



BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

Friday, June 14th

It's *BPUMC Family Night at Regions Field*. The home team will take on their rivals from Jacksonville AND it's Friday Night Fireworks and Disco Night with the Disco Amigos! You can reserve your tickets in the Narthex on Sunday June 2nd and 9th (before and after worship) or you may call the church office. Tickets are \$13 and cover your admission, a baseline seat, a hotdog, chips, and a drink. All tickets must be paid for by June 9th.



Student Ministries Presents

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 9th

5:00-6:30pm

Join us as we welcome our new Director of Student Ministries, JT Mercer and his wife Becca! Enjoy a fun evening with your own family and your church family! Build the ultimate ice cream sundae! Enjoy all of the hot dogs, nachos, and chili you want!

This is a FREE church-wide event (donations welcome.) Bring a friend!

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Sunday Morning

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10:00 am

THE GATHERING AT BLUFF PARK: 10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 am

Nursery care available all morning!

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Message from the Pastor

Every United Methodist Church is a part of a larger conference where pastors and church members work together to ensure that ministry and mission continues throughout the area between them. Bluff Park UMC is part of the North Alabama Conference and its headquarters is at Birmingham-Southern College. Each June, clergy and lay members from over 600 churches in our annual conference come together in Huntsville. This annual conference lasts from June 2 to June 4, 2019. There will be prayer and worship. There will be decisions to make and ministries to celebrate. All of our pastors will be at Annual Conference along with lay member delegates.



This summer, our lay delegates are J.B. Thrasher, Tina Hardy, and Kathryn Coltrane. Also attending will be Becky Walker and Carol Westbrook.

We ask that you will pray for all of our delegates and all of the churches in North Alabama! Our ministers will officially be reappointed to Bluff Park UMC on the final day of Annual Conference.

In other news, we will have a wonderful church event on June 30, 2019! You will find more information about our Choir's patriotic performance and lunch in this newsletter. It will be a perfect event for all ages! Invite your friends and neighbors to attend as well!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike".



BPUMC Sanctuary Choir Presents

“A Salute to AMERICA”

Mark your calendars and purchase your tickets! You do not want to miss the Bluff Park UMC Sanctuary Choir’s “A Salute to America” concert performance on Sunday, June 30th at 12:15pm.

Immediately following the Sunday morning service, head to the Fellowship Hall to dine on grilled hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by the BPUMC Pit Crew as well as slaw, baked beans, and dessert. After lunch, head back upstairs to the sanctuary to hear eleven musical selections guaranteed to put you in the patriotic spirit. Tickets for the meal may be purchased for \$10 for ages 10 and up; \$5 for ages 5 – 9, and children under 5 are free. The concert performance is free and open to the public, so invite a friend.

Meal tickets go on sale on June 2 in the narthex and in Sunday School Classes.

Additionally, you may become a sponsor for the event. A Red Sponsorship for \$100 - \$199 will get your name included in the program as a sponsor. A white sponsorship, \$200 - \$299, will get your name listed as the sponsor of a particular selection. A blue sponsorship for \$300 and up will include a selection in honor or memory of someone. The honoree’s name will be listed with yours as the sponsor.

Selections include anthems performed by the entire choir as well as quartets and other ensembles. Whether you prefer the traditional patriotic music like “The Star Spangled Banner” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic” or more modern selections like “God Bless the USA,” there will be something that will lift your spirits.

The Sanctuary Choir is conducting this fundraiser in an effort to raise money for the programming of the choir—new anthems, guest musicians, and upcoming programs.

Get a head start on your Fourth of July celebrations, support the choir, fellowship with old friends, and make new ones all at the same time by attending this event. You won’t want to miss it! Invite your friends and family to join us for this special tribute to AMERICA and those who serve and have served our great country.

Be sure to purchase meal tickets starting June 2nd and complete the attached sponsorship form to sponsor this special event! Turn your completed form in to the church office or Art DeWeese with your donation.



“SALUTE TO AMERICA”

Sponsorship Form

Make checks payable to Bluff Park UMC-Choir Fund

Name of Person(s) sponsoring: _____

Address: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

_____ **RED SPONSOR** (\$100.00-\$199.00): Your name will be listed as a sponsor in the program. This amount will help with programming cost.

List Name as you want to appear in the program as a sponsor. (*Please Print*)

_____ **WHITE SPONSOR** (\$200.00-\$299.00): Be a special sponsor of an Anthem for this special program. If you choose, your name will appear as a sponsor of a particular Anthem.

