



**MOTHER'S DAY—MAY 12**

**8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship**

- \* A special gift for every female in the congregation
- \* Anthem: “**Bless This House**” by the Choir
- \* Special Music by Young Ringers Children’s Handbells (11:00)
- \* Mothers and Grandmothers will be invited to pray with their children and grandchildren at the chancel rail during The Children’s Message
- \* Sermon: “**A Mother’s Love**”  
(II Samuel 21:1-14  
Reid Crotty)



**PETER KIRCHIKOV BOOK SIGNING**  
**Sunday, May 12, 8:15-12:15**  
**Church Parlor**

In the Methodist tradition, we celebrate the ways that our personal experience affects our faith. Hearing from those with different experiences, therefore, can be one of the most effective means to understand God in new ways.

Peter Kirchikov, a member of our church, has lived a far different life than anyone I've ever known. Growing up in communist Russia, he can speak about the privilege of openly worshipping in ways that I simply cannot. For instance, to understand the shocking boldness with which Paul preached the gospel in Rome, Peter Kirchikov is a far better resource than anyone else I know. Many privileges I simply assume, Peter appreciates as he knows what it is like to live without those privileges.

Peter has written a book, Walnuts on my Bookshelf, in which he describes his life growing up in Communist Russia and immigrating to America. I've shared with many of you the illustration in which as we grow closer to each other, we learn about and come closer to God. I look forward to learning more about Peter's experience, so different from my own, because in doing so I believe I will see the ways that God is at work even in places that seem furthest from God.

Peter will be sharing about his book and having a book signing this Sunday from 8:15 until 12:15 in the parlor. I look forward to hearing his story, and I hope you will, too.

*Peter Von Herrmann*

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Marigene Chamberlain** lives at 209 Oxmoor Place and comes by transfer from Pleasant Hill UMC in Bessemer. She teaches in the World Languages Department at Samford University.

**Sandy Harris** lives at 4724 Red Leaf Circle and comes by transfer from Riverchase UMC. She is with the Hallmark Marketing Corp.

**Trey and Leah Lewis** live at 1406 Lantana Drive. Trey comes from St. Bede's Anglican Church, and Leah comes from Prince of Peace Catholic Church. They married in November, 2012. Trey is with Mitchell's Place and Leah is a nurse at UAB West Hospital.

**Bob and Lane McGough** live at 2345 Farley Place with their daughter Savannah (almost 10). They have a baby on the way. They come from Chickasaw UMC in Chickasaw, Alabama. Bob is with Cushman Wakefield.

**Jack and Linda Phillips** live at 2290 Summer Ridge Drive and come by Profession of Faith. They are retired. The Phillips attend the Fishermen Class.

**Mark and Pam Torres** live at 440 Matzek Drive and come by transfer from Discovery UMC. Mark is with A T & T. Pam is with Vulcan Materials. They attend the Faith Class.

**Jennifer Whittier** lives at 1039 Ivy Creek Trail and comes by transfer from Bluff Park Baptist Church. She is involved with the Green Team and the Food Pantry and attends the Cornerstone Class.

**TOM ROBERTS' LAST SUNDAY NIGHT**

May 19, 6:00, Evening Worship  
Light Supper at 5:30  
Everyone Welcome

**SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY**

**May 19**

9:45 Brunch for Seniors, Families and Youth  
11:00 Recognition of Seniors at Morning Worship

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Tim Self, who died on May 2.....to the family of Walter McCullers, who died on May 1.....to Brad Hicks in the death of his mother, Jonnie Hicks of Gulf Shores, Alabama, on May 2....Our prayers are with the friends in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Craig and Katie (Croninger) Everett on the birth of a 8 lb. 5 oz. son, Brian Carl, on April 29 in Mobile. Skip and Mary Croninger are the maternal grandparents.

**Schedule:** There will be no evening activities on Mother's Day, May 12. Enjoy the day with your mother, grandmother, and family.

