

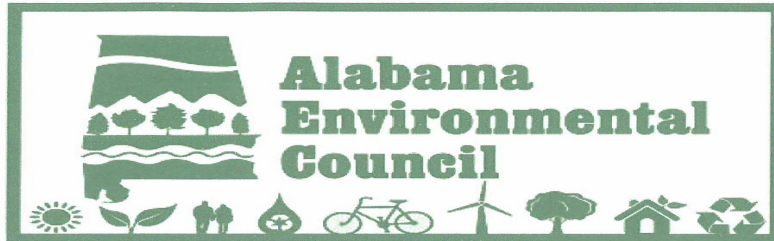


# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter, May 21, 2013*

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**Rain Barrel  
Workshop  
Sunday, June 2nd  
2:00pm – 4:00pm**

**The Green Team is offering this fabulous Rain Barrel Workshop!**

**Cost \$45.00 – You leave with a 55 gallon barrel;**

**Come to the Fellowship Hall to make your very own Barrel to fight the summer drought.**

**Alan Gurganus, the Recycling Director with the Alabama Environmental Council (AEC), will have a 20 minute PowerPoint presentation on ways we all can help the environment.**

**Assembly lines will be formed to crank out everyone's barrel to take home that day.**

**You can leave your name, contact information, & money in the office.  
Deadline to sign up and pay is Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Questions Contact Olivia Howard [jrh4tennis@aol.com](mailto:jrh4tennis@aol.com) (942-4157) or  
Julie Adams [juliead40@bellsouth.com](mailto:juliead40@bellsouth.com) (822-6516)**

## **TOM DULEY TO EXPAND HIS ROLE AT BPUMC**

We are pleased to announce that our Minister of Missions, Tom Duley, will take on added responsibilities effective June 1. He will assume most of the ministries that were performed by our Parish Minister, Tom Roberts, for the past 10 years. Tom Duley will minister to our homebound and shut-in members, assist with hospital visitation, and preach at evening worship. He will now work on what amounts to a 3/4 time basis. During his two years at Bluff Park, and previously as Executive Director of Urban Ministry, Tom Duley has been well-known to our congregation. We are delighted that he will be with us in this expanded role.

**Team:** Our Transition Team is working with Mike Holly to help him get off to a good start as our new Senior Minister, beginning June 12. Getting acquainted is a big job in a church the size of ours. We want Mike to feel welcome and at home with us. The Team is being led by Board of Stewards Chair Megan Wise and PPR Chair Debi Whitcomb. Other members are Georgia Pearson, Sara Perry, Joy Shultz, Randy Smith, Shawn Smith, Sylvia Sumners, Bennie Vinson, Becky Walker and Peter von Herrmann.



**THE LAST SONRISE  
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST.**



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**433 SHADES CREST ROAD**  
(Mildred Huber's House)  
**June 2, 2013; 1 P.M. to 5 P.M.**

*House interior has been painted, hardwood floors refinished and new carpet installed*

**Congratulations** to Marcus and Anna Chatterton on the birth of a 9 lb. 5 oz. son, Ethan King, on May 14. Andy and Linda King are the maternal grandparents.

**New Member:** Steve Piros lives at 960 Mountain Branch Drive with his wife Nancy, who is already a member. He comes from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wyandotte, Michigan. Steve is with the Sheraton Hotel.

**Banquet:** The church has a table of 8 seats for the Church of the Reconciler Banquet to be held on Thursday, July 11 at 6:00 at Vestavia Hills UMC. The tickets are available at no charge to the first 8 people who would like to attend. Sign up in the church office.

**Counseling:** Some wise person said: "Everybody says that forgiveness is a lovely idea—until they have something to forgive." Is there somebody we need to forgive? An old grievance we need to release? Is the inability to forgive making us miserable? Steve Sweatt can help. He is an ordained minister, licensed professional counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference. Steve meets with people in the satellite counseling office here at the church. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Evening and weekend appointments can be arranged.

**Prayer:** We are going to have a Prayer Line at Bluff Park that people can call if they want someone to pray aloud with them. We need volunteers for this endeavor. If you would like more information about it, call Kandis Scudder at 985-9463.

**VIM:** We will send a Volunteers in Mission Team to Massapequa, Long Island, New York on August 10-18 to assist with Hurricane Sandy recovery. The team will stay at and work out of the Hicksville UMC on Long Island. We have 2 spots left on the team. Please contact Tom Duley immediately if you are interested at 822-0910 or email [tduley@bpumc.org](mailto:tduley@bpumc.org).