List Name as you want to appear in the program.
(*Please Print*) **Circle anthem to be sponsored.**

_____ **BLUE SPONSOR** (\$300.00-Up): Dedicate an Anthem in honor or memory of someone. Your name will appear as the sponsor of the anthem and a program sponsor.

List the Name of the person(s) to appear in the program.
(*Please Print*)

In Honor of/Memory of (**please circle one**) **Circle anthem to be sponsored.**

List Your Name as the sponsor and as you want it to appear in the program (*Please Print*)

LIST OF ANTHEMS BEING SUNG FOR THE PROGRAM:

1. “The Star Spangled Banner”
2. “A Patriotic Salute”
3. “American Heroes” (A Salute to the Armed Forces)
4. “God Bless The U.S.A.”
5. “Statue of Liberty”
6. An American Hymn- “America The Beautiful”
7. “Thank You, Soldiers”
8. “Battle Hymn Of The Republic”
9. “God Bless America”
10. “Find The Cost of Freedom”
11. “If My People Will Pray”

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! We had 300 children register for Vacation Bible School in 2018, and we are expecting at least that many again this year! While we know that many of the children who attend our VBS have a church family, we also know that for some of these children, VBS is one of the few times throughout the year that they are able to learn about and experience the love of Jesus Christ. We take that responsibility seriously, and we strive to make our Vacation Bible School at BPUMC an unforgettable week filled with excitement, fun, love, learning, and transformation, all centered around Jesus Christ.

In order to do this successfully, we need your help! It takes so many volunteers doing so many different things to run a successful Vacation Bible School for this many children! Our major need every year is Crew Leaders! These are the key volunteers that really connect



with our kids! They greet their assigned group of children each day, escort them from class to class, and join them in all the fun. Crew Leader volunteers have no prep work and no lessons to lead: they simply hang out with and have fun with their group of children! If you would be willing to volunteer this year (July 15-19 8:15am-12:15pm) as a Crew Leader, please contact Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible! Or you can sign up directly at: bluffparkumc.org/vbsvolunteer

This is such a loving and giving church, and we cannot wait to see and experience all the great things that are going to happen this year at Vacation Bible School!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Pool Party

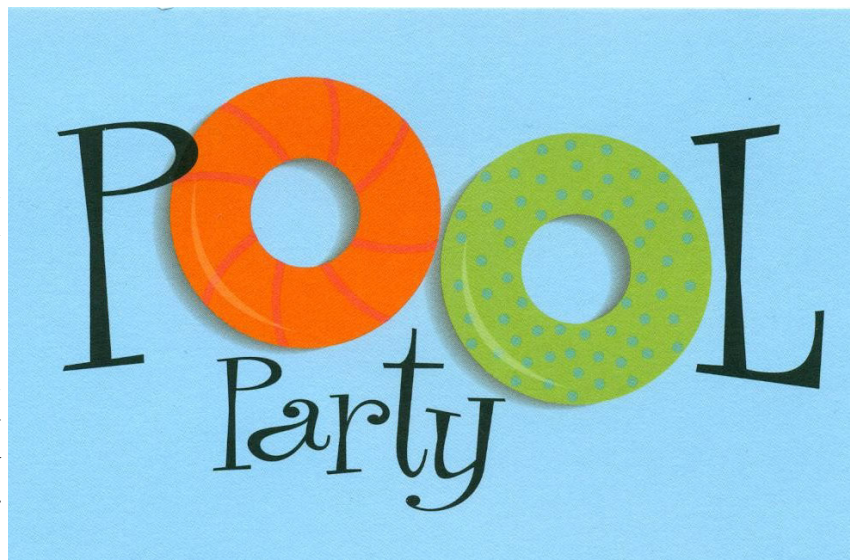
June 2nd Pool Party 5-6:30pm-FREE Meet us down at Birchtree Pool, 3583 Burntleaf Ln, Hoover, AL 35226, at 5pm for our Youth Swim Party. We will have hamburgers, chips, drinks, cookies, and whatever else we can think of. Lifeguards will be on duty. Grab a towel and a friend and come join us!

Wednesday Nights

June 5th-Dinner/Worship/Fun 5-6:30pm-FREE Join us on Wednesday nights this summer for dinner in the Fellowship Hall 5-5:30, worship in the Holy Ground room 5:30-6, and fun in the gym and playground 6-6:30. Bring your friends!

