

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

open hearts,
open minds,
open doors

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Newsletter

June 23, 2010

Thank you for the most wonderful reception in both services yesterday. It was a blessing to be able to preach in both services. As we grow to know one another better I promise I will not be as nervous the next time. Standing in the pulpit that Rev. Crotty uses is quite an honor. It is always a little harder knowing that he is there listening also.

I have been asked to explain what I hope to accomplish while I am the Executive Pastor at Bluff Park UMC. My primary goal is to make certain that everything that we do, we do with excellence and that the gospel of Christ is readily being made available to the community, the City of Hoover as well as all of Birmingham.

My hope is that you will become uncomfortable and begin to question why things are done. Let's all ask ourselves if what we do is making the great impact on the kingdom of Christ. I try to look at the church through the eyes of a person that has never attended this church before.

Are we accessible, are the Sunday School classes welcoming, is it easy for a visitor to find where they need to go? I try to get everyone to become aware that growth is an effort on every person's part. In the coming days I will be asking many of you to give me feedback on your thoughts on worship and how we present the Gospel.

John Wesley instructed each of us to share the Gospel of Christ with a lost world. I am asking that each of you ask yourselves if Wesley would be proud of the way we are sharing the gospel. Are the lost, the least and the lonely at the forefront of all our thoughts and prayers?

I am excited about the days ahead. I look forward to getting to know you and in that process growing to love you as well. Together as we work hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder we make a difference in sharing the gospel in the Bluff Park community.

Rusty (205-515-3003)

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Dr. Tom Davis, who died on June 17.....also to Mary Pendley in the death of her husband, Tom on June 18.....also to Loy Jones in the death of her brother, Wendell Bryan of Decatur, Alabama, on June 15....Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

Construction: Work on our building addition has now moved inside. The constructor is working in the area near the gym, fireside room, and Faith Classroom. Piping is being installed and insulated, and there is an unpleasant odor in the air. Activities in that area are disrupted for the remainder of the week of June 21 and most of the work of June 28. However, the Faith and Vitality classes will be able to meet in their regular places on June 27. Thank you for your cooperation in staying out of this area except on Sunday. We want to keep everybody safe and clean. We anticipate that the Shepherd's Center will meet as usual on July 1.

Road Work: We are pleased to report that Valley Street is now open in front of the church. However, Tyler Road will now be closed coming up the mountain and Alford Avenue/Fancher Drive will be closed at Shadybrook Lane coming toward the church from I-65. In addition, the roadway behind the church will be closed temporarily while the new driveway is being built. All of this construction will cause some inconvenience. Please follow the detour signs and allow a little more time when you come to church. Just think about how nice it's going to be when everything is finished!

Scholarships: Applications are being accepted for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship Awards for the 2010-2011 academic year. Get an application form from the church office. Deadline is August 1. Scholarship grants are based on financial need.

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.

Children: FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER SCHEDULE Elementary Field trip Schedule -Wednesday June 23, 30 and July 21, and 28. The **Preschool Summer Camp** date is July 19-23. **VBS** will be July 12-16 at night this year 5-8p.m. **Fine Arts Camp** will be Aug. 2-5, 9-12:30p.m..

Handbells: We are searching for a new Handbell Director. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested, please contact Jennie Alley or Betsy Guy. We hope to fill the position by the time Midweek Ministries resumes in September.

Counseling: The loss of a child is one of the most devastating blows a person could ever suffer. It can leave us with feelings of grief, guilt, anger, resentment, and jealousy. We may think that we can't go on. For anyone struggling with that loss, Steve Sweatt is available to help. He is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist, who comes to the church for personal, marriage, and family counseling. Steve is affiliated with United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling, Inc., which maintains a satellite office at our church. Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential and affordable.

Did you know you can **help the pantry other than donating food items?** Please donate your Sunday newspaper coupon inserts to the pantry. Just drop them off in the red carts or the pantry and they will be used by those who purchase items for the pantry. Thank you for helping this valuable and necessary church mission.

Thank You: A note of thanks to my church family for the calls, cards, prayers, food, and flowers. I cannot express the love we felt and how much your kindness has meant to our family as we mourn the death of my sister, Laura. We are blessed to be at BPUMC.
In Christ's Love, Betsy, John, Steven and Rebecca Guy

MEMORIALS

PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Don Anthony by Corky and Dean Creel, the Galleria Walkers, Laura Boren, Friendship Class, Bob and Ann Nelson, Fred and Gladys Elder, Helen Stewart, Galleria Walkers and Coffee Group, The Central Park Boys Association

Ruth Saunders by Helen Stewart

CHRISTIN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP

Don Anthony by Harry and Peggy Hill

HANDBELL CHOIR FUND

Laura Cumbo by Jennie Alley

BUILDING FUND

Don Anthony by Ted and Phyllis Johnston

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Margie Hutcheson by Archie and June Booth, Lt. Col William D. Allfrey (Ret.)

MUSIC FUND

Ruth Saunders by Mahala McKinney, Joy/Faith Circle

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Sturdivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

Don Anthony by Bill Walker

MEMORIAL FUND

Clarence T. Wright and Reginald LeCren, Sr. by Reggie and Margie LeCren

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Don Anthony by Pony Thompson

HONORARIUMS

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP

Jennie Alley, Mike Patrick, Alex Tucker, Steve Korson by Judy, Randy, Laura, and David Smith

FOOD PANTRY

Outgoing Officers by the Opportunity Class

HONORARIUM FUND

Gaile Ketchersid by Hope Circle

Sally Frederickson - 90th Birthday by Jean Nicholson

PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Reid and Martha Crotty by Curtis and Paula Thompson

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mrs. Evelyn Harper and Mrs June Howe by Pony Thompson

Please note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.



