



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter, May 28, 2013

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## NORTH ALABAMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 2-4 Birmingham-Southern College

The North Alabama Conference will begin its 144th annual session on Sunday afternoon will Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett presiding. Meetings will be held in the Battle Coliseum on the campus of Birmingham-Southern College. Lay and clergy delegates from around 800 local churches scattered across the northern half of the state will gather to worship and to conduct the business of the Conference. The theme of the Conference is **CULTIVATE: NEW IN CHRIST**.

Bluff Park will be represented by Lay Members Kathryn Coltrane and Charlie Trucks, with Lois Truss and Becky Walker as Reserve Members. Reid Crotty, Peter von Herrmann, Tom Duley, Tom Roberts, and Wayne Williams are Clergy Members.

The Opening Celebration and Communion Service will be held at 7:00 on Sunday evening, with Bishop Wallace-Padgett preaching. There will be a large mass choir of singers from several churches in the Birmingham area. Everyone is invited to attend. The Opening Celebration will be our evening worship service on June 2.

The Ordination Service for new ministers will take place on Monday evening at 7:00 at Vestavia Hills UMC. Our Youth Praise Team will participate in the Battle of the Bands along with other groups from across the Conference. The Conference will close with the fixing of pastoral appointments for the coming year on Tuesday afternoon at 4:00. All sessions are open to the public.

The Conference will receive reports from a wide range of institutions, agencies, Boards and committees. There will be Bible Study and worship. Clergy and spouses who died over the past year will be remembered. And new ministers will be received, recognized, and ordained. There's nothing quite like a Methodist Annual Conference!

### APPOINTMENTS FOR FORMER BLUFF PARK MINISTERS

Keith Beatty—New Heights, Chelsea  
Bill Etheridge—Aldersgate, Huntsville  
Rusty Glasgow—Cahaba Heights  
Lawton Higgs—Oakmont  
Lonna Lynn Higgs—Chaplain, Children's Home  
Mark Lacey—Trussville First Church  
Mike Ratliff—Springville First Church  
Rusty Tate—Langdale

### APPOINTMENTS FOR MINISTERS FROM BLUFF PARK

John Gates—Retired  
Buster Timmons—Columbiana  
Steve West—St. Mark, Vestavia

### OUR NEW SENIOR MINISTER

Mike Holly will be appointed as Senior Minister at Bluff Park. Moving day is June 12, and he will preach at the morning worship services on June 16. Mike comes to us from Canterbury UMC in Mountain Brook, where he has been Associate Pastor since 2006. He previously was Associate at Trussville First UMC. Mike is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and earned his seminary degree from the Duke Divinity School. His wife Julie has been pastor at Discovery UMC and will move to Canterbury to fill the position Mike is leaving. They have two children, Lena (7), and Davis (4). A welcoming event is planned for June 30.



### 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*

**A thought:** Almost every young man or woman begins seeking joy through getting, and has to learn by experience that the deepest satisfaction in life lies in serving. Can you remember doing some real kindness for a person who had no special reason to expect it from you? Has anything in your life lingered in your memory as a much more deeply satisfactory experience? Jesus' joy was at heart this satisfaction which comes from finding lost and needy people and helping them out. This source of exhaustless delight is at every person's hand every day, and yet how many let its treasures go unclaimed.

Harry Emerson Fosdick

**Congratulations** to Charlie and Sarah Catherine (Black) Hearn, who were married at the church on May 25. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

**New Member:** *Robyn Hill* lives at 2112 Sharon Lane and comes by transfer from Green Valley Baptist Church. She is a graduate student at the University of Alabama in Speech Pathology. Robyn is engaged to be married next March.

**Brett Wood** lives at 3400 Collingwood Road with his wife Julie. He was baptized in the Episcopal Church and comes by Profession of Faith.

Two members of our 2013 Confirmation Class were unable to be received along with the rest of the class a few weeks ago. This past Sunday, *Harrison Riley Killen and Sarah Elizabeth Martin* became members by Profession of Faith.

**Tornado:** UMCOR is on the scene ministering to victims of the tornado in Oklahoma. News reports revived memories of what happened in Alabama a little over 2 years ago. We are receiving a special offering to support the relief and recovery efforts. Make checks payable to the church and mark them TORNADO RELIEF. 100% of what we give to UMCOR goes for direct assistance. Nothing is deducted for administrative costs. Thank you very much.

**Counseling:** United Counseling is a ministry of the North Alabama Conference that offers counseling and psychiatric services to people of all faiths across north Alabama. There is a satellite counseling office here at the church to serve our congregation and community. The Bluff Park satellite office is staffed by Steve Sweatt, who is an ordained minister, licensed professional counselor, and licensed marriage and family therapist. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Weekend and evening 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.



**Safe Sanctuary Training** - Monday, June 3, 10:00 am, Fire-side Room. Taught by Leigh Delashaw and will last about 30 minutes. You must have this training if you want to work with our children and youth.

### RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Sunday June 2

2:00-4:00

Sponsored by the Green Team

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

June 2

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship

Sermon by Reid Crotty

### 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 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, Tablescape, 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

**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.

**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. Awesome Airplane Adventure** Mon.-Fri., June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m.

**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 10:30a.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 10:45a.m.

**VBS Volunteer Meeting**, Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 in the New Light Classroom

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 30:**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—????????????????

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15:**

**LADIES DAY** Music, Worship, Bible Study, Special Events in the Gym, Lunch with guest speaker, sign up to do a tablescap (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!**

*Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary.* Galatians 6:9

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

Sunday, June 2, 8:30am: Meet at Youth Wing if you want to worship at Church of the Reconciler (will return after lunch, which is provided)

Sunday, June 2, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 2, 5:00pm: Meet at the Youth Wing to go to Tree Top Adventures (\$15 for 2 activities and pizza/drink)

Monday, June 3, 10:40am: Fifty-One competes in Battle of the Youth Bands at Munger Hall, Birmingham-Southern

Wednesday, June 5: No Holy Ground Worship

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## The Week of June 2—8

### Sunday, June 2

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Trustees

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Rain Barrel Workshop

4:30 p.m. Children's Council

### Monday, June 3

### Tuesday, June 4

### Wednesday, June 5

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, June 5

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### Thursday, June 6

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

6:00 p.m. Missions Committee

### Friday, June 7

### Saturday, June 8

## Last Week's Record

May 26, 2013

Sunday School	346
Morning Worship	515
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$22,036.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$568,525.00
Received to Date	\$580,960.55
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,991.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$130,716.85
New Members in 2013	36

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,931.67
Received to Date	\$199,647.67

## BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church  
Office

### Sermon, June 2, 2013

**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
"When Love Grows Up"  
(I Corinthians 13:11-13)  
Reid Crotty

**7:00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
**Annual Conference Celebration**  
**Battle Coliseum**  
**Birmingham-Southern College**  
**Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett Preaching**

### Ushers

8:45: Thompson 11:00: TBA

### Cross

8:45: Clayton Marshall 11:00: Katie Norris

### Acolytes

8:45: Ethan Caraway 11:00: Graham Coltrane

### Greeters June 16: Seekers

**Meals on Wheels: June 5:** Nan and Ed Thomas

**Food Pantry: June 5:** Penny Burns