



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter August 16, 2015

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On Sunday, August 16th, we will say goodbye to our long time friend and organist, Jamie Davis. Jamie started out as a church organist as a teenager in Sylacauga, Alabama. After graduating from high school, Jamie went on to study at the University of Montevallo and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, then, Jamie and her husband Terry served as missionaries in Korea for ten years. After returning to the United States, Jamie returned to church music and began working with Bluff Park UMC on Sundays, and on special occasions as our own church organist for thirteen years.

While we are certainly very sad to have Jamie leave, we are also so very excited about this new opportunity for her and her husband Terry as he begins to serve as a full-time minister of music at a church in Guin, Alabama. Their combined talents will be a blessing to the church and community there. Jamie is, and always has been, a person of deep faith, endless compassion, and humility and grace. My hope is that Jamie's legacy with us will be that she inspired each and every one of us to follow in her footsteps while also learning to treasure the great gift of music, and how it can enliven our souls and direct our hearts to God.

Reception for Jamie Davis

Jamie Davis' last day as the organist at Bluff Park UMC will be Sunday, August 16th. To honor her 13 years of dedicated service, we will hold a special reception for her, in the Parlor, during the Sunday school hour. Please make plans to stop in and thank Jamie for all that she has done over the years to bless the mission and ministry here at Bluff Park UMC.



News of the Week

BLESSING BACKPACKS

On Sunday, August 16th, we will be blessing our children and their backpacks in both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. As part of this blessing, each child will receive a backpack tag that they can wear on their book bags throughout the year.

DONATE ONLINE

Bluff Park UMC recently changed vendors for our online donations option. The transition is complete, and there are now links for online giving on the website.

HEALTH KIT MISSION PROJECT

Over the month of August, we are having an inter-generational mission project to assemble Health Kits to be sent to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Health Kits are used by UMCOR to "provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition, and cooking classes." During August, we will distribute the instructions for assembling Health Kits and ask that individuals and families assemble at least one health kit during the month. Our goal is to assemble at least 100 Health Kits. The approximate cost of a Health Kit is \$12.00. Health Kits is a project of the Bluff Park United Methodist Church United Appeal Fund.

INSIDE OUT

THE PSALMS OUR EMOTIONS AND GOD

New Sermon Series

Starting on August 16th, we begin a new sermon series on Sunday mornings titled "Inside Out—The Psalms, Our Emotions, and God." Taking inspiration from the recent Pixar movie, we will explore how the human emotions of anger, fear, sadness, disgust, and joy are expressed through the book of Psalms.

ing, if you wish. The dates for the trip are May 10-19, 2016. The meetings will be held in the Vitality classroom across from the church library. The meetings will be identical so choose the time that is most convenient for you.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Louise White—Mount Royal Rehab
Marjorie Dulin—Aspire Rehab
Elizabeth Bogart—UAB
Rollina Oglebay—Columbiana

DISCIPLE II MEETING

On Sunday August 23, during the Sunday School hour, there will be a meeting in Hudson Hall to discuss plans for the Disciple II class to be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:00–5:30pm starting on September 6th. This class covers Genesis and Exodus followed by Luke and Acts, along with some associated reading material. Please call the church office or Joe Kerns (205-777-1934) for more information.

WESLEY HERITAGE TOUR

Informational meetings for the 2016 Wesley Heritage Tour to England will be held on Sunday, August 16th at 3:00 PM and on Wednesday, August 19th at 6:30 PM. We will have a representative from Educational Opportunities with us at both meeting times. You can register and pay your deposit (\$300 per person) at the meet-

Promise Home Update

Dear Members of Bluff Park UMC,

This note is to make you aware that we have an opening in the Promise Home. The Promise Home is a partnership between BPUMC and Glenwood, and serves adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities. As part of this partnership, space is made available for members of Bluff Park in the Promise Home whenever there is a vacancy.

Members of your church and their families are provided the opportunity to make application from now until August 31, 2015. If there is no referral from BPUMC, Glenwood will offer services to another individual. To qualify the individual must be 19 years or older, and Glenwood will need to assess the individual to determine if the program can adequately meet their specific needs. It is important to note that placements at the Promise Home are private pay. If you have interest in having a loved one considered, or have questions, please contact Bill Pearson at (205) 979-1197 or at bpwp@bellsouth.net.

