

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

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open minds,
open doors

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Newsletter

May 26, 2010

MAY 30, 2010 5th SUNDAY CONNECTION CLASS

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL MIXER And FAREWELL TO LAWTON

All adult classes and everybody else in the congregation are invited to participate. Refreshments will be served, and we'll mix and mingle with folks of different ages in different classes. Connect a name with a face—Make new friends—Maybe meet a neighbor. Then we will express appreciation to Lawton Higgs for his ministry at Bluff Park over the last 6 1/2 years. And we'll send him off to Oakmont UMC in Homewood with our blessing. This will be his last Sunday with us.

Schedule: There will be no activities at the church on Sunday evening, May 30. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day. It will open at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday morning. The **Sonrise Men's Prayer Breakfast WILL NOT** meet on Memorial Day, May 31.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Don Anthony, who died on May 19. He had served as Sunday School Superintendent for the past 35 years. Our prayers are with Dedo and other loved ones in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Chris and Ashley (McCormick) Bahr, who were married on May 22. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

Counseling: Alzheimer's Disease affects both the person who has it and the person's family. How do we recognize the signs? And what can we do when it touches someone we love? Or if we suspect it might be affecting us? We need good information to explore our options. Steve Sweatt can provide guidance and resources. He is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling, Inc., who comes to the satellite office here at the church for personal, marriage, and family counseling. Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential and affordable.

Braves: We have one seat available for the Braves-Phillies game in Atlanta on Wednesday, June 2. Leave at 8:15. Game time is 12:05 CDT. \$25 for game ticket and transportation. Call Cindy in the church office at 822-0910.

What Do You Think? We are considering altering the schedule on Sunday, July 4. We could have one morning worship service at 10:00 with no Sunday School. We might have Breakfast at 9:00. We need to hear some opinions from the congregation. Send your thoughts to Reid Crotty at rcrotty@bpumc.org.

Hospital: Brookwood Mildred Higdon

New Members: *Derek and Jessica Carson* live at 2473 Jamestown Drive. He comes by transfer from Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville, and she comes by transfer from Trinity UMC in Homewood. Derek is with CMH Architects, and Jessica is with Employee Benefits Consulting.

BPUMC Red Hat Luncheon, Firebird at Patton Creek, Saturday, May 29. Call Glynda Culver at 822-0006 or Betty at 822-0910 for reservations.

Search: The Director of Student Ministries Search Committee will interview four candidates this week. We seem to have some excellent prospects for the job. Pray that we find a person who can build our youth ministry and lead our youth to further growth in Christ.

Barons: What a great response we have had with *Family Night with the Barons*. As of Monday 5/24, we do have 9 admission tickets left in the office and you can call Cindy to claim one. Food vouchers were ordered this week and will be available to pick up in the Narthex Sunday 5/30 at the Welcome Center and after Sunday in the office. Remember that BPUMC will be sitting in Section 209, there is a giveaway for the first 1,500 people through the gate, it's Star Wars night, and after the game enjoy the fireworks. Questions contact Julie Adams 822-6516 or at juliead40@bellsouth.net.

Class: There will be a Membership Class for anyone interested in joining the church on Sunday, June 13, at 10:00 (during Sunday School). We have quite a few people who have been visiting the church and worshipping with us, and we want them to know that they are welcome to become members. Reid Crotty will present information about our congregation and denomination, answer questions, and discuss how to get involved at Bluff Park. Everyone who attends will receive a copy of our most recent pictorial directory and a book about the United Methodist Church.

Fairfield: The last worship service at Fairfield First United Methodist Church will be the 30th of May. Although this is a sad time for those with connections to that church, we have a unique opportunity. We have been given the lovely stained glass windows from that church to place in Phase 2 of our current building program. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, we must pay for the removal, crating, and replacement of the windows, all of which will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Becky Walker at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

FINE ARTS CAMP FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN: We are in need of 30 **plastic shoe boxes with lids**. Please bring them to the office or put at the welcome center and Mrs. Leigh will get them.

Thank you: James Northington and family are so thankful to Pastor Reid Crotty for his calls and visits to the hospital and especially for his prayers during Jim's recent surgery.

Note: Finance Committee will meet one week later in June; June 10 at 7:00 in the library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE/GRADUATE SCHOOL GRADUATES

Beth McCallum—Furman University
Susan Vogt—Masters UAB
Tim Mosley—Masters UAB—Engineering
Leslie Lawson—Auburn University—Business Administration
Johnny Romundstad—Auburn—accounting degree
Meredith Vinson—Masters UAB in Engineering
Amanda Thomas—Masters in Nursing—Hunter College
Megan Lincoln—UAB—Nursing
Allison Foote Dillon - PhD Psychology—Neuroscience and Behavior—University of Georgia
Chris Wilkins—Auburn—Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in Marketing and Supply Chains Management
Curt Thompson—Masters UAB—Construction Management
Rachel Thompson—University of Alabama—Business Administration in Accounting with a minor in math.
Sara Elizabeth Litten—University of Alabama—Early Childhood Development

MEMORIAL

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Sturdivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

HONARARIUMS

FOOD PANTRY

Lawton Higgs for his service to Bluff Park UMC by the Vitality Group

Kate Catanzano—in honor of her Birthday by Kay and Russ Bridges

PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Rachael Thompson—Graduate, University of Alabama, by Curtis and Paula Thompson



ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS SUMMER SCHEDULE

Beginning June 7

Mondays 6:30-7:30; Wednesday (Zumba Toning) 6:15-7:00
Call India Gold for information and registration at 823-0144.



