

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, September 5
 8:45am Morning Worship
 9:45am Sunday School
 11:00am Morning Worship

Monday, September 6
 Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7
Wednesday, September 8
 4:30pm and 6:30pm Pastor's Bible Study
 4:30pm Young Ringers Handbells
 5:00pm — 6:30pm Midweek Meal
 5:45pm Adult Handbells
 5:50pm — 6:25pm Children's Choir
 6:00pm Disciple I
 6:30pm Susan Truss Study
 6:30pm Bass Fisherman Club
 6:30pm Holy Ground
 6:30pm Coffee and Conversation
 6:30pm — 7:30pm M&M Kids
 6:30pm — 8:15pm Adult Choirs

Thursday, September 9
 9:00am Shepherd's Center

Friday, September 10
 11:00am — 2:00pm Senior Fun Day
 6:00pm Friendship Class

Saturday, September 11

Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

Sunday & Thursday 7:00pm (church members)
 Wednesday 7:30pm (community)

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

MEETINGS

Finance Committee
 Thursday, September 2, 7:00pm

Rusty's NYC Trip Information Meeting
 Wednesday, September 8, 5:30pm

Worship Committee
 Sunday, September 12, 4:00pm

Board of Stewards
 Sunday, September 12, 4:30pm

Stitchers
 Sunday, September 12, 4:00pm

Rusty's NYC Trip Information Meeting
 Sunday, September 12, 4:00pm

Missions Committee
 Monday, September 13, 7:00pm

Preschool Committee
 Monday, September 20, 6:30pm

Bass Club
 Wednesday, September 29, 6:30pm

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
 We are serving 100+ families a month.
 We appreciate all donations!

VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery and fellowship hall.

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010—December 31, 2012
 Amount Pledged \$1,491,048.00
 Received Last Week \$4,198.83
 Received to Date 304,355.62

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
 September 5, 8:45 and 11:00am
 Sermon by Reid Crotty

Sermons, September 5, 2010
 8:45am & 11:00 Morning Worship
 Reid Crotty
 "Meeting Jesus at Work"
 Ephesians 6:5-9; Colossians 3:22-4:1
 No Evening Worship

Last Week's Record August 29, 2010

Sunday School	393
Morning Worship	653
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$17,086.00
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$982,103.23
Received to Date	\$931,722.76
Building Fund Receipts	\$4,503.83
Building Fund in 2010	\$246,932.00
New Members in 2010	52

September 5, 2010

Greeters: Sept 12— Cornerstone
Ushers: 8:45 Whitcomb 11:00 Moore
Acolytes: 8:45 Chloe Small
 11:00 Grace Thomas
Cross: 8:45 J.P. Woolley
 11:00 Patrick Thomas
Children's Church 8:45 Mann
 11:00A: Grubb 11:00B: Gold
Meals on Wheels: Sept 8— David & Laura Fugit
Food Pantry: September 15: Sylvia Summers

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open minds,
open doors*

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Newsletter

August 30, 2010

2010 - 2011 Scholarship Awards

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the various scholarships awarded by the church for the 2010—2011 academic year. Unfortunately, the current low interested rate reduced the earnings of the Scholarship Fund, which limited what we were able to do. However, we are able to assist a number of students. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome!

Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarships

Katie Copper — Auburn University
 Austin Farmer — University of Alabama at Birmingham
 Beth Ann Pope — University of North Alabama
 Mary Margaret Pope — Jacksonville State University
 Andrew White — Alabama Fire College

Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships

Lauren Delashaw — Birmingham-Southern College
 Emily McEuen — Auburn University
 Kate Patrick — Auburn University
 Sarah Slack — Auburn University
 Shelby Waddell — University of Alabama

Christin Crockett Scholarships

Bill Logan — Jefferson State Community College
 Emily White — Troy University

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**Bluff Park UMC &
Little Imaginations Preschool**

Introduce you to:

Bargains on the Bluff
 A Mommy and Me Consignment Sale

Preview Sale (Workers and Consignors ONLY)

Thursday, September 16

2:00 — 6:00pm

Public Sale

Friday, September 17

9:00am — 6:00pm

****Saturday, September 18**

9:00am — 2:00pm

****25% off day!**

Attention paper newsletter subscribers! Would you be willing to receive the weekly newsletter via e-mail instead of regular mail? With your help, the church can significantly reduce postage and handling costs. Please email abrittain@bpumc.org if you are willing to make the switch!

Counseling: Since 1993, our church has been a satellite office of United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling, Inc., an agency of the North Alabama Conference. Counseling services are offered on site at convenient times such as evenings and weekends for both members of our congregation and persons in the community. Rev. Steve Sweatt is the counselor assigned to the Bluff Park office. He is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist. Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential and affordable. Feel free to refer friends and family members who might benefit from talking with a trained, experienced counselor.

