

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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Newsletter

August 4, 2010

CONSTRUCTION REPORT

Work on our building addition is moving into the final phases and should be completed by the end of August. The elevator is in, and the first layer of asphalt is being applied to the driveway and parking areas.

A lot of things will be happening this week. The workers will erect the steel supports for the covered drive-through, and the bricklayers will be here around midweek to start bricking up the walls. After the brickwork, windows will be installed and then the wall will be opened on the second floor by the parlor into the new area. Next comes the sheetrock, painting, and flooring. The landscaping will be done outside, and plans can then move ahead for the new playground. The top coat of asphalt will be applied and the parking lot will be striped.

This addition is going to enhance our facility. The elevator will improve mobility within the building and provide access to all floor levels. We're gaining two new classrooms. And the new covered entrance by the gym will be at ground level with no steps, opening up the west side of our building and property. And this addition eventually will open into a new Fellowship Hall and Youth Center, which are the next phases of our master plan.

Please remember that we are paying for all this work through the Building Fund, along with payments on our current indebtedness. Many of us made pledges in the **BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE** Capital Stewardship Campaign last fall. These commitments underwrite the building project. Our faithfulness in keeping our pledges up-to-date is greatly appreciated. For those who didn't make a pledge, gifts to the Building Fund are always welcome. Make checks payable to the church and mark them **BUILDING FUND**. Thank you very much.

Permanent Endowment Funds

The market value of our Permanent Endowment Funds (Missions, General Ministries and Building) was \$476,179 at the end of the second quarter of CY2010. Our earnings for the first two quarters totaled \$13,372. Total income since the funds were established in 1993 has been \$240,450. The income supports unexpected, unbudgeted expenses which sometimes arise during the year. During the first half of CY2010, \$3,000 from the missions fund provided supplies for the Bahamas mission trip while \$10,000 from General Ministries and Missions contributed to the support of the revised Associate Pastor position.

The market value of our Permanent Endowment Funds has suffered some losses since the beginning of CY2008 due to the volatility of the supporting markets. However, these losses would only be realized if the assets were sold. Since our funds are in a permanent endowment, we spend only the earnings, not the contributions (corpus) or the change in market value.

Our Permanent Endowment Funds are invested with the United Methodist Foundation of North Alabama in the 'Balanced Fund'. The Foundation, in turn, invests in various fixed income and equity instruments in a ratio which they and their advisors feel yields the greatest possible returns in prevailing market conditions. The Foundation has the services of some very capable advisors and we have confidence that, with our long term objectives, we will recover our losses over time.

Greater Birmingham Ministries "Back to School Fund Drive", now through August 8.

Did you know that a donation of \$55 will provide a new school uniform, a pair of socks, underwear, and a belt for a child living below the poverty level through *Greater Birmingham Ministries*? The cost of a uniform on top of school supplies is more than many families can afford. **YOU** can help families in need with a monetary donation. Bring your donation to the church office or place it in the church offering plate. Please make checks payable to Bluff Park UMC with "Back to School" on the memo line. Contact Sherrill Corson for more information scorson@bpumc.org.

Hospitals: St. Vincent - Dot McCann University – Marty Clements Brookwood - Mary Neel Lakeshore – Jewell Riley Golden Living Center - Albert Mixon

Altar Flowers: The 2011 Flower Calendar is now posted in the foyer of The Education Building. Sign up for a Sunday of your choice to honor or remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. Cost is still the same...\$50.00 for one arrangement, \$100.00 for both arrangements. Thank you as always for your great support of our Worship services. If you so desire, you may call Elizabeth at 822-0910 or e-mail esheetz@bpumc.org to sign up.

Counseling: Unfortunately, every problem doesn't have a satisfactory solution. Sometimes we simply have to live with an undesirable or unacceptable situation. How do we cope with that reality? Steve Sweatt is available to help us find our way. 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.

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 the family of Fred Elder, who died on July 27. Our prayers are with Gladys and the family in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Michael and Beth (McCallum) Byrnside who were married at the church on July 31. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

Congratulations to Brock and Jamie Nutter on the birth of a 7 lb 10oz daughter, Jamie Northcutt, on July 27. She will be called North.

Maintenance: The Maintenance Group will meet on Tuesday, August 10th, at 8:30 to work around the church building. All retired men and anybody else who wants to help are welcome.

FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE REGARDING JULY 25TH 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE CASH OFFERINGS: Due to an usher's misunderstanding, cash was removed from envelopes with names. The cash was turned in but the envelopes were thrown away. Please call Joan Landrum or Elizabeth Sheetz 822-0910 if you gave cash that Sunday. We want to be sure you get credit for your cash contribution. Again, cash donations only at the 11:00 A.M. Service July 25th. Thank you.

MEETINGS:

Sunday, August 8th 4:00 Worship Committee
 Monday, August 9th 7:00 Missions Committee
 Sunday, August 15th 4:00 Scholarship Committee
 Sunday, August 22nd 5:00 Planning Committee

NEVERTHIRST YARD SALE! The Footsteps class is sponsoring a HUGE yard sale on Saturday, August 14 from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Stop by the church parking lot for some great deals and support a great cause. All proceeds will be donated to Neverthirst, an organization that uses clean drinking water to spread the gospel in India, Sudan, and Central African Republic. Have questions or need more info? Contact Jeremy Gossett at 937-1711 or gossett717@hotmail.com.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Please sign up in the church office for the class you would like to attend. Disciple I is a survey of the entire Bible for 34 weeks taught by Bob Nelson. It's a great course for people who don't know a lot about the Bible.

CHOIR AND HANDBELLS FAMILY APPRECIATION DINNER

Wednesday, August 25
 Serving Begins at 5:30 p.m.
 All choir members and Handbell Ringers and their families are invited. Thank you for the music!
 New Choir Members and Families Welcome!

