



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, April 2, 2013

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

Lester Seigel, conductor



**SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - 4:00 PM at
Bluff Park United Methodist Church
733 Valley Street, Hoover, AL
Free Admission**

**The BSC Concert Choir returns from its annual tour,
presenting an hour of great choral music, including "Fifty
Years Forward, Ever" – a diverse selection of poetry and music
inspired by the fiftieth anniversary of historic events in the
struggle for civil and human rights in Birmingham.**



Grow Alabama is coming to BPUMC!
Grow Alabama is an organization committed to local and sustainable farming by providing a market for our Alabama farmers. BPUMC will be a new drop off location for their weekly boxes of locally grown fruits and vegetables. Come down to the fellowship hall on Sunday April 7th at 9:45am (during Sunday School) to find out how you can be a part of it! You can visit Growalabama.com to check out prices and options. Deliveries will start soon!



**ANNUAL BBQ and BAKE SALE
April 12th and 13th**

**Tickets now on sale—\$8 - ticket
1 ticket - 1 lb BBQ; 5 tickets - Boston Butt**
Enjoy lunch on Saturday the 13th
between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
Dine in or drive thru.
Door Prizes!!!!(Sandwiches only after 5:00
p.m. on Friday, April 12th)
Delicious Baked Goodies.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Corky Creel, who died on March 28. He was a member of the Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class. Corky joined our church in 1935 and was our longest serving member....to the family of Billie Giles, who died on March 28. She was a member of the Anglers and Roy Gilbert Fellowship classes. At age 99, Billie was our oldest church member.....to Ellen Kerns in the death of her mother, Pat Vander Schaaf of Sarasota, Florida on March 25...Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Matt and Julie Self on the birth of a 7 lb. 12 oz. son, on March 26. Tim and Martie Self are the paternal grandparents.

Appointments: The appointment of our new Senior Minister will be announced at the end of the 11:00 morning worship on Sunday, April 14. Pray for Bishop Debbie Wallace-Padgett and the District Superintendents as they work on pastoral appointments for all the churches of the North Alabama Conference. There is a 12 minute video available that further explains the appointment process at <http://www.northalabamaumc.org/news/detail/1266>

Staff News: On April 1, we welcome Joe Pitard as our new Financial Manager. This will be a part-time position working with Ben Sheets on contributions, accounts payable, budget statements, payroll, bank reconciliation, tax filings, etc. Joe retired from AT&T after 30 years of service in a variety of financial positions. He holds a B. S. in Finance from Samford University and a M. S. in Public and Private Management from Birmingham-Southern College. We are glad to have him with us.

Meals on Wheels is a great way to serve others who need our help. Right now, Meals on Wheels is looking for a few good drivers to deliver in the Bluff Park area. Bill Fields coordinates this important ministry for our church. If you would be interested in serving as a driver for Meals on Wheels contact Bill at 822-6090 for details.

Counseling: Premarital counseling can help a marriage get off to a good start. We may spend \$25,000 (or more) on a wedding, but one of the best investments in the future could be a few hundred dollars for several sessions with Steve Sweatt. He is a licensed professional counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Steve has many years of experience in assisting couples as they prepare for married life. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. Evening and weekend sessions can be arranged.

Midweek: Midweek Ministries continues on Wednesday nights through May 8. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available. Things usually wind down a little in the Spring, but we're still going strong! All choirs, handbells, and activities for children and youth will meet as usual on April 10. Classes will include:

- * Reid Crotty's Bible Study on **Great Chapters of the Bible** will study Amos 5 at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity class room
- * **The Cooking Class** at 6:00 in the Fireside Room will feature guest presenter Jennifer Green of Greenfield G's Apple Dream
- * Peter Kirchikov leads **Walnuts On My Bookshelf** at 6:00 in the parlor.
- * Becky Walker teaches **Revelation and the End Time** at 6:00 in the Friendship Classroom.
- * Coffee and Conversation after supper in the Fellowship Hall. No lesson—no agenda—no schedule

Maintenance: The Maintenance Group will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 8:30 to work around the church building. All retired men and anybody who wants to help are welcome.

Missions: Please keep our Volunteers in Mission Team in your prayers as they serve at the El Vergel Agricultural School in Angol, Chile with our missionary John Elmore. They will return on April 20.

BBQ: The annual BBQ is coming up on April 12-13. We need DOOR PRIZES for the ticket stub drawing. Bring items to Reid Crotty's office. Thank you.

Meetings:

Sunday, April 7	3:00	Education Committee
Sunday, April 7	6:00	Community Ministries Foundation
Thursday, April 11	6:30	Finance Committee

Thank You: Thank you so much for the care and concern you expressed for Patricia and her family following her passing. Patricia loved and enjoyed BPUMC and would have appreciated the Memorial Service.

Sincerely, Family of Patricia Henley, Gordon, Rebecca and Jim

Dear Staff of Bluff Park UMC, Thank you so much for allowing us to have State Choral Performance Assessment in your beautiful church again this year; it is the best place to sing in Birmingham! I used to come to Bluff Park to perform as a student at Hoover, and I love bringing my students there now that I'm a teacher myself. We really appreciate your generosity and hospitality!

Sincerely, Meredith DeVore, Choral Director, Clay Chalkville Middle School

Promise Home Housewarming: Sunday, April 7, 2013, Opportunity Classroom, 5:00 p.m. We will have a snack dinner (\$4), followed by an information session and then a tour. The house is not complete but we can still tour it. A list has been set up at Target and a registry at Bed Bath & Beyond. Search for: First name is Bluff Park and last name is Promise Home.

