

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

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Newsletter

June 2, 2010



SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010
MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday, June 6, 9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Mark Whitlock
President, Mark's Outdoor Sports



Men of All Ages Welcome
(Program arranged by Allen Word)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship Services
Sermon: "The Parable of the Empty House"
(Matthew 12:43-45)
Reid Crotty

YOUTH CHOIR HOMECOMING CONCERT

and

FAREWELL TO MICHAEL AND SHELLEY PUGH

5:00 Supper in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 Youth Choir Homecoming Concert

Join us on Sunday night as we welcome the Youth Choir home from Charleston and Savannah and express our appreciation to Michael and Shelley for their ministry at Bluff Park.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Michele Patterson in the death of her father, Michael Waleski of Crafton, Pennsylvania, on May 22....to Betsy Guy in the death of her sister, Laura Cumbo of Birmingham, on May 26.....Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Scott and Amy Ferrell on the birth of a 7 lb. 11 oz. daughter, Addison Brooke, on May 28.

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.

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.

New Members: Joe and Junaita Knight live at 2429 Coronado Drive and come by transfer from Shades Crest Baptist Church. They are retired and attend the Opportunity Class. Joe and Juanita are the parents of Joe Knight, Jr. and Debra Drennen.

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.

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.

Conference: The North Alabama Conference will hold its annual session on June 4-5 at Clearbranch UMC in Argo with Bishop William H. Willimon presiding. Reid Crotty, Lawton Higgs, and Tom Roberts are clergy delegates. Our lay delegates are Kathryn Coltrane and Jim Ketchersid with Charlie Trucks and Becky Walker as alternates. The North Alabama Conference is made up of about 850 local churches with around 150,000 members in the northern half of the state. The Conference will conclude with the Commissioning Service and Pastoral Appointments on Saturday afternoon at 3:30. Reid Crotty will be reappointed to Bluff Park for a 20th year.

College Graduates

Clark Battle, University of Alabama, Business

APPOINTMENTS FOR FORMER BLUFF PARK MINISTERS

Keith Beatty—New Horizons, Chelsea
James Calhoun—Cahaba Heights
Mike Ratliff - Springville First Church
Mark Lacey—Trussville First Church
Lonna Lynn Higgs—Chaplain, Children's Home
Rusty Tate—Albertville First Church
Bill Etheridge—Alexander City First Church
Charles Simmons—Marion Junction—Orrville (Alabama/West Florida)

APPOINTMENTS FOR MINISTERS FROM BLUFF PARK

John Gates—Pleasant Grove
Buster Timmons—Red Bay First Church
Steve West—Grace, Huntsville

Meetings:

Thursday June 10 7:00 Finance Committee

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.

Maintenance: The Maintenance Group will meet on Tuesday, June 8, at 8:30 to work around the church building. All retired men and anybody else who wants to help are welcome.

Thank You: Lonna Lynn, Mary Hannah, and I want to express our deepest thanks to the congregation for the love gift, the cards, and all the expressions of care & support. We've been blessed to be part of the BPUMC family for the past six-and-one-half years. We will continue to keep BPUMC in our prayers, and we ask that you do the same for us in our new ministry settings. God bless! Lawton Higgs

SUNDAY NIGHT, JUNE 13

5:00 Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Hot Dog/Chili Dog Supper

Meet our new ministers: Rusty Glasgow and Sherrill Corson

6:00 Concert by Junior High Youth Choir

Christ UMC, Chattanooga

Join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and music. Let's give Rusty and Sherrill a warm welcome to Bluff Park!

Preaching Schedule

Sunday, June 20

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Sermon by Rusty Glasgow

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Sermon by Sherrill Corson
(Light Supper at 5:00)

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.



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.

Urban Ministries 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.

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 !!!!

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

ON THE ROAD AGAIN FIELD TRIPS will start on Wed. 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. **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.** 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Choir Tour 2010 is currently in progress! We will return on Friday, June 4 and have our homecoming concert on Sunday, June 6 at 6:00 PM. Prior to the concert, we will bid farewell to Michael and Shelley as they transition back home to Cullman. We are sad to see them go but excited about what God has in store for their lives!

Ten-day forecast for Students @ BPUMC:

- June 4: Choir Tour concludes
- June 6: Farewell Supper at 5:00 PM; Homecoming Concert at 6:00 PM
- June 7: Monday Sports with Steven (meet in youth hall at 3:00 PM)
- June 12: Ice Cream Making Party (meet in youth hall at 6:00 PM)
- June 13: Church-wide Ice Cream Social at 5:00 PM (sponsored by the youth!)

Parents - we need your help making homemade ice cream! Please consider making a batch and encourage your Sunday school classes to make batches as well! 25+ batches is the goal as we officially welcome Rusty and Sherrill to our church. Please email youth@bpumc.org if you'll be able to make ice cream for this event!

Other reminders - be on the lookout THIS WEEK for a youth summer brochure. 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. Call your summer youth team with any questions! Reed @ 447.7997, Steven @ 529.7335, or Emily @ 447.5033.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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.

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

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

Friday July 9 - Sunday July 17: **BOSTON.** Balance due.

SUMMER BROCHURE is out - pick one up in the office or in the Narthex. Church tours, Mystery Trips, Shepherd's Center fun and other exciting things that will be going on during June, July and August. Check-it-out.

***Two (2) Wheelchairs have been returned that are not ours. If you borrow a wheelchair please be sure you are returning the right one. When borrowing or returning a Wheelchair please come by the office. Wheelchairs and other medical equipment are available for members, friends, and community.

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

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM COMING SOON

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 6

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 5:00 p.m. Supper
 6:00 p.m. Youth Homecoming Concert

Monday, June 7

8:00 a.m. AARP Driving Class
 8:30 a.m. Staff meeting

Tuesday, June 8

8:00 a.m. AARP Driving Class

Wednesday, June 9

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

Thursday, June 10

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

Friday, June 11

6:00 p.m. Friendship Class

Saturday, June 12

5th and 6th Graders to Passport Camp
 4:30 p.m. Wedding Fore/Keith

Sermon, June 6, 2010
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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 30, 2010

Sunday School	348
Morning Worship	570
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$22,199.78
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$617,322.06
Received to Date	\$613,792.02
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 3,248.83
Building Fund in 2010	\$161,942.72
New Members in 2010	32

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 6, 2010

Greeters: June 13— Cornerstone
Ushers: 8:45 Carlisle 11:00 - Dollar—E
Acolytes: 8:45-Will Pomeroy 11:00- Natalie Smith
Cross: 8:45-Russell Thomas 11:00—Haley Stallworth
Children's Church 8:45—Little
 11:00—TBA and Neal
Meals on Wheels: June 9: Robin and David Martin
Food Pantry: June 16: Sylvia Sumners

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