



BLUFF PARK

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Newsletter June 21, 2015

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Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett announced at this year's Annual Conference of the North Alabama United Methodist Church that the Methodists of North Alabama raised over \$1,000,000 to combat malaria in Africa. Bluff Park UMC played a significant role in reaching this goal as we are currently working to raise \$25,000 by the end of 2016. The good news is that we are already more than halfway there! Thanks to individual donations as well as a gift from our annual Legacy Gala Silent Auction, we have raised over \$16,000 to date! Bishop Wallace-Padgett told us that in raising the \$1 million dollars, we will save 100,000 lives through malaria-related education, prevention and medical care. Two-thousand, five hundred of those lives saved will be because of your generosity.

Bluff Park UMC has always been a life-giving, life-building church. Our mission focus for the past year aims to continue this work. Our wonderful Missions Committee chose to make our missional focus as follows: "Food, Water, Shelter." Our monthly missions such as the Food Pantry and the Under the Bridge Ministry are feeding the hungry. The well that was dug in India by NeverThirst, thanks to the work of this congregation through the New Light Sunday School class, is giving drink to the thirsty. And our work with Habitat and our youth mission trip to ASP are helping provide shelter to the those without.

Each and everyone of us is called to consider how we can provide life – provide food, water and shelter – for others. This summer as you notice the thermometer climb, remember those without access to fresh water or appropriate shelter. This summer as you enjoy a July 4th picnic, remember those who have nothing to eat, and as individuals, and as families, think about how you can provide regular access to these important life needs. It can be as simple as carrying bottled water and snacks in your car, or as easy as providing necessary food items to our Food Pantry; or it could be as big as asking your Sunday School class to take on your own mission initiative. Whatever it is, seek to give LIFE to others, just as God provides life to each of us.

Veterans Leadership Ministry

Bluff Park UMC is launching an important new ministry and you are invited to be a part of it. We are making a focused effort to reach out to the veterans in our community with special attention for those returning from service during the War On Terror. According to a 2014 AL.com article, there are 49,524 veterans living in Jefferson County. Approximately 31 percent served in the Middle East. Many need a safe haven of hope, love, and compassion as the struggle to return to civilian life.

Our newly forming Veterans Leadership 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, the needs of the people we will serve, and the many opportunities available for you to make a difference in the life of a veteran.



News of the Week

NEW STAFF MEMBER

On June 2nd, we welcomed our new Director of Finance and Administration to Bluff Park UMC, Jason McCrory. Jason spent 25 years with UAB supervising staff, managing buildings, facilities, and budgets. We are excited to have Jason joining us.

MINISTERS' RECEPTION

This Sunday, June 21st, from 9:30-11:00am there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall for the ministers at Bluff Park UMC. Stop in and spend some time with Mike, Angela, and Tom.

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>.

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.

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: July 19, 26, and August 16 and 23. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

BPUMC KID'S GARDEN

If you have an elementary aged child who would enjoy working in the garden, join us on Mondays 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 Mondays, join Olivia Howard on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30. Questions, call Julie Adams 822-6516 or Olivia Howard 942-4157.



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

UPCOMING HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

The 4th of July holiday weekend is almost here. The church office will be closed on July 3rd.

STAY IN TOUCH

The summer season is filled with cookouts, weekends at the lake, and much needed vacations. When you are away from home on Sunday morning you can stay connected through our weekly sermons online on the church website. Audio and video recordings are published each week, and we have an extensive archive so you can find a favorite and listen again.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Jean Glaze on the passing of her husband, Ray, on June 12th. Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Anne Travis—Brookdale
Rollina Oglesbay—University
A.V. Marlow—Shelby Ridge



WANDERING WESLEY

Looking for a fun way to share your summer travels with your friends and family at Bluff Park UMC? Download a copy of 'Wandering Wesley' from the church website and take a picture of him wherever you go. There is a line art and full color version available. Post a copy of your picture on the church Facebook page and use the hash tags #wanderingwesley and #bpumcsummer. He's already shown up in a photo with Jimmy Carter and at Spring Valley Water Park. We can't wait to see where else he turns up.

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 (6/21) We will be making a special Father's Day craft to take home

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 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 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 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: ASP Mission Trip: Sunday-Saturday, July 5-11, Beach Retreat: Friday-Monday, July 31-Aug 3.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, June 21	No Afternoon/Evening Activities
Sunday-Friday, June 21-26	Middle School Mission Trip
Tuesday, June 23, 3-5pm	Super Tuesday (arts/crafts in Fireside Room & games in the gym)
Wednesday, June 24, 1pm	HS Lunch Bunch
Wednesday, June 24, 5-8pm	Magic City Tribes at Loch Haven Park (drop off is 5-6, with games from 6-8pm)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JUNE 18

THURSDAY JUNE 25

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

THURSDAY JULY 2

TUESDAY JULY 14

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Magic Day with Arch.
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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.
SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 9:30 gathering time 10:00am Come See, Come Hear ???. 1st Thursday exercise with Valerie and Kristen at 11:00.



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

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. \$100.00 extras for single rooms. \$100 deposit, balance due on July 15th. Call Betty - trip is filling up.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS:

"I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and sing praises to the name of the LORD, the MOST HIGH."

Psalm 7:17



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The Week of June 21—June 27

Sunday, June 21—Fathers' Day

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:30 am Ministers' Reception
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, June 22

Preschool Summer Camp
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
10:00 am UMW Hope Circle
10:00 am UMW Joy Circle
6:30 pm UMW Friendship Circle

Tuesday, June 23

9:00 am Preschool Summer Camp
Central District Operational Team
1:00 pm Preschool Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 24

6:00 pm Preschool Summer Camp
Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, June 25

9:30 am Preschool Summer Camp
Shepherd's Center
7:00 pm Veterans Leadership Orientation

Friday, June 26

12:00 pm Preschool Summer Camp
Opportunity Class Lunch

SUNDAY, June 21, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Your Place On The Boat"
(Scripture - Mark 4:35-41)
Rev. Mike Holly

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings
1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Lawson 11:00 Davis

Acolytes

8:45 Caroline Marshall
11:00 Patrick Williamson

Greeters: Vitality

Meals on Wheels June 24: Agent
Food Pantry July 1:
Kay Adams & Rosemary Dallam

Last Week's Record

June 14, 2015

Children	61
Morning/Evening Worship	517/23
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$27,714.71
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$640,152.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$646,438.50
New Members in 2015	13

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,288.33
Received to Date	\$764,547.20

**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.