Sincerely,

Deborah Lee Yount, FACHE
President & CEO

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PROMOTION SUNDAY: All children will be promoted to the Sunday School class of their new grade on Sunday, August 16th. There will be a short celebration held in the chapel that morning at 10:00 for all elementary aged children and their parents, followed by the children going to Sunday School and the parents staying for a Parents Meeting. The next week, August 23rd, the same celebration and meeting will be held for the preschool aged children and their parents at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLES FOR 3RD GRADERS: We will be presenting Bibles to all of the children who have entered the 3rd grade on Sunday, August 30th at both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. I am hoping to have the names of the children participating written in calligraphy within their Bibles. If your child plans on participating that Sunday, could you please email their full names to either myself or Melissa Hendon?

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER TRAINING: On Wednesday, September 2nd from 5:00-6:30, there will be a training session for all people volunteering for Children's Sunday School in the 2015-2016 school year. Dinner will be provided. We hope to see you there!

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2015/2016. Recruitment for Elementary and Preschool Sunday School is under way. If you would like to volunteer please go to <http://vols.pt/PFzJ4t> to sign up. Thank you for your help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: This week (8/16) will be our Promotion Sunday Celebration! Next week (8/23) will be the second lesson in our Sunday School Series Spy Chase: we will be studying the prophet Elisha!?

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16	Blessing of the Backpacks	August 30	Bibles for 3rd Graders
August 16	Promotion Sunday/Elementary Celebration & Parent Meeting	September 2	Sunday School Volunteer Training
August 23	Preschool Celebration & Parent Meeting	September 9	Midweek Returns

STUDENT MINISTRY

WHAT ABOUT AUGUST? Students and families have lots to get done in August. There are supply lists, fees for choirs and teams, meetings, practices and rehearsals. So we take a small step back in August to give our families some breathing room. Our ministry team will use this as a time to prepare for a great September through May. So we'll see you at Sunday School and at a few more opportunities to stay connected in the meantime. Our first Sunday REACH event is Broomball on August 23rd, we begin Holy Ground worship on Wednesday, September 9th and Small Groups begin on Sunday, September 13th.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING FALL SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we go leave the summer and get ready for the fall: small groups, Holy Ground worship, Fall Retreat and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our free app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2015-2016 academic year are now available in the church office. Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can be submitted to the church office. The deadline for applications and nominations is August 15, 2015. If you know someone who would like to contribute to our scholarship fund, encourage them to contact our church financial administrators.

SAVE THESE DATES: Sunday, August 23, 6pm: *Broomball Trip to Pelham Ice Plex*; Wednesday, September 9: *Holy Ground Worship Returns!*; Wednesday, October 28: *Halloween Carnival*; Friday-Sunday, November 20-22: *Fall Retreat at Camp Sumatanga*; Saturday, December 5: *Festival of Three Kings!*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 16, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, August 16, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Info Meeting

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY AUGUST 18

SCOTTSBORO HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR and Unclaimed Baggage. Call Betty.

THURSDAY AUGUST 20

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - MYSTERY BINGO??? The FUN starts at 9:30am with refreshments.

SUNDAY AUGUST 23

PEACH PARK - Ice Cream, BBQ, and Rocking Chairs. 4:00pm-7:30pm. Call Betty.

THURSDAY AUGUST 27

SHEPHERD'S CENTER— Jack Owens, FBI retired, will be here. Everyone's invited.

MACKINAC CITY and MACKINAC ISLAND

Sunday August 30—Saturday September 5

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS:

Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents.
Proverbs 17:6



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The Week of August 16—August 22

Sunday, August 9

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Jamie Davis Reception
10:00 am Promotion Sunday
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
3:00 pm Wesley Heritage Tour Meeting
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, August 10

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am Senior Day Trip

Wednesday, August 12

6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Wesley Heritage Tour Meeting

Thursday, August 13

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Finance Committee

SUNDAY, August 16, 2015
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Wor-
ship
"Inside Out: Anger and Fear"
(Scripture - Psalm 77:1-10)
Rev. Mike Holly

5:00pm Evening Worship Service
Rev. Angela Martin

Lectionary Scripture Readings
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Lawson 11:00 Davis

Acolytes

8:45 Emma Patton

11:00 Michael Lagan

Greeters: Home Improvement

Communion Setup 5pm:

JoAnn Huddleston

Meals on Wheels: Guy

Food Pantry September 2: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

August 9, 2015

Children	49
Morning Worship	464
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$26,673.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$23,635.50
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,386,978.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$853,536.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$844,644.04
New Members in 2015	15

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,983.33
Received to Date	\$782,789.20

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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Information Sheets in Narthex and Church
Office

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered en-
trance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.