Ice Cream Social

June 9th Ice Cream Social 5-6:30pm-FREE (Donations welcomed)-This is a church wide event not a drop off event. We will be in the fellowship hall. We will have all of the hotdogs, chili, nachos, and of course ICE CREAM you can eat! Come welcome JT and fellowship with your family and church family!





UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCH WITH THE SHOWSTOPPERS

Formed in 2001, Showstoppers is a senior tap dance group from the Birmingham metropolitan area that performs for various functions and groups in the Birmingham area. The group has also performed at the Ms. Senior America Pageant in Reno and Las Vegas and has been featured at the Ms. Senior Alabama Pageant for the past 15 years. Please come and enjoy this upbeat entertaining group! June 13th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. \$12 per person. Sign up in your class or in the Narthex.

PROPOSED FUTURE TRIPS:

Branson, Missouri – September 30-October 5, 2019

Washington, DC – March 26 – April 1, 2020

For more information contact Ida Carroll: 205-329-3948 or car6598@aol.com.

The Open Door Café

Exercise—9:30 AM—Meet & Greet—
10 AM—Programs – 10:30 AM –
Lunch—11:30 AM—Games & Mov-
ies—12:30pm

Thursdays In The Fellowship Hall
All are Welcome!

June 6

Dennis Read
Mission Activities in Kenya

June 13

Showstoppers Luncheon
noon in the Fellowship Hall

June 20

Hoover Historical Society
Jim Langley, President

June 27

Brookwood/Baptist Health
Program

July 4

Closed for Holiday

Worship Online Whenever You Are Away

Over the past few months we have put in a lot of work creating Livestreams of our Traditional Worship Service and The Gathering Worship Service each week. We installed new equipment, programmed the sound mixers, and more so you can stay connected even when you are away from home.

The weekly Livestreams can be found on our Facebook Pages and there is also a dedicated page on our website where you can tune in live each week. There is a link on the upper right of our website that will take you to the Livestream page.

If you are not able to tune in to the live broadcast, the full service recording is available immediately after the service on the website and Facebook.

In addition, the weekly sermon from the Traditional Service continues to be published on our website in both



audio and video format. You can also access the sermon audios as a podcast through Stitcher or iTunes.

No matter where life takes you, you can stay connected to worship with your church family here at Bluff Park.

Meet the Staff

NAME: J.T. (John Thomas)

Mercer

JOB TITLE: Youth Director

BRIEF DESCRIBE YOUR JOB RESPONSIBILITIES

I minister to students and seek to watch them grow in Christ through worship, discipleship, mission, and service. I also help coordinate fun events and chances for fellowship amongst the students and the adult volunteers.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN YOUR ROLE?

I have not started yet, but I have already been apart of a few meetings to get ready for the summer that we are very excited about!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

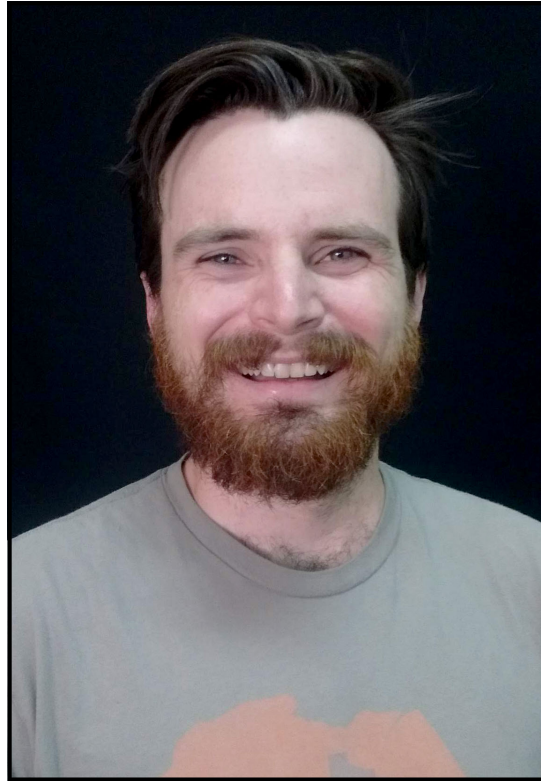
I love working with youth! There is something that is awesome about having fun and cutting loose, but still working to disciple students!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

I have been married to Becca Mercer for the last 3 years and we have loved every minute of it! We were actually married at Bluff Park UMC.

FAVORITE THING TO DO AWAY FROM WORK?

I play soccer, basketball, run, swim, and workout in my free time. I also love to play guitar, piano, bass, and listen to all types of music.