<b>Meetings:</b>	Sunday, June 2	9:45	Trustees
	Sunday, June 2	4:30	Children's Council
	Thursday, June 6	6:00	Missions Committee
	Thursday, June 14	6:30	Finance Committee
	Sunday, June 30	6:00	Board of Stewards

## Bluff Park UMC Garden Tour

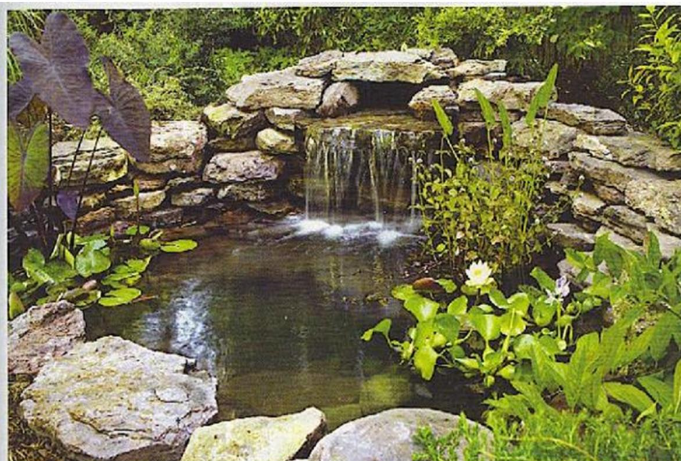
Saturday, June 1st

9:00 a.m.—noon

Join the Green Team for a Tour of church members gardens.

The tour will highlight a variety of garden features such as flowers, vegetables, dining area and water feature. Maps and details are available in the church parking lot on the day of the tour. Call Olivia Howard 942-4157 or Julie Adams 822-6516 or sign up in the church office.

Donations to fund Green Team Projects accepted.



### Thank You:

Dear All: I would like to thank everybody who came to my book signing. If you did not have a chance to purchase the book copy, you can order it at: [www.peterkirchikov.com/walnuts](http://www.peterkirchikov.com/walnuts). God Bless, Peter Kirchikov

Your generosity in opening your facilities for Bible Study Fellowship is greatly appreciated. We want to thank you and your congregation for hosting BSF for the 2012-2013 class year. We count it a privilege to share with you in the Lord's service. It is our prayer that you and your church will be greatly used in the ministry God has given you. May God, by His power and grace, fulfill every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith. For the fame of Christ in the nations, Susan C. Rowan, Executive Director

**Schedule:** We're coming up on Memorial Day weekend. There will be no evening activities at the church on May 26. The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

## SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 9

**4:00 Dedication and Open House for the Promise Home**

**5:00 Hamburgers—Hot Dogs—Chili Dogs for Everybody**



**Ice Cream Social—**  
sponsored by the Youth  
Plenty of good,  
home-made Ice Cream  
Brownies and Cookies



**Program by Youth Choir of Christ UMC**  
**Chattanooga, Tennessee**  
(Including some former BPUMC members)



**VALET PARKING**

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

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**

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



Monday 6:30  
In the Gym

**Men's Freeplay Basketball****In the Gym**

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

**June 9th Retirement Party:** There will be signup sheets in the Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center on May 26th and June 2nd for you to indicate that you plan to attend the June 9th Retirement Party for Reid. We are trying to get a count so that we will have enough hamburgers and hot dogs prepared. The youth will be providing homemade ice cream, but we would also like for some families to bring desserts. The Promise Home Dedication will begin at 4:00 and the Retirement Party at 5:00.

**LADIES DAY**

Saturday, June 15

For All Ladies of BPUMC, Friends, and Community  
Worship, Music, Bible Study, Tablesapes, Special Guest, and Lunch

**Table Space Available** at Ladies' Day to share your Arts and Crafts for all to see.

Tickets \$15.00. See Betty

"I know he loves me because he beats me." Domestic violence is a priority study area for United Methodist Women in 2013. Did you know that, in 2011, 26 homicides in Alabama resulted from domestic violence (DV) and that one in four adults in the United States has directly experienced DV? Posters with contact cards for the AL Coalition Against Domestic Violence will soon be posted in high traffic areas in our church. Know the signs of potential abuse and learn about local and state resources available to help. If one in four adults nationally has experienced DV, it could be that someone you know is struggling with it, too.

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**CHILDREN'S COUNCIL** will meet at 4:30p.m. in the New Light Classroom Sunday, June 2.

**PARENTS** can now register online and **PAY** on line for summer events! Just go to our new website

[www.bluffparkumc.org](http://www.bluffparkumc.org). Go to Ministries and then to children. This will help us with our VBS registration and help you accomplishing 2 things in one action! Since this is a new process, we need your feedback! Please let Mrs. Leigh know what you think. **SUMMER** is not that far off. **Children's Ministry** is geared up for lots of fun activities.