**Maintenance:** The Maintenance Group will meet on Tuesday, May 14, at 8:30 to work around the church building. All retired men and anybody who wants to help are welcome.

**Home:** The Promise Home is nearing completion. Dedication of the facility is set for Sunday evening June 9. The Home will provide a loving environment for 6 developmentally challenged adults. Thanks goes to a number of people who have worked so hard to make it happen: Our Construction Superintendent Bradley Word, The VIM Team, Curtis Thompson, the Community Ministries Foundation Board, Bob Walker, and all those who have made financial contributions.

**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.

**Sonrise:** The Sonrise Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet for the last time on Monday, May 13. For more than 15 years the group has met on Monday mornings to pray together at the beginning of each new week. Thanks to all who have been part of this ministry.

**Braves:** Just a reminder—we're going to Atlanta for the Braves-Twins game on Wednesday, May 22. All 30 seats are reserved, but we have a waiting list in case of cancellations. Leave at 7:45am. Game Time is 11:00 CDT.

**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).

**"Save the Date"** for the rain barrel workshop that is scheduled on Sunday, June 2 in the fellowship hall from 2-4 pm and the cost is \$45. Sign up Contact Julie Adams for more information at 822-6516.

**Thank you:** I want to express my thanks to my BPUMC friends for your phone visits, cards, and prayers during my recent confinement. They were so greatly appreciated. Mahala McKinney

**Special thanks** to Julie Adams, Frances Bellows, Chris Kirkland, Jan Rogers, Leonette Slay and Allen Word for planting the flowers around the church. Also to J. B. Thrasher for getting the mulch and for fertilizer. You all are the best. Wayne Freeman

**Meetings:** Thursday, May 16 7:00 Transition Team  
Sunday, June 2 4:30 Children's Council

**COLUMBARIUM UPDATE:** The Columbarium here on our campus is a modern version of the old church cemetery. There's something comforting about bringing our loved ones to the church as their final resting place. Our Columbarium is a beautiful facility on the east side of our property. The first unit contains 96 niches. Each niche can hold one or two urns. To date, 54 niches have been sold, and we have had 7 inurnments. Two more are expected in the near future. A second unit can be added when the first is filled.

The cost of a cremation and a niche in the Columbarium is only a fraction of the cost of a traditional funeral and burial (cemetery plot, casket, vault, opening and closing of the grave, headstone and foot marker, transportation, etc). Family visitation and a memorial service can be held at the church at no charge for facilities.

There are information packets available in the sanctuary narthex or from the church office. Andy King is chair of the Columbarium Committee. He would be happy to answer any questions or to provide additional information.

**Much Obligated:** Realizing that my relationship with Bluff Park UMC rounds out at ten years this month is no easy thing for me to accept but it is what it is. This congregation has been both kind and generous to Jean and me. And we appreciate you for that. Also, I thank the church staff for simply being the greatest a guy could ask for.

Words cannot begin to express my gratitude to Reid Crotty, for allowing me to share this precious time with him. His outstanding preaching is surpassed only by his excellence as a pastor and human being, and there is no one else with whom I would rather serve. I thank God and all of you for the experience. *Tom Roberts*

**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

**SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER****BREAKFAST**

**Mondays, 6:30-7:00 am**  
Arby's on Montgomery Highway  
Men of all ages welcome

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

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

**LADIES DAY**

Saturday, June 15

For All Ladies of BPUMC,  
Friends, and Community  
Worship, Music, Bible Study,  
Tablescapes, 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

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Organized by women for hands-on missions to spread God's love -  
The local UMW is always open to all ages who want to be involved in service.

**United Methodist Women Gathering**

May 13, 2013 at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

Lunch meeting - Hope/Love host circle - Covered dish

Guest speaker - Pamela Phipps, Grace House

Guests are welcomed!

