



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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www.BluffParkUMC.org



Vacation Bible School is only three weeks away. This year, we are encouraging members of our church to invite children from the surrounding community to participate in this summer's VBS! We are so excited about our new Children's Ministry staff, and we have some of the best Children's Ministry volunteers. We want everyone who is interested to be able to participate. Spread the word that the registration form for VBS is on our website: BluffParkUMC.org/VBS2015

The theme of this summer's Vacation Bible School is "Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power." Each day, the children will have wonderful games, activities and snacks, but they will also be introduced to worship songs that they will sing all week long. I often find that my own children love to listen to the CD from Vacation Bible School for weeks afterward, and singing their favorite songs. The children at VBS will also be studying the Bible and looking at God's power and how it gave everyday folks in Scripture the ability to do amazing things.

Don't forget that we also need volunteers for Vacation Bible School! Each and every volunteer will receive training for their specific role, as well as training in how to make sure each and every child is safe as they can be while they are in our church. You can contact the Children's Ministry staff to sign up! And of course, if you cannot participate during the week, we invite you to pray for the children, parents, and volunteers each morning of Vacation Bible School!

Wandering Wesley Sightings



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>.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 13-17
8:30am-12:30pm
Register your child online today!
Volunteers 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 26, August 16 and 23, and September 6 and 13. 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.

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.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Rollina Oglesbay—University
A.V. Marlow—Shelby Ridge



Bundles of Hope Diaper Drive

During the month of July, Bluff Park United Methodist Women are partnering with Bundles of Hope to ensure that families experiencing financial hardship have an adequate and reliable supply of diapers for their infants and toddlers. Our Food Pantry clients who qualify will also receive diapers through this program.

How you can help:

- Donate disposable diapers, sizes newborn - 6
- Make a financial donation

Designated Bundles of Hope bins will be placed around the church. Diaper donations should be placed in the bins. For financial donations, make checks payable to Bundles of Hope, a registered Alabama non-profit organization. Place checks in the offering plate or leave them in the church office.

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 (6/28) will be our mission project Sunday! We will be packing bags of paper products for the food pantry and making cards for those who receive the supplies. Next week (7/5) will be a lesson with Mr. Stanley!

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. Scholarships are available upon request.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 28	Mission Project Sunday School
July 5	Lesson with Mr. Stanley Sunday School
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 July and August. The ASP Mission Trip, 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 28, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, June 28, 6:00pm	Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, June 28, 6:30pm	Hungry, Hungry Human Hippos in the Gym
Tuesday, June 30	Bagging Groceries for the Food Pantry (We'll text you the start time)
Tuesday, June 30, 3-5pm	Super Tuesday (Games in the Gym & Art in the Fireside Room)
Wednesday, July 1, 12pm	High School Lunch Bunch

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY JULY 1

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.

THURSDAY JULY 2

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

TUESDAY JULY 7

CHURCH TOUR, Parker Memorial, Rabbit Shop, Classic-on-the-Noble, Anniston. Call Betty.

THURSDAY JULY 9

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - The fun starts at 9:30 with refreshments & catch-up time. Music program at 10:00 with Buddy Majors, Asst. Pastor 1st Baptist Church, McCalla followed with Bridge, Funny Stories, Exercise, Knitting, Rummikub and Lunch.

TUESDAY JULY 14

TUPELO, MS - Elvis's Hometown Tour. Cost: \$80.00pp includes lunch, all admissions, tour guide. Traveling by Tour Bus. The trip is full but we have a waiting list.



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, final payment due July 15th. Call Betty - 4 rooms available.

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS:

"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118:24



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The Week of June 28—July 4

Sunday, June 28

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
12:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Training
5:00 pm VBS Volunteer Training
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, June 29

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:00 pm VBS Rally Night Meeting

Wednesday, July 1

9:00 am Food Pantry
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 2

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, July 3

Church Office Closed

SUNDAY, June 28, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

"Free"

(Scripture - Mark 5:21-43)

Rev. Angela Martin

5:00pm Evening Worship Service

Rev. Tom Duley

Lectionary Scripture Readings

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Montz 11:00 Lawson

Acolytes

8:45 Vivi Shanlever 11:00 Avery Edwards

Greeters: Wesley Forum

Communion Setup 5pm:

Lois Truss

Food Pantry July 1:

Kay Adams & Rosemary Dallam

Last Week's Record

June 21, 2015

Children	37
Morning Worship	437
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$19,587.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$666,825.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$666,025.50
New Members in 2015	13

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,970.00
Received to Date	\$766,517.20

**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.