

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

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Newsletter

June 9, 2010

*Old Fashioned
Ice Cream Social
Sunday Night, June 13
(Sponsored by the Youth)*

**WELCOME
RUSTY GLASGOW and SHERRILL CORSON
OUR NEW MINISTERS**



**5:00 Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
Home-made ice Cream
Brownies and Cookies**



**6:00 Junior High Youth Choir
Christ UMC, Chattanooga, Tennessee**

EVERYBODY WELCOME

OUR NEW MINISTERS

Rusty Glasgow will join us in the newly created position of Executive Minister. He will oversee the day-to-day operations of the church and supervise the church staff, along with other pastoral responsibilities. He brings a wealth of experience and an abundance of fresh ideas. Rusty is a graduate of the University of West Florida and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He was in Youth Ministry for several years and served in positions similar to ours at Peridido Bay UMC in Pensacola, Florida and at Mt. Bethel UMC in Marietta, Georgia. He has been pastor of Fultondale UMC for the past two years and has also filled in at Warrior UMC in addition to his duties at Fultondale.

Sherrill Corson will join us as Associate Minister. She will also serve as pastor of Hoover First UMC. A native born and raised Texan, she graduated from the University of Houston and attended the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University and the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. She served appointments in the Texas Conference in the Houston area and missions in Guatemala, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Bolivia. Her husband Chris is the son of Ken and Sara Corson, who were missionaries to Bolivia and founders of the SIFAT Ministry in Wedowee, Alabama. She has been serving as pastor of the Wadley and Almond UMCs in east Alabama. She will lead us in expanding the missions outreach of our congregation.

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.

Hospitals:	Brookwood	JoAnn Freeman	Veterans	Jim Windham
	St. Vincent	Tamara Harris		

Congratulations to Trey and Rebekah (Aldridge) Keenon, who were married on June 5 in Biloxi, Mississippi. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

Missions: Reed and Emily King are serving on a Mission Trip in the African nation of Rwanda this week. Pray for them and for the people they are working with.

Holiday: The overwhelming consensus of those who have expressed an opinion about 4th of July plans (since it falls on a Sunday this year) is to have one worship service at 10:00 and omit Sunday School. We will serve Breakfast at 9:00 for those who would like to eat together before worship. Thanks for your input.

Finance: The congregation is due a word of thanks and commendation for their faithful financial support of the church in 2010. Despite the recession and the effects being felt by so many people, a glance at the financial report in the newsletter shows that we are actually running ahead of the budget in receipts for the year so far. That is truly remarkable! Few churches can say that. We are entering a period often called “the summer slump” when attendance and offerings usually decline. Your continued faithfulness will be greatly appreciated.

Counseling: Adopting a child is a serious commitment. There are a lot of issues to consider. Steve Sweatt can help couples and/or individuals think through what’s involved. He can provide guidance and resources for those ready to take that step and for those who have already taken that step and are dealing with the situations that come as a result. 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.

Summer: It’s summertime, and it’s hot! We encourage comfortable, casual dress. Men, leave your coat and tie at home. Ladies, slacks are OK. Children and youth—shorts are fine. There’s no dress code at Bluff Park.

One week until **Mountain Marketplace!!** Mark your calendar for June 19, 9 - 4. Come to the gym to find fabulous deals on paintings, jewelry, pottery, children's clothing, fair trade items and much much more. There will be something for everyone. See you there!

Church of the Reconciler needs: Coffee, sugar, and creamer, 39 gallon trash bags, 3 way divided Styrofoam plates, socks and underwear, men’s clothing, juice boxes and prepackaged snacks, Bibles and reading glasses, back packs and tote bags, deodorant, razors, and toiletries, and WATER. There is a box in the narthex of the Educational Building.

<p align="center">Preaching Schedule Sunday, June 20 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Sermon by Rusty Glasgow</p> <p align="center">6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Sermon by Sherrill Corson (Light Supper at 5:00)</p>	<p align="center">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.</p> <p align="center">  </p>
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Columbarium: The construction at the columbarium site is continuing, and the actual columbarium should arrive in a few weeks. 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. 35 of 96 niches have already been sold. There are only two left on the top row.