AUGUST 29TH - RALLY NIGHT

End of Summer- Fall Kick-Off
 5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper
6:00 p.m. One Night Revival Service
Guest Preacher: John Ed Mathison
 Frazer Memorial UMC
 Montgomery, AL
 Great singing — Special Music
 Don't Miss It!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

9:50 a.m.— Covenant
 10:00 a.m.— Seekers
 10:10 a.m.— Canterbury
 10:20 a.m.— New Horizons
 10:30 a.m.— Faith
 10:40 a.m.— Vitality
 10:50 a.m.— Footsteps
 11:00 a.m.— New Light
 11:10 a.m.— Wesley Forum

Come to the front steps of the Chapel.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:45 a.m. Sermon by Sherrill Corson
 11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday
 Service led by the Youth and Patrick Carnathan.
 6:00 p.m. Sermon by Rusty Glasgow

Leading Ladies

Sponsored by United Methodist Women on August 9th
Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Cost 6:00 per person

Columbarium: The columbarium has arrived and has been installed on one of the two foundations at the site below the parking lot. The second foundation is for a second Columbarium that may be added at some point in the future. It was previously indicated that the price of a Columbarium Niche would increase from \$1800 to \$2000 when the Columbarium was delivered and installed. However, a variety of circumstances resulted in a very short notice of the delivery and installation date. Thus, to ensure that there is adequate notice prior to the price increase, the Columbarium Committee has decided to extend the discounted price through August 31st. An information packet with details about the columbarium is available at the Narthex desk or in the church office.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS
SUMMER SCHEDULE**

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

A BIG THANK YOU goes to all of the volunteers who helped with **FINE ARTS CAMP**. The children really had a great time experiencing drama, music, making garden art, learning computer art design and exploring science while talking about how Noah prepared for the flood and how we can prepare for a life in Christ. The children appreciated the time and effort of our class leaders:

Carole Armistead, Betsy Britain, Joan Davis, Ann Harter, and Molly Knight.

PROMOTION SUNDAY is August 15th. Parents are asked to come by the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour to register their children for Sunday School. A short explanation of the Preschool, Children's, and Youth Ministry will be presented. We want parents to be more aware of what we do to help our children with their faith journey and how parents can make it more meaningful.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL In the adult Sunday School classes there will be sign up sheets for the new Sunday School Year. The Children of our church need your help. Please prayerfully consider teaching a unit class. The curriculum and resources are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Delashaw at ldelashaw@bpumc.org or call 822-0910 ext 107.

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!!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are in the middle of Youth Week! If your student has not turned in money or forms for white water rafting, please do so ASAP. Forms can be found online - bpumc.org/youth.

Youth Week Schedule

Wednesday: Broomball - meet at Pelham Civic Complex (9:00 - 10:30 pm)

Thursday: Messy Games (6:00 pm)

Fri - Sun: Trip to Ocoee River (depart at 10:00 am)

Adult help needed for Youth Week! please contact Patrick Carnathan - pcarnathan@bpumc.org

Next week: Holy Ground - Wednesday, August 11 @ 6:30 PM

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Kindness -Pass-It-On

Remember your Care n' Contact person this week.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday August 10: St. Bernard Abbey Tour, Ava Maria Grotto, Old Town and lunch at All Steak. Cost: \$3.00 gas donation, lunch-on-your-own, \$5.00 admission. Call Betty.

Thursday August 12: SHEPHERD'S CENTER Earlybird Fellowship at 9:30am, Program at 10:00am, regular schedule at 11:00am

Wednesday August 18: Rickwood Field 100 Celebration and Ball game. FREE admission. Game time 4:30pm. We'll leave the Church at 3:00pm. Call Betty.

Sunday August 22: Peach Park, end of summer fun. Hot dogs, BBQ, peach pies, peach ice cream, enjoy the rocking chairs, scenery, check out the vegetables and peaches. Cost: 3.00 gas donation. 4:00pm -8:00pm. Call Betty.

****Need an appointment for our New Pictorial Directory? Call 1-800-500-6526. Our goal is 400 families/individuals - no purchase required. Thank you.**

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 8

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, August 9

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:00 p.m. UMW Dinner Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee

Tuesday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Maintenance

Wednesday, August 11

6:30 p.m. Holy Ground

Thursday, August 12

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

Friday, August 13

6:00 p.m. Friendship Class

Saturday, August 14

7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Neverthirst Yard Sale

Sermons, August 8, 2010
8:45 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship
"The Unmerciful Servant"
(Matthew 18:21-35)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m.
"Corinthianized"
(I Corinthians 16:21-24)
Tom Roberts

Last Week's Record August 1, 2010

Sunday School	496
Morning Worship	643
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$40,506.70
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$869,862.87
Received to Date	\$851,306.09
Building Fund Receipts	\$11,249.21
Building Fund in 2010	\$223,167.23
New Members in 2010	45

August 8, 2010

Greeters: Aug 15th — Opportunity

Ushers: 8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley

Acolytes: 8:45 Landon Knight
 11:00 Joey Hays

Cross: 8:45 Trent Morgan 11:00 Lisa Keadle

Children's Church 8:45 TBA 11:00 TBA

Meals on Wheels: August 11: Joy Shultz and Tina Hardy

Food Pantry: Aug 18: Kay Adams

VALET PARKING

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

Men's Freeplay Basketball

In the Gym; Sunday & Thursday,
 7:00 p.m. (Church Members)
 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (Community)

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012

Amount Pledged	\$1,491,048.00
Received Last Week	\$11,097.21
Received to Date	\$292,346.46

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

We are serving 80+ families a month.
 We appreciate all donations!

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