**Upcoming Circle Meetings:**

Grace - May 20 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class

Hope-Love- May 27 @ 10AM at Odessa Harbor's home

Joy - May 20 @ 10AM in Fireside Room

Friendship - May 20 @ 6:30PM in Parlor

**Mission Highlights**

1. Compassion Circle filled 185 bags for the Food Pantry - delivery on May 1st
2. May 21, 2013 - Joint UMW Meeting with the Church of the Reconciler  
Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**PARENTS-** We are members of an online library that has video lessons on a wide variety of topics that you can use for your personal study at home. These range in topics from bible studies to parenting studies, to life application studies. There are videos for children and youth also. If you are interested in accessing this library, please contact Leigh Delashaw or Bart Styes.

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

**VBS- EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR** will be this summer July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4k-thru elementary age children. We are looking for adult volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Delashaw at [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org). A nursery is provided for children of volunteers. The 2 year olds (rising 3k preschoolers) of volunteers will have a VBS experience, too.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**THURSDAY, MAY 9:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER BINGO—Lots of prizes and surprises

**SUNDAY, MAY 12:** HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

**TUESDAY, MAY 14:** BATTLE FRIEDMAN HOUSE, STADIUM TOUR, Lunch

**THURSDAY, MAY 16:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 29:** RICKWOOD FIELD CLASSIC Baseball Game, Tour Museum  
Barrons vs. Tennessee Smokies Tickets \$8—Call Betty

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15:** LADIES DAY

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

Historical district tour, carriage 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.**

Balance Due July 1

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! Psalms 95:6*

**Student Ministries**

Midweek meals end on Wednesday, May 8. But we'll continue to meet for Holy Ground Worship for a few more weeks. On May 15, 22 & 29, we'll have a 3 week series on Scripture for Students - a GREAT thing to consider as we head into final exams. Bring your own dinner or bring \$5 for pizza. Just PLEASE eat before we begin worship because it is hard to sing with food in your mouth!

Wednesday, May 8, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 12, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, May 12: NO Afternoon/Evening Activities

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

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**The Week of May 12—18**

**Sunday, May 12**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Musical

**Monday, May 13**

9:00 a.m. UMW

**Tuesday, May 14**

8:30 a.m. Maintenance

**Wednesday, May 15**

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

**Wednesday, May 15**

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, May 16**

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

**Friday, May 17**

**Saturday, May 18**

Wedding Pewitt/Longenecker

**Sermons May 12, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"A Mother's Love"**  
**(II Samuel 21:1-14)**  
**Reid Crotty**  
  
**No Evening Worship**

**May 8—Midweek Servers**  
Richard and Derilda - Fellowship Hall;  
Wesley Forum-Carryout  
**Cashiers**  
Sally Holland and Woodie Comer

**Ushers**  
8:45: Nelson 11:00: Dover  
**Cross**  
8:45: Davidson Dover 11:00: Sally Frances Little  
**Acolytes**  
8:45: John David Shanlever 11:00: Kate Culverhouse  
**Children's Church**  
8:45 Pearson 11:00 Hecklinski  
**Greeters May 26:** New Light  
**Meals on Wheels: May 15:** Shultz/Hardy  
**Food Pantry: June 5:** Penny Burns

**Need a Hospital Bed? We have one free of charge. Call Betty.**

**Last Week's Record**

May 5, 2013

Sunday School	424
Morning Worship	583
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$41,494.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$486,450.00
Received to Date	\$486,649.88
Building Fund Receipts	\$24,894.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$116,794.85
New Members in 2013	31

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$23,929.00
Received to Date	\$186,482.67

**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Midweek Meal, May 8**

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, garlic bread, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Summer Reading List** - Join the BPUMC Book Club in discussing the following books in the church parlor at 7 pm on the following dates. You're also invited to join us on Sunday afternoon, May 19 to see The Great Gatsby. Call Susan at 978-5562 for more info.

May 23	Coming Up for Air	Patti Callahan
Jun 27	The Postmistress	Sarah Blake
Jul 25	Far From the Madding Crowd	Thomas Hardy
Aug 22	Breakfast at Tiffany's	Truman Capote
Sep 26	The Rules of Civility	Amor Towles



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for more information