Inurnment in the columbarium has several advantages compared to burial. One is the location of the columbarium at the church. Another is the cost. While the costs of both inurnment and traditional burial can vary widely, the cost of inurnment will be much less than burial.

An information packet with details about the columbarium is available at the narthex desk or in the church office.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE will meet in the Church library on Weds. June 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please let Mrs. Leigh know if you can or cannot be there. 822-0910 ext. 107.

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

ON THE ROAD AGAIN FIELD. This is for children who have finished K5 through 5th grade. Our next trip is June 16. **BRING YOUR LUNCH!** Our destination is De Soto Caverns. 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. **July 12-16.** 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.** The 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.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Ice Cream Social is Sunday. We need lots of help serving and sampling the homemade batches. Don't forget about the Ice Cream Making Party on Saturday night. We'll probably have pizza, a movie, and a bunch of ice cream makers going. It'll be fun - come and join us!

Ten-day forecast for Students @ BPUMC:

- June 12: Ice Cream Making Party {meet in youth hall at 6:00 PM}
- June 13: Ice Cream Social at 5:00 {meet at 4:30 to help serve/sample}
- June 14: Monday Sports {meet in youth hall at 3:00 PM}
- June 16 AM: Lunch Bunch at the Baron's game {meet in youth hall at 10:30 AM}
- June 16 PM: Holy Ground {6:30 in chapel}
- June 18: Depart for Junior High Retreat in Gatlinburg {leave at 6:30 AM}

Parents _ questions about Junior High Retreat? Send us an email at youth@bpumc.org. Also, any parents or adults that want to come to the Baron's game are welcome. Just let us know! Don't forget to make a batch of homemade ice cream for Sunday. Please encourage your Sunday school classes to do the same. The goal is 25+ batches! Other reminders - Payment is past due for all summer trips. Please turn in money ASAP if you haven't done so. Junior High Retreat (June 18-22) is \$190 and Senior High Mission Trip (July 4-10) is \$275. Contact your summer youth team with any questions! Reed @ 447.7997, Steven @ 529.7335, Emily @ 447.5033 or all of us at youth@bpumc.org.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Our Summer Brochure is out - pick one up at the Welcome Center or in the office. Lots of Summer fun stuff for everyone.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Thursday June 10: SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 9:30am Earlybird Fellowship. Program at 10:00am Fun stories with Ginny - regular schedule at 11:00am. Everyone invited.

Tuesday June 15: MYSTERY TRIP???? Lunch-on-your-own. Cost: \$3.00/gas donation - Call Betty.

Friday July 9 - Sunday July 17: BOSTON with Reid and Betty.

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

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM COMING SOON

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 13

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Membership Class
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social
 6:00 p.m. Middle School Choir Performance

Monday, June 14

8:30 a.m. Staff meeting
 7:00 p.m. Missions

Tuesday, June 15

Wednesday, June 16

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Children's Field Trip
 6:40-8:15p.m. Adult Choirs

Thursday, June 17

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

Friday, June 18

Noon Opportunity Class

Saturday, June 19

4:00 p.m. Mountain Market Place
 Wedding Martin/Lowery

Sermon, June 13, 2010
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
"The Sower and the Seed"
(Mark 4:1-9)
Reid Crotty

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012

Amount Pledged	\$1,491,048.00
Received Last Week	\$5,638.13
Received to Date	\$ 239,600.24

Last Week's Record
June 6, 2010

Sunday School	497
Morning Worship	627
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$32,504.40
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$645,382.15
Received to Date	\$646,296.42
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 5,918.33
Building Fund in 2010	\$167,861.05
New Members in 2010	32

June 13, 2010

Greeters: June 20 — Canterbury
Ushers: 8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley—F
Acolytes: 8:45-Chloe Small 11:00—Tyler Turner
Cross: 8:45-TBA 11:00—Justin Toth
Children's Church 8:45—McGriff
 11:00—Owen and Simpson
Meals on Wheels: June 16: Debra McCollum
Food Pantry: June 16: Sylvia Summers

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.

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