Congratulations to:
Ryan and Mandy Black on the birth of a 7lb 14oz daughter, Kadence Riley on August 25. Betsy Britain is the maternal grandmother. Bill and Peggy Best are the great-grandparents.

Danny and Leslie Pair on the birth of a 7lb 6oz daughter, Allie Katherine, on August 27.

Guy and Claire (Paletz) Harris, who were married on August 28 in Atlanta, Georgia. We wish them many years of happiness together.

Happy birthday to Frances Pass, who celebrated her 90th birthday on August 30. Happy Birthday, Frances! Send notes and cards to 386 Laredo Drive, Hoover Alabama, 35226.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to:
Dot Copeland in the death of her sister, Frances Harrison of Bowdon, Georgia.

Marlowe Fort in the death of his father, Tommy Fort of Starkville, Mississippi, on August 26.

Ellen McClure in the death of her mother, Amy Wood of Lanett, Alabama, on August 29.

Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

New Members:
Todd and Jan Pope live at 644 Founders Park Drive West with their daughters Rachel (6th grade) and Hannah (4th grade). They come by transfer from Discovery United Methodist. Todd is with Regions Bank and Jan is the Discharge Planner at UAB West Medical Center.

NOTICE: The Home Improvement Class will meet in the Fellowship Hall on the Sundays in September. As construction on the new addition is completed, we can then address problems with the classroom.

The **Board of Stewards** will meet on Sunday, September 12 at 4:30pm in the Opportunity classroom. We will review what happened over the summer and look ahead to the fall and winter. There will be an update on the construction project. We will devise plans for the 2011 Church Operating Budget. All Board members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Labor Day Schedule: The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labor Day. The Sunrise Men's Prayer Breakfast will not meet on September 6. The office will be open at 8:00am Tuesday morning.

Prayer Request: Joy Shultz and her mother are on a Mission Trip to Uganda and Sudan from August 30—September 17. They will work with United Methodist missionaries Boo and Phyllis Hankins. Please keep the group in your prayers.

NEW YORK CITY

Rusty Glasgow is taking a winter trip to NYC and you're invited! If you're interested, you may contact Rusty for more information at rglasgow@bpumc.org or 822-0910. Due to overwhelming response for the trip, there will be an informational meeting **Sunday, September 12**, at 4:00pm in the Fishermen Class.



FALL SCHEDULE

Mondays: ZUMBA
 6:30 — 7:30p.m.

September 20 — November 15
 Cost of 10-week session: \$80.00
 Drop-in Rate: \$10.00

YMCA Members: 50% discount on 10-week rate and drop-in rate.

Holiday Special for ZUMBA Mondays
 6:30 — 7:30pm

November 22—December 13
 Cost of 4 week session: \$20.00
 Drop-in rate: \$5.00
 (No YMCA discounts)

SPECIAL OFFER: If a participant brings a new participant to class, the participant bringing a friend or family member gets a FREE ZUMBA CLASS. These free passes are available for printing off of Cristina's access to ZUMBA marketing materials on the website.

NOTE: Leftover classes from summer sessions can be rolled over. However, **sessions will no longer be prorated in the fall.**

Urban Kids Birthday Cakes

Urban Kids starts up again this week and it's time to enlist help in baking birthday cakes for them for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate a birthday cake (or cakes) please call Lois Truss (823-3741) or email at lois.t.truss@gmail.com.

If you're not a baker, store-bought cakes are welcome!

LITTLE IMAGINATIONS PRESCHOOL

We are nearing full enrollment for the fall! The only openings are:

Infants (4-12 months): MWF Class — 2 Spots

Toddlers (13-24 months): T/TH Class — 2 Spots

Age 3k: MWF Class — 2 Spots

Call Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for information or registration. We have waiting lists for other classes!

"Every Member In Ministry" — BPUMC Mission & Outreach

Our love for God must be both an upward and outward active expression of love towards others. The goal of BPUMC is for every member to discover a place of Christian service and mission through giving and/or "hands on" ministry. If you are looking for a place of service or have an idea to share with others, please contact Sherrill Corson at 822.0910 or scorson@bpumc.org.

This church IS reaching out beyond the walls! Emails have been flooding in letting me know the many great & compassionate ways this church witnesses to the love of Jesus Christ. If you, your Sunday School class, or small group is involved with a ministry, please send me this information. WE WANT TO KNOW so we can share this with others.

Looking ahead...

Sunday, October 3rd Commit2Care blood drive (benefiting American Red Cross) and food drive (benefiting BPUMC Food Pantry)

Saturday, November 13th Super Saturday of Caring — individuals, Sunday School classes, and groups will be invited to sign up and participate in one great day of service in the community — more details to follow

Saturday, December 11th Festival of Three Kings — Persons and families will be given the opportunity to sponsor a child for Christmas. Sunday School classes will be needed to provide a fun craft activity for children the day of the event.



