

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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Newsletter

July 14, 2010

THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

Louise Fletcher Tarkington

I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the land of beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor, selfish grief
Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door,
And never put on again.
We should find all the things we intended to do
But forgot and remembered—too late,
Little praises unspoken, little promises broken,
And all of the thousand and one
Little duties neglected that might have perfected
The day for one less fortunate.
It wouldn't be possible not to be kind
In the land of beginning Again:
And the ones we misjudged, and the ones whom we grudged
Their moments of victory here
Would find in the grasp of our loving handclasp
More than penitent lips could explain
So I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor, selfish grief
Could be dropped, like a shabby old coat, at the door
And never put on again.

THE PRODIGAL'S REPLY

But you see, my dear, there is such a place
Called the Land of Beginning Again.
It is found at the place where we seek God's face
And lift our hearts above,
To accept and not waste what He offers in grace:
His gift of redeeming love.
To accept that gift is to rise to new life
Where the past is all swept away;
We repent of our greed, confessing our need,
Seeking to flee from our sin.
The blessing He'll give, starting now one can live
In the land of Beginning Again.

We're producing a new

PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photography Dates July 22-26 and August 2 –3 and 12-16

- No obligation to purchase any pictures.
- Everybody photographed receiving a free directory.
 - Only one trip to the church—
- Photography session and proof selection in same visit.

Music: Music is a vital part of worship. The Music Committee has prepared a survey to gather thoughts and ideas from the congregation concerning how we can use music effectively to enhance our worship of God. This is an opportunity for the “folks in the pews” to express themselves to those who plan our services. The survey will be in the Sunday worship bulletin on July 18 and 25 and will also be available online from the church website, www.bpumc.org. Thanks for your input.

Hospitals: Princeton Kate Catanzano **Mt. Royal Tower** Jake Cooper, Fred Elder **UAB West** Tom Hudson
Brookwood Cindy Myers

Counseling: The fear of being alone. It can trap us on a low level of living. It causes people to stay in unhealthy or even abusive relationships. It can prevent us from taking advantage of wonderful opportunities. It can fill us with worry and dread. It can take the joy out of living. If that fear grips us, Steve Sweatt can help. He is a licensed counselor, ordained minister, 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.

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.

Nominations are being received for the **Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarship** for the 2010-2011 academic year. This scholarship is awarded to an entering college freshman from our congregation based on an outstanding record of service to the church, school, and community. The scholarship recipients are selected by nomination and not by application. Anyone may nominate a student. Submit a letter of nomination to the church office.....Contributions to the Victor Harbor Scholarship Fund are welcome from interested persons, classes, and groups. Thank you.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Karen Culverhouse in the death of her father, Jerry Wayne Brooks of Gadsden, Alabama on July 5. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Brett and Julie (Heckman) Wood, who were married at the church on July 8., also to Alex and Megan (Shawver) Gray, who were married on July 8 at Vulcan Park. We wish for both couples much happiness together.

MEN The Sunrise Men's Prayer Breakfast meets every Monday morning at 6:30 at Arby's on Montgomery Highway. A group of 8 to 12 men are usually present, and there's plenty of room for more. Reid Crotty presents a brief devotional thought, and then the group prays for our families, our own needs, our friends, our work, the communities, the church, needs of our country and the world, and prayers of thanksgiving, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. Men of all ages are welcome. Come and join us.

SHERRILL Have you met Sherrill Corson yet? She has a very unusual appointment this year. She serves both as Associate Minister at Bluff Park and as Pastor of Hoover First UMC on Patton Chapel Road. She will work with us to broaden our mission outreach into the community and into the world beyond. Sherrill has served in Houston, Texas as well as Pastoral assignments in both the North Alabama and Texas Annual Conferences. She will preach for the 8:45 worship service on July 25. Come and hear her. We are very fortunate to have Sherrill as part of our ministerial team.