2010 VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Bluff Park UMC

When: July 12-16
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Mon.-Fri.)

Cost: \$8/child (includes t-shirt)

For Ages: Completed 3K -
Completed 5th Grade

REGISTER ONLINE



Columbarium: Construction of the foundation at the site is nearing completion. The columbarium will be delivered next month. 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. 36 of 96 niches have already been sold. An information packet with details about the columbarium is available at the narthex desk or in the church office.

**SUNDAY, JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY**

One Morning Worship Service at 10:00
No Sunday School
Breakfast Served 9:00-10:00
Everybody Welcome
Come and Join Us!

**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.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

ON THE ROAD AGAIN FIELD TRIPS. This is for children who have finished K5 through 5th grade. June 30 we go to PUMP IT UP (we will have Pizza for lunch.) Our next trip will be 7-21-10. We will go to Cook's Natural Science Museum near Decatur Alabama. Cost is \$25.00. Register on-line or call Mrs. Leigh at 822-0910 to make your child's reservation on the bus! Seating is limited.

ALL ADULTS are invited to the *Adult Vacation Bible School Bible Study* July 12-15 at 6p.m. in the Chapel. This is in conjunction with the Children's VBS. Call or e-mail Leigh Delashaw at 822-0910 (ldelashaw@bpumc.org) if you are interested!

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 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.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are back from our Junior High Retreat to Gatlinburg! It was an AWESOME trip - God was truly alive and at work this weekend. Special thanks to Ms. Joy (our chef), Ms. Julie (our bus driver), Ms. Patty (our sous chef), Rachel, and Katie for your invaluable service! Patrick Carnathan, our new Director of Student Ministries, also made the journey! He will be speaking on Wednesday night at Holy Ground - come meet him and welcome him to Bluff Park!

Ten-day forecast for **Students @ BPUMC:**

- June 23: Holy Ground (6:30 PM in the chapel; come and meet Patrick!)
- June 24: Senior High Lunch Bunch (meet in youth hall at 12:00 PM)
- June 27: Lunch with Patrick right after church (meet at 12:00 PM)
- June 28: Monday Sports (meet in youth hall at 3:00 PM)
- June 29: East Lake Service Project (meet at 7:30 AM in youth hall)

Parents - if you haven't done so already, please email youth@bpumc.org with your updated contact information. We are embarking on new communication methods and want to ensure everything is accurate. We specifically need your cell phone numbers (you + your children, if applicable) and your current email addresses.

Other reminders - There are a few student spots remaining for the Senior High ASP mission trip to Scott County, TN (July 4-10). Cost is \$275. If adults would like to help chaperone the East Lake Service Project on June 29, please let us know!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

SUMMER BROCHURES are available at the Welcome Center or you may pick one up in the office.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Saturday June 26: **BPUMC RED HAT LUNCHEON** 11:30am Dragon Restaurant. Hostess Pat Reese (879-5159).

Tuesday June 29: **Frazer Memorial Church tour**, Lunch, Shakespeare Theater tour, Montgomery. Traveling by Church buses. 13/seats available. Cost: Lunch-on-your own, \$5.00 Shakespeare ticket, gas donation \$3.00. Call Betty to sign-up.

Thursday July 1: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - 9:30am join us for Earlybird Fellowship. At 10:00am Kathy Boswell, Baptist Princeton, has a great program lined up for us. Regular schedule at 11:00am. Everyone invited.

Tuesday July 6: **Gees Bend, Camden, Ride the Ferry.** Traveling by tour bus. Lunch-on-your-own. Cost: \$22.00pp payable when you sign-up. Waiting list available.

Friday July 9 - Saturday July 17: **BOSTON**

REMEMBER Your Care n' Contact person this week call, send a card, visit.

Stop by the office, we have a surprise bag you may take with you when you visit.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 27

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Staff meeting

Tuesday, June 29

7:30 a.m. Youth Service Project

Wednesday, June 30

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

Thursday, July 1

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, July 2

Saturday, July 3

Sermon, June 27, 2010
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
"The Wheat and the Weeds"
(Matthew 13:24-30)
Reid Crotty
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Seeing God's Grace"
(Acts 11:23)
Tom Roberts

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012
 Amount Pledged \$1,491,048.00
 Received Last Week \$3,227.46
 Received to Date \$ 250,009.16

Last Week's Record
June 20, 2010

Sunday School	498
Morning Worship	655
Evening Worship	73
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$19,385.04
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$701,502.33
Received to Date	\$694,978.06
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 3,327.46
Building Fund in 2010	\$178,764.97
New Members in 2010	38

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.

June 27, 2010

Greeters: July 4 — Faith
Ushers: 8:45 Richerson 11:00 Lawson—H
Acolytes: 8:45-Ray Boyd 11:00—Jack Briskin
Cross: 8:45-jack Boone 11:00—Zach Woodruff
Children's Church 8:45—Peterson
 11:00—Small and Toth
Meals on Wheels: June 30: Shultz/Hardy
Food Pantry: July 7: Penny Burns

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