



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter June 14, 2015

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**G**reetings all!  
I am so excited about joining you at Bluff Park UMC. My family and I are busily preparing to make our way there next week and we can't wait to meet you all! We appreciate the way in which you are already beginning to welcome us.

Psalm 96 says, "Sing to the Lord a new song." (v.1) It beckons us and all of creation to sing because our God is great. The psalmist reminds us that our God is great because our God is the great Creator. Remembering that is key for me in my faith. God didn't just create "in the beginning", God is still creating and God is still creating new beginnings in me and you.

So what new song is God calling me to sing as I join you? What new songs will we sing together?

When I was a child taking piano lessons I profess I didn't practice as I should. What I loved most was when my teacher or parents would buy me a new book. I would sit at the piano for hours going cover to cover, playing each new song until I had played through the entire book and discovered the secrets of each melody.

That is how I feel about coming to Bluff Park. I look forward to discovering all the wonderful things about your church and how we can work together to "sing a new song to the Lord"!

See you soon!  
*Angela Martin*

## Where Are They Now?

Have you ever wondered where a former BPUMC pastor is serving? Here is an update for 2015!

Appointed to Bluff Park UMC are Rev. Mike Holly, Rev. Angela Martin and Rev. Stanley Davidson (from North Georgia Conference). Rev. Tom Duley continues to serve at Bluff Park UMC as well.

Peter von Herrmann - First UMC, Center Point  
Keith Beatty - New Heights UMC, Chelsea  
Bill Etheridge - Aldersgate UMC, Huntsville  
Rusty Glasgow - Cahaba Heights UMC  
Rusty Tate - Langdale UMC, Valley  
Lonna Lynn Higgs - Shiloh UMC, Calera  
Lawton Higgs - First UMC, Montevallo  
Mark Lacey - First UMC, Trussville  
Mike Ratliff - Latham UMC, Huntsville

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
July 13-17  
8:30am-12:30pm  
Register your child online today!  
*Volunteers needed.*

# News of the Week

## VBS 2015 "EVEREST!"

We need your help to reach the top! In order to make this year's Vacation Bible School a great event for both our children and the children of our community, we are in need of at least 10 more volunteers. Our major need at the moment is for crew leaders, people who simply hang out with a group of children of a specific age and lead them from station to station each day. There is absolutely no prep work or teaching involved in this volunteer position: you simply get to have fun with and get to know some wonderful kids! Also, nursery is provided for the young children of those people volunteering at VBS. If you would like to volunteer for one of these spots, please contact Stanley Davidson or Melissa Hendon, or sign up at <http://vols.pt/fNszBT>.

## VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY ORIENTATION

Our newly forming Veterans Ministry is holding an orientation meeting on June 25 at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is a time to learn more about this new ministry at Bluff Park UMC, and the many opportunities available to serve.

**CHURCH POOL PARTY**  
Sunday, June 14th  
5:00-7:00pm  
Vestavia YMCA  
(aka YMCA Express)  
2086 Columbiana Road

Grab your swim suit and sunblock and join the party. There will be food, refreshments, fun and fellowship for all ages.

## 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](mailto:aseltz@bpumc.org). No previous media experience is needed.

## BPUMC KID'S GARDEN

If you have an elementary aged child who would enjoy working in the garden, join us on Monday's from 9-10am in the Kid's Garden to harvest, weigh, and record veggies; we'll also talk about soil, worms, bees, composting, day lilies, birds and more. Bring an adult. If you can't make it Monday's, join Olivia Howard on Thursday's from 5:30-6:30. Questions call Julie Adams 822-6516 or Olivia Howard 942-4157.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Fred McCool and his family on the passing of his sister, Pauline M. Stallworth, on June 4th. Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Anne Travis—Brookdale  
Rollina Oglesbay—UAB

## NEW MEMBERS



Bill and Sarah Moore and daughters Maddie and Caroline.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS DECORATIONS NEEDED!** 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:** This week (6/14) we will have our second Kidmo Lesson of the summer!

**FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!** We will be going to 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](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org) if you would like to register. The field trips are for Rising 1st-6th grades.

**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](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.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14	Lesson 2 Kidmo
June 21	Father's Day Project
June 24	Field Trip!
July 13-17	VBS "Everest"

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**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:** 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 14, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, June 14, 5-7pm	Churchwide Pool Party at Vestavia YMCA on Columbiana Road (FREE supper!)
Tuesday, June 16, 3-5pm	Super Tuesday (art in the Fireside Room and games in the gym)
Wednesday, June 17, 1pm	HS Lunch Bunch at El Gringo's
Wednesday, June 17, 5-8pm	Magic City Tribes at Loch Haven Park

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY JUNE 16  
THURSDAY JUNE 18  
THURSDAY JUNE 25  
WEDNESDAY JULY 1

CHURCH TOUR And Lunch.  
SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Magic Day with Arch.  
SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Ms. Senior Alabama-2014  
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:

“Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3



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## The Week of June 14—June 20

### Sunday, June 14

8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
5:00 pm Evening Worship  
5:00 pm Pool Party

### Monday, June 15

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
7:00 pm Food Pantry Meeting

### Wednesday, June 17

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

### Thursday, June 18

9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
6:30 pm Finance Committee

### Friday, June 19

12:00 pm Opportunity Class Lunch

### SUNDAY, June 14, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship  
*"In Plain Sight"*  
(Scripture - Mark 4:26-34)  
Rev. Mike Holly

5:00pm Evening Worship Service  
Rev. Mike Holly

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4:26-34

### SERVING SUNDAY

**Ushers**  
8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley  
**Acolytes**  
8:45 Will Thompson 11:00 Kate Ryan Black  
**Greeters: Seekers**  
**Communion Setup 5pm:**  
Janet and Charlie Trucks  
**Meals on Wheels June 17:** Adams  
**Food Pantry July 1:**  
Kay Adams & Rosemary Dallam

## Last Week's Record

June 7, 2015

Children	54
Morning Worship	490
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$26,011.50
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$613,479.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$618,723.79
New Members in 2015	13

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,512.00
Received to Date	\$762,258.87

**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.