hotel, Good Food, Good Fellowship, lots of Surprises. Overnight in Indianapolis going and returning. Cost: \$975.00pp double room. \$75.00 extras for single rooms. \$100 deposit, balance due on July 15th. Call Betty - trip is filling up.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS:

"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever." Psalm 125:1



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The Week of June 7—June 13

Sunday, June 7
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Ice Cream Social
Monday, June 8
9:00 am AARP Safe Driving Class
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, June 9
8:30 am Maintenance
10:00 am Preschool Splash Party
6:00 pm Under the Bridge
Wednesday, June 10
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, June 11
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
Friday, June 12
6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

SUNDAY, June 7, 2015
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Beyond"
(Scripture - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)
Rev. Peter von Herrmann

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings
1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality
Acolytes
8:45 Davison Dover 11:00 Jackson Boyd
Greeters: Opportunity
Meals on Wheels June 10: Britain
Food Pantry July 1:
Kay Adams & Rosemary Dallam

Last Week's Record

May 31, 2015

Children	61
Morning Worship	510
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$20,717.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$586,806.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$592,712.29
New Members in 2015	9

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,455.00
Received to Date	\$759,746.87

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**
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.