It has been several years since we have offered the Disciple Bible Studies. These studies will last 32-34 weeks and will meet midweek from 6:00- 7:30. Please Select all topics you are interested in.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Disciple 1—Old and New Testament

_____ Disciple 2— Genesis, Exodus, Luke, Acts

_____ Disciple 3— Major/Minor Old Testament Prophets, Letters of Paul

_____ Disciple 4— Old Testament Writings, Gospel of John, 1 John, 3 John, James, Jude, Revelation

_____ Jesus in the Gospels

_____ Christian Believer

_____ I'd prefer to look at shorter term Disciple course

If this time is not convenient, indicate alternative times: Day _____ Time:

Contact Becky Walker (987-0404) for additional info.

Columbarium: The construction at the columbarium site is continuing, and the actual columbarium should arrive soon. 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. 38 of 96 niches have already been sold. All of the top row has been sold. 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 the burial. An information packet with the details about the columbarium is available at the narthex desk or in the church office.

**Gospel Jubilee And Dinner
On The Grounds**

Sunday Aug. 1st

Steel City Quartet

5:00 Dinner 6:00 Concert

Everybody Welcome!

Leeding Ladies

**Sponsored by United Methodist
Women August 9th**

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost 6:00 per person

**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.**



FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER SCHEDULE Elementary Field trip Schedule -July 21,and 28. **The Preschool Summer Camp** date is July 19-23. **Fine Arts Camp** will be Aug. 2-5, 9-12:30p.m.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

AHOY YE MATTEYS!! It's clear skies and high tide for the *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School, **July 12th-16th**. We will culminate our High Seas Adventure this Friday night at 6 p.m. with dinner and our Finale Celebration.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN FIELD TRIPS. Our next field trip will be July 21, 2010. We will go to Cook's Natural Science Museum in Decatur, Alabama. This is for Children who have finished K5 through 5th grade. Seating is limited so make your reservations now. Cost is \$25.00.

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 Senior High made it back safely from their mission trip to Tennessee. It was amazing to see God work through our group! We have a slow week this week due to serving during VBS. Check out the schedule below:

This week for BPUMC Student Ministry:

- July 12th: No Monday Sports
- July 14th: No Holy Ground
- July 15th: Lunch Bunch at Oak Mountain Lanes
- July 18th: Small Groups Begin

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES
CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

We're getting ready to do a new Church Pictorial Directory all about Bluff Park United Methodist Church and YOU

Sign up dates are July 22-26, August 1-3, and again on August 12-16.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex each Sunday so please stop by - pick a time and date that is best for you and your family. We would like to have all families signed-up and pictures taken before our students go back to school. Every family/individual will receive a free 8x10 color photo. No one is obligated to purchase anything.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Friday July 9 - Saturday July 17: BOSTON

Tuesday July 20: We have scheduled another trip to **GEES BEND** - if you would like to go call me. Cost: \$37.00 includes Lunch, riding the Ferry, visiting the Gallery, traveling by Tour Bus. As of today, Monday June 26, we have space available for 20 people. It will fill up quickly so please call ASAP.

Thursday July 15: SHEPHERD' CENTER - Earlybird Fellowship at 9:30am. Program at 10:00am. Regular schedule at 11:00.

THIS WEEK'S

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, July 19
 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tuesday, July 20
Wednesday, July 21
Thursday, July 22
 9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
Friday, July 23
 7:00 P.M. Fishermen

Sermons, July 18, 2010
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
"The Lost Coin"
(Luke 15:1-7)
Reid Crotty
6:00 p.m.
"Grace And Truth"
(John I: 14)
Tom Roberts

CALENDAR

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE
 January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012
 Amount Pledged \$1,491,048.00
 Received Last Week \$7,489.84
 Received to Date \$270,527.25

Last Week's Record
July 11, 2010

Sunday School	465
Morning Worship	593
Evening Worship	27
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$23,377.45
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$785,682.60
Received to Date	\$765,464.56
Building Fund Receipts	\$7,859.84
Building Fund in 2010	\$200,401.02
New Members in 2010	40

July 18, 2010
Greeters: July 25 — Home Improvement
Ushers: 8:45 C McDonald 11:00 King
Acolytes: 8:45 Brody Garrett 11:00 Laura Ethridge
Cross: 8:45 TBA 11:00 Maggie Ethridge
Children's Church 8:45 Patrick 11:00 Wills
Meals on Wheels: July 21: Peggy White
Food Pantry: July 21: Betsy Britain

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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