

Newsletter, June 4, 2013

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 9 4:00 Promise Home Dedication



A dream comes true on Sunday as we dedicate the Bluff Park Promise Home. This beautiful facility will be home for 6 developmentally disabled adults. We will have an opportunity to extend the love of our congregation to them. The 6 bedroom, 7 bath home will be managed on a day-to-day basis by Glenwood Autism and Behavioral Health Center, which is an experienced and highly regarded organization that operates a number of group

homes in our area, along with other programs and services.

We are delighted that the Promise Home is fully funded, without the use of any church funds. Thanks to all who have contributed to the project and to all the volunteers who have worked so hard in so many different ways to make it happen.

This venture is a new model for long term care of persons with these disabilities. Hopefully it will be a model that other churches can duplicate. What a blessing it will be for families who worry about what will become of their loved ones. They will have a home and family right here at Bluff Park!



# 5:00 Ice Cream Social with Hamburgers—Hot dogs—Chili Dogs Brownies—Cookies

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The Youth invite everybody to a cold time on a hot night! Enjoy a dish of delicious homemade ice cream in a variety of flavors. Yum! Yum! Plus hamburgers, hot dogs, and chili dogs. And if that's not

enough, have a brownie or a cookie or two. And great fellowship on a summer evening on top of all that.

Don't Miss It!



# 6:00 Youth Choir Christ UMC Chattanooga, Tennessee

The choir includes some members who used to be here at Bluff Park before they moved away: Natalie and Stephanie Shannon (daughters of Neal and Angela and granddaughters of Ray and Mary Jane Faircloth) and Alexandra Buccelli (daughter of Todd and Carol). The choir is on its summer tour.

#### Members of our Church Family in the Hospital: St. Vincent Pam McDonald

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Tom Laken in the death of his brother, Bob Laken of Cape Coral, Florida, on May 27. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Thomas and Mary Margaret (Pope) Martin, who were married at the church on June 1. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

**Congratulations** to Matt and Amy Montz on the birth of a 9 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Sarah Mackenzie, on May 28.....to James and Emily Brown on the birth of an 8 lb. daughter, Vera Cate, on May 29. Martie Self is the maternal grandmother.

**Maintenance:** The Maintenance Group will meet on Tuesday, June 11, at 8:30 to work around the church building. All retired men and anybody who wants to help are welcome. There is always plenty to do.

**Choir:** We always need "Summer Singers" during the vacation season. Maybe you can't sing in the choir on a year-round basis, but you could make a real contribution during the summer. Teachers—College students—High school students—Others. Just come to rehearsal at 6:30 on Wednesday night.

**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.

**Meetings:** Thursday, June 13 6:30 Finance Committee Sunday, June 30 6:00 Board of Stewards

**Board:** The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, June 30, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served at 5:30. This will be our first meeting with our new Senior Minister Mike Holly. All Board members are encouraged to attend. It's summer time, but a lot is happening at Bluff Park.

### **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.

#### 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: Wednesday: 7:00pm 7:00pm (church members) (community)



## OKLAHOMA TORNADO RELIEF

Received to date \$3460.00

It might be here next time!



### 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

#### CHILDREN'S NEWS

**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.

PRESCHOOL SPALSH DAY! Tues. June 18- 10a.m.-noon on the Playground. This is for all

preschoolers and their siblings! An adult must accompany the child. We will have sprinklers and pools, bubbles and snacks. Come and get wet with us!

**ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP June-** On the Road Again Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. We 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.

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

Wed. June 26- Museum of Natural History, Anniston AL DAYCAMP FOR PRESCHOOLERS thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Awesome Airplane Adventure, Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m.

#### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, JUNE 6; **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Music Program with Preston Frazier

THURSDAY, June 13: SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Patricia Alexander, Sheriff Department, Jefferson County,

**Identity Theft** 

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15: 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 this Sunday.

With Barbara Morgan, each Thursday at 10 and 11. Beginners and advanced for anyone **BRIDGE and LUNCH:** 

that would like to come play.

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!**

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16

#### **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.

We have SO many ways to get involved through recreation or service this summer. Interested in something you see on the schedule? Text your name and what you'd like to do to 205-790-1803 to sign up or get more info.

Wednesday, June 5, 6:00pm: Student Worship Team will be leading worship in Dutton, AL (No Holy Ground Worship)

Sunday, June 9, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 9, 5:00pm: Ice Cream Social (church-wide activity)

Monday, June 10, 2:00pm: Monday Sports in the Gym

Tuesday, June 11, 10:30pm: Student-led recreation for Community Garden Kids

Tuesday, June 11, 12:00pm: High School Student Lunch Bunch (we'll text out the location so you can meet us there)

Tuesday, June 11, 3:00pm: Fun at First Light Shelter

Wednesday, June 12, 6:00pm: TRIBES COMPETITION at Regions Park Soccer Fields

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## The Week of June 9—15

Sunday, June 9

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Super K Sunday 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service Dedication of Promise Home 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Monday, June 10

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

June 2, 2013

Sunday School 434 Morning Worship 660 Weekly Operating Needs \$27,025.00 Operating Receipts \$28,458.00 2013 Operating Budget \$1,405,300.00 Needed to Date \$595,550.00 Received to Date \$609,418.55 **Building Fund Receipts** \$4,520.00 Building Fund in 2013 \$135,236.185 New Members in 2013

#### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015 Amount Pledged \$1,080,950.00 Received Last Week \$4,205.00 Received to Date \$203,852.67

### BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Sermon, June 9, 2013** 8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship Why I Love the Church" (Ephesians 5:25-33) Reid Crotty

No Evening Worship

Ushers 8:45: Adams 11:00: Alley Cross 8:45: TBA 11:00: Ari Tsantes Acolytes 8:45: Nelson Coler 11:00: Vasi Tsantes Children's Church 8:45 Schillaci 11:00 Self Greeters June 16: Seekers Meals on Wheels: June 12 Ken and Kay Adams Food Pantry: July 3: Theresa Richerson

Scholarships: Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2013-2014 academic year are available in the church office. Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can be submitted to the church office. Deadline for applications and nominations is August 1.

Missing: We are missing some tablecloths from the parlor. If you have taken them for laundering please return them as soon as possible.