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday, June 6, 9:45 a.m.
(During Sunday School)
Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Mark Whitlock, President, Mark's Outdoor Sports

**YOUTH CHOIR
HOMECOMING CONCERT**
Sunday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.
(Supper Served at 5:00)

Farewell to Michael
Come and say "Thank you" and "Goodbye."

COLUMBARIUM: The columbarium project is still on schedule. Construction of the foundation, which is all that's needed before the columbarium is delivered, should be completed soon. Delivery of the columbarium is scheduled for June. You can still purchase a niche for \$1,800. When the columbarium is delivered and installed, the price will increase from \$1,800 to \$2,000. 32 of 96 niches have already been sold. There are only three left on the top row. An information packet with details about the columbarium is available at the narthex desk or in the church office.

THE FULL SUMMER SCHEDULE Elementary Field trip Schedule -Wednesday June 9,16, 23, 30 and July 21,and 28. The **Preschool Summer Camp** dates June 21-25 and July 19-23. **Passport Camp for the 4th5th Fellowship** is June 12-15. **VBS** will be July 12-16 at night this year. **Fine Arts Camp** will be Aug. 2-5.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

PARENTS can now register for any camp on the church's website, www.bpumc.org !!!!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN FIELD TRIPS will start on Weds. June 9. 7:30a.m.-5:30p.m. We will go peach and strawberry picking. After lunch, we'll go see a movie. This is for children who have finished K5 through 5th grade. We have room for 21 children. Call or e-mail Mrs. Leigh to sign up.

AHOY YE MATEYS!! It's time to batten down the hatches and make final preparations for the *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School. **July12-16.** It will be at night this year.5p.m.-8p.m. This is for Children who have finished 3K preschool through 5th grade. We need a few more teachers adult shepherds. We also need middle school and high school youth to help assist. Dinner will be served at 5.-5:30p.m. Programming will start at 5:45p.m. Cost is \$8.00. Please call or e-mail Mrs. Leigh if you can help!!!



FINE ARTS CAMP is Monday **Aug. 2**, thru Thursday **Aug. 5, 9a.m.-12:30p.m.** Them theme is "Building the Ark." We will have classes in Drama, Music, Gardening, Science Fun, and Graphic Design. This camp is for children who have finished 5K thru 5th grade. Cost is \$25.

4th5th FELLOWSHIP will go to **PASSPORT CAMP, JUNE 12-16!** We will go to Mercer University in Macon Georgia.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Choir Tour and Senior High Mission Trip cost \$275 and the Jr. High Mission trip cost \$190 Deposits for all summer trips are past due. If you are planning on going, please contact Michael. If you have not turned in your summer forms they need to be in ASAP. Look for a summer calendar in the mail.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Thursday June 3: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - 9:30am Earlybird Fellowship. Program at 10:00am - regular schedule at 11:00am. Everyone invited.

Monday June 7/Tuesday June 8: **AARP SAFETY DRIVING** 8:00am - 12:00Noon. Taking this class may help lower your vehicle insurance - check with your insurance company.

Monday June 9: **VOLUNTEERS** to help address cards to our sick/shut-in. Meet in the Library 10:00am.

Friday July 9 - Sunday July 17: **BOSTON.** Trip balance due June 1.

***Two (2) Wheelchairs that have been returned are not ours. If you borrow a wheelchair please be sure you are returning the right one. Wheelchairs and other medical equipment are available for members, friends, and community. Check with Betty.

REMEMBER your Care n' Contact person. Send a card, call and chat, visit if you can.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM COMING SOON

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 30

8:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

Connection Class

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Monday, May 31

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, June 1

Wednesday, June 2

8:30 a.m.

Braves-Phillies Game

6:40-8:15p.m.

Adult Choirs

Thursday, June 3

9:30 a.m.

Shepherd Center

Friday, June 4

Barron's Game

Sermon, May 30, 2010
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
"Orange Is Not a Liturgical Color"
 (Colossians 3:5-17)
Lawton Higgs

Save the Date!
 Mountain Marketplace, An Art & Gift Event
 June 19, 2010

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE
 January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012

Amount Pledged	\$1,491,048.00
Received Last Week	\$4,942.00
Received to Date	\$ 233,962.11

Last Week's Record
May 23, 2010

Sunday School	510
Morning Worship	701
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$21,551.77
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$589,261.97
Received to Date	\$591,592.24
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 5,063.00
Building Fund in 2010	\$158,693.89
New Members in 2010	30

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st and 3rd Wednesday
each month
 We are serving 80+ families a month.
 We appreciate all donations!

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
 Monday, 6:30-7:00 a.m.
 Arby's on Montgomery Highway
 Men of all ages welcome

Men's Freeplay Basketball
 In the Gym; Sunday & Thursday,
 7:00 p.m. (Church Members)
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (Community)

VALET PARKING
 Every Sunday morning; Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery and fellowship hall.

May 30, 2010
Greeters: June 6— Vitality
Ushers: 8:45 Doran; 11:00 – Arthur—I
Acolytes: 8:45-Rachel Miller 11:00– Helen Lunsford
Cross: 8:45-Landon Knight 11:00 Dorothy Logan
Children's Church 8:45—TBA
 11:00—Howell and Lunsford
Meals on Wheels: June 2: Wesson and Brown
Food Pantry: June 6: Theresa Richerson

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