Thanks for the great response we had to Compassion Sunday! 18 children in Ecuador will soon experience the joy of knowing that they have a sponsor. We have 12 children that still need sponsors. If you'd like to become a sponsor or you want more information on Compassion's ministry, please contact Reed or Emily King at (205) 981-9971 or reedandemilyking@gmail.com.

Sponsorship information and opportunities can also be found at www.bpumc.org.

Greening your Church

As the people of God, we affirm God's creation in all its glory and beauty, and as a result, strive to respect all of life as sacramental. We accept our vocation as Earth-keepers who care for creation and our responsibility to live justly in relation to all creatures. Come discuss how to care for God's green earth and live justly with all creation, minimizing our impact in this world that God has created for all.

Presented by Bill Peters and Wendy Hare

Montevallo Presbyterian Church

Bill is a retired environmental manager and elder at Montevallo Presbyterian Church and now leads MPC's *Green Team*. Wendy is the pastor at Montevallo Presbyterian and has led Green series for both Sunday School and worship.

Everyone Invited!

Monday, September 20, 2010, 6:00pm

\$5.00

Program to follow dinner
Reid Crotty Fellowship Hall

RSVP to Theresa Richerson, 620-1749, richerson@bellsouth.net

Ecuador Mission Trip and Compassion Sponsor/Child Meet-Up

A partnership is being formed between Compassion International, SIFAT (Servants in Faith & Technology), and BPUMC. A mission trip with SIFAT is scheduled for March 12 to March 19 (Spring Break) to work on the construction of a three story building housing a kitchen, cafeteria and classrooms for children in Puengasi, Quito with a VBS component. Compassion International is involved in this project in Ecuador AND arrangements will be made for all sponsors to meet their child! Further details of the trip will be provided. Please contact Sherrill Corson if interested in participating in this mission trip.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

We will resume on September 14th at 9:30 in the Friendship Classroom. This fall we will focus primarily on *Christmas from the Backside* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The approach taken is a creative retelling of the scripture passages from an uncommon perspective, which challenges the participant to gain new insights into Biblical truths. Your Christmas season will be enriched with greater depth and understanding. If this sounds like something which interests you, come and see what we are all about! We'd love to have you join us! Call Becky Walker (987-0404) for more information.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

MIDWEEK WILL START SEPTEMBER 8!

Handbells for 3-5th graders will be at 4:30pm. Our very own **Ann Harter**, who taught at Fine Arts Camp, will be leading the children. It will be a great experience for the elementary ringers!

Open Gym will be 5:00-5:45pm.

Children's Choir for preschoolers, young elementary, and older elementary will be from 5:50-6:30.

M&M Kids will be 6:30-7:15

3rd Graders will receive their Bibles at the 8:45am service on September 26. Parents, please let Mrs. Leigh know the name your child wants in his or her Bible.

4th & 5th FELLOWSHIP: For Children who are entering the 4th and 5th grades, we will have back to school gathering on Sept. 12th. We will go to CiCi's Pizza and then go bowling. We'll start at 5p.m. and be back by 7:45p.m. Please let Mrs. Leigh know if your child can go!!!

THANK YOU to all the parents who registered their children during Promotion Sunday. If you did not register your children this past Sunday, please fill out the green registration sheet. You will find them on the information table by the Fellowship Hall and on the Elementary Floor. We are rebuilding our database and **need complete information on every child whether you are new or have been a member for years** that is in our program.

NEXT ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP will be Friday, October 8. Be on the look out for more details!

YOUTH MINISTRY

With school in full swing, BPUMC Student Ministry continues with its normal weekly schedule. This week at Holy Ground we will start a 3-week series titled Give It Up. We will talk about prayer, study, and accountability while trying to live life away from material things. Holy Ground is every Wednesday at 6:30 in the Chapel. There will be no Sunday Night activities this week due to the Labor Day holiday.

Hope to see you Wednesday!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES:

Kindness-Pass-It-On

Remember your Care and Contact person this week! Send a card, call and chat, bring them up to date on the happenings at BPUMC!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, September 9: SHEPHERD'S CENTER: Earlybird Fellowship at 9:30am. Beth Jerome, Habitat for Humanity, 10:00am. Regular scheduling at 11:00am.

Friday September 10: SENIOR FUN DAY - LUNCH WITH REID. Mark your calendars. The fun, with special entertainment, starts at 11:00am. Cost: \$8.00 per person.

Sunday, September 19: PEACH PARK 4:00-7:30pm Good fellowship, peach ice cream, hot dogs, peach pies, time to enjoy the rocking chairs and scenery. Cost: \$3.00/gas donation. Everyone welcome.

Thursday, October 21—Friday, October 22: DESOTO STATE PARK WITH REID AND BETTY. Park tour, Mentone, and Howard's Chapel. Cost: \$135/per person. Includes overnight at the lodge, dinner, breakfast, and much more. Call Betty.