Member Updates

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Kaitlin and Tim Johnson on the birth of a son, Wyatt Thomas Johnson on May 4th.

Congratulations to Betsy and Matt Johnson on the birth of a son, Luke Sparks Johnson on May 20th.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Gladys Gordon who passed away on April 13th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

LIFETRACK

June 1

John 1:14-18 | Psalm 72

June 2

Acts 16:16-34 | Psalm 67

June 3

Acts 16:35-40 | Psalm 89:1-18

June 4

2 Chronicles 5:2-14 | Psalm 99

June 5

Luke 9:18-27 | Psalm 101

June 6

Galatians 5:16-25

Psalm 105:1-22

June 7

Galatians 6:7-10 | Psalm 102

June 8

2 Kings 2:1-15 | Psalm 33

June 9

Acts 2:1-21 | Psalm 145

June 10

Joel 2:18-29 | Psalm 56

June 11

1 Corinthians 2:12-16 | Psalm 67

June 12

Luke 1:26-38 | Psalm 72

June 13

Proverbs 3:13-18 | Psalm 71

June 14

Ephesians 4:1-6 | Psalm 73

June 15

Luke 2:41-52 | Psalm 104

June 16

Romans 5:1-5 | Psalm 146

June 17

Ephesians 4:7-16 | Psalm 80

June 18

Ephesians 5:15-20 | Psalm 78:1-39

June 19

Luke 1:46-55 | Psalm 82

June 20

Romans 2:17-29 | Psalm 85

June 21

Galatians 3:15-22 | Psalm 91

June 22

Matthew 9:27-34 | Psalm 87

June 23

Luke 8:26-39 | Psalm 103

June 24

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | Psalm 82

June 25

Ephesians 2:11-22 | Psalm 99

June 26

Luke 9:37-43 | Psalm 101

June 27

2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Psalm 105:1-22

June 28

Galatians 4:8-20 | Psalm 102

June 29

Luke 9:21-27 | Psalm 66

June 30

Luke 9:51-62 | Psalm 145

Monthly Calendar for June 2019

Sunday, June 2

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am Children's Council Meeting
5:00 pm Youth Pool Party

Monday, June 3

10:00 am Prayer Shawl
5:30 pm Dance Lessons

Wednesday, June 5

9:00 am Food Pantry
5:00 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Strengths Class

Thursday, June 6

9:30 am Sewing Group
10:00 am The Open Door Café

Sunday, June 9

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
3:30 pm Welcoming Committee
5:00 pm Ice Cream Social

Monday, June 10

Youth Beach Retreat
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
5:30 pm Dance Lessons

Tuesday, June 11

Youth Beach Retreat
8:30 am Maintenance
6:00 pm Under The Bridge

Wednesday, June 12

Youth Beach Retreat
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Strengths Class

Thursday, June 13

Youth Beach Retreat
9:30 am Sewing Group
10:00 am The Open Door Café
12:00 pm Adult Ministry Summer Lunch

Friday, June 14

12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

Sunday, June 16

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service

Monday, June 17

9:00 am Camp on the Bluff
10:00 am Prayer Shawl
5:30 pm Dance Lessons

Tuesday, June 18

9:00 am Camp on the Bluff
6:00 pm Under the Bridge

Wednesday, June 19

9:00 am Camp on the Bluff
5:00 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Strengths Class

Thursday, June 20

9:00 am Camp on the Bluff
9:30 am Sewing Group
10:00 am The Open Door Café
7:00 pm Book Club

Sunday, June 23

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth Waterslide Night

Monday, June 24

10:00 am Prayer Shawl
5:30 pm Dance Lessons

Wednesday, June 26

5:00 pm Student Ministry
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Strengths Class

Thursday, June 27

9:30 am Sewing Group
10:00 am The Open Door Café
6:30 am Finance Committee

Saturday, June 29

4:00 pm Covenant Class Party

Sunday, June 30

9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
10:00 am Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am Pre-Concert Lunch
12:15 pm Salute to America Choir Concert

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of...

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

John Calloway, by Ruth Calloway

Peggy Crowley, by Patricia Reese

In Honor of...

OPERATING FUND

Mrs. C.F. Delionback, by David and Elizabeth Ennis

Julia Dunne, by Bob and Pat Hearon

ADULT MINISTRY

John and Sylvia Sumners, by the Adult Ministry Council

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JULY 15-19

8:30AM-12:00PM

Rising 4k-5th Grade

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