**June- On the Road Again** Elementary field trips. Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. Must have notarized Travel/Medical form on file. Doors open at 7:30a.m. Pick up your child by 5:30p.m. We are back from trips between 4 and 4:30p.m.

Wed. June 12-Peach Picking, Pizza and a movie.

Tues. June 18- **Preschool Splash Day!** 10a.m.-noon on the Playground. This is for the 5 and under children! An adult must accompany the child.

Wed. June 19-SciQuest in Huntsville AL. Wed.

Wed. June 26- Museum of Natural History, Anniston AL

**Day Camp for Preschoolers thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.**-Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m. Children must bring a lunch. Call the Preschool Director, Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for more information. There are still a few spots left!

**PRESCHOOL SUPER K SUNDAYS** This will be a time of praise and worship for the 3 and 4 Ks. It will be lively and feature different music videos for part of the time. This week we will feature the music of *Yancy Not Nancy*. There will be music and movement, prayer, and an activity. Our First Sunday will be June 9. The children will go first to their Sunday School class. At 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., they will go to our SUPER K room. Then they will go back to their Sunday School classroom where you can get them at 10:45 a.m.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 23;**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29:**

**THURSDAY, MAY 30;**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** —Julie Alice Rice, Story Time

**RICKWOOD FIELD CLASSIC** Baseball Game, Tour Museum

Barrons vs. Tennessee Smokies Tickets \$8—Call Betty

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Jim Ketchersid's Surprise Box

**LADIES DAY** Music, Worship, Bible Study, Special Events in the Gym, Lunch with guest speaker, sign up to do a tablescape (1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes will be awarded.) Table space available to share your arts and crafts for all to see in the gym. Tickets on sale each Sunday in the narthex

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC**

Historical district tour, carriage ride tour, Plantation Tea tour, church tour, and more. Side trip to Myrtle Beach, Barefoot Landing, shopping for the ladies, men bring your golf clubs for a round of golf at a local golf course.

The cost: **\$565.00 pp. Deposit \$100.00.** (Please make as soon as possible.) Balance Due July 1.

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

**Student Ministries**

Magic City Tribes, a multi-church recreation and evangelism event, starts on Wednesday, June 12. Over the course of six weeks this summer, students from several area churches will compete to win challenges. Bring friends and donate canned goods. All rising 6th graders through 2013 HS graduates are invited to participate. Contact Daniel Garrett to sign up as a student or as an adult volunteer: [wdgarret@gmail.com](mailto:wdgarret@gmail.com).

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing (send \$5 for pizza or bring your own dinner)

Sunday May 26, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 26: No Afternoon/Evening Activities

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing (send \$5 for pizza or bring your own dinner)

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## The Week of May 26—June 1

### Sunday, May 26

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

### Monday, May 27

Office Closed

### Tuesday, May 28

### Wednesday, May 29

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, May 29

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### Thursday, May 30

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

### Friday, May 31

### Saturday, June 1

Wedding Pope/Martin

## Last Week's Record

May 19, 2013

Sunday School	413
Morning Worship	586
Evening Worship	55
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$24,193.29
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$541,500.00
Received to Date	\$558,924.55
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,813.33
Building Fund in 2013	\$127,725.18
New Members in 2013	32

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,543.33
Received to Date	\$196,806.00

### BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church  
Office

**Sermon, May 26, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"Remember Jesus Christ"**  
**(II Timothy 2:8-13)**  
**Reid Crotty**

**No Evening Worship**

**Ushers**  
8:45: Chatterton 11:00: Youth  
**Cross**  
8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Mollie Edwards  
**Acolytes**  
8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Rory Edwards  
**Children's Church**  
8:45 Robinson 11:00 Pomeroy  
**Greeters June 9:** Opportunity  
**Meals on Wheels: May 29:** Betsy Britain  
**Food Pantry: June 5:** Penny Burns

**Our missionary in Chile, John Elmore**, celebrates his birthday this week (May 21). Please remember him and his work in your prayers and listen to hear if God is calling you to be a part of John's work at the El Vergel Methodist high school by being a member of the 2014 VIM team.

Bill Sparks of Riverchase UMC is working to install the electricity in a new building at the **Christian's Mission Place in Nauvoo, AL**. He is looking for persons who might be interested in helping him with this project. He goes to Nauvoo on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. If you are interested in helping him with this project you can reach him at 516-1871 (cell) or 425-6766 (home). Tom Duley, Minister of Missions