EASTER LOVE GIFT FOR MISSIONS
100% for others
Goal: \$30,000
Received to Date: \$21,286.00



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.

* Sunday, April 7 –Our housewarming for the Promise Home will be Sunday, April 7, 5:00 pm, in the Opportunity Classroom. We will have a light supper, Linda Holland will talk about the Promise Home and then we will tour the home. All members of the church are invited to come. Circle leaders – encourage your members to attend and report to Sylvia (ssummers@bellsouth.net) the number coming. A housewarming registry for the Promise Home is at Target and at Bed, Bath, & Beyond – listed as first name: Bluff Park and last name: Promise Home.

*Monday, April 8 – UMW Board meeting – 9:30 in Cornerstone Classroom

*Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13 – BBQ and Bake Sale

Questions – Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

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)

MEMORIALS**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST**

Kate Catanzano by June Ousley, Gerald and Shirley Harding, Ann Gilliland, Sarah and Newell Finchum, Joyce M. Shirley, Balch and Bingham LLP, The Lunch Bunch (Pat Alexander, Gracie Davis, Martha Jasper, Ruth Poole, Janice Schneider, Mary Helen Sims, LaRue Thallner, Sara Wimberly)

Bill White by Judy and Jack Stevens

Dan Morgan by Dana M. Wells, Peggy White and family,

Patricia Henley by Marshall and Joan McCracken Mezzell, Sarah Young,

Jack McCann by Jim and Barbara Walker, Marilyn Nicholson,

Mildred Higdon by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gorday

BUILDING FUND

Kate Catanzano by Jennifer Alley, Elsie Medders,

Judy Green by Jack and Sue Pearson

Bill White by Jack and Sue Pearson

Barbara Nelson by M. D. Sanders

Patricia Henley by Alabama Department of Transportation

FOOD PANTRY

Jack McCann by Ann Emerson, Valerie Wheeler

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Alan Ralph by Randy, Judy, Laura, and David Smith, Martha W. McCary

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Kate Catanzano by Real Time Medical Date, Medical Management Plus, Inc.,

Louise Sturdivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Sturdivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

ORGAN FUND

W. L. Broome by Martha W. McCary

Mildred Steger by Martha W. McCary

EASTER LILY FUND

Louise Sturdivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

HONORARIUMS**PROMISE HOME**

Reid Crotty by United Methodist Women

YOUTH

Youth Department by Jack and Sue Pearson

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor and thanks to the ladies of the Covenant Sunday school class by Pam McDonald

Please note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

Golf Tournament:

Mon April 29; Riverchase CC; Registration opens at 11:00; Tee time 12:30

Cost: \$85 entry fee per player (golf fees, range balls, box lunch, sodas) Lots of prizes. Sponsorship: \$100 per sign or \$500 for 2 signs and 4 players. Benefits Bluff Park United Methodist Church

To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST Was a big success! Thank you goes the the Children's Council for making it a wonderful event.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING is Sunday May 5 at 10a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for adults who have not received the training this year or who have not received this type of training in the last 3 years.

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. A nursery is provided for children of volunteers. The 2 year olds (rising 3k preschoolers) of volunteers will have a VBS experience, too.

VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 3rd at 6:30p.m. in the New Light classroom. Anyone who would like to help is welcomed to come!

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL Thank you Home Improvement class for teaching the April unit on Pentecost. It will be fun!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

THURSDAY, APRIL 4:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10:

THURSDAY, APRIL 11:

TUESDAY, APRIL 16:

FRIDAY, APRIL 26:

SATURDAY, MAY 4:

COOKING CLASS—with Jennifer & Bill Tsantes—6:00/7:00 p.m. Fireside Rm.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—10:00 Joy and Royce

COOKING CLASS—with Jennifer Green, Greenfield's G's Apple Dreams

SHEPHERD'S CENTER Thomas Andrew Finley, local artist.

MYSTERY DAY TRIP ??????—Museums, historic homes, including the local jail \$65 pp traveling by tour bus, admission tickets, and lunch—Call Betty

SENIOR FUN DAY with REID AND TOM ROBERTS

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow

LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

Sign-up for *Tablescapes* with Betty at the Welcome Center on Sunday

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC

Historical district 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: \$545.00 pp.

Special Moment with Jesus!

According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Student Ministries

Are you looking for a way to show our students you care about them? Help with our Scholarship Fund. With so many trips coming up this summer, any help you can give to lower costs for families with multiple children in our student program or who have a demonstrated financial need is greatly appreciated. You can make out a check to BPUMC with "Youth Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and turn that in to our main office at your convenience.

Wednesday, April 3, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 7, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 7, 4:30pm: Bowling @ Vestavia Bowl. Bring \$10, meet us in the Youth Wing parking lot.

Wednesday, April 10, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

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The Week of March 31—April 6

Sunday, April 7

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Info on Grow Alabama
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Education Committee
4:00 p.m. Birmingham-Southern Concert
5:00 p.m. Promise Home Shower
6:00 p.m. Community Ministries

Monday, April 8

9:30 a.m. UMW

Tuesday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Maintenance
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, April 10

4:30 p.m. Children's Handbells
4:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study
5:00-6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal
5:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
6:00 p.m. Walnuts on the Bookshelf
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, April 10

6:00 p.m. Cooking Class
6:30 p.m. The Last Week
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study

Thursday, April 11

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, April 12

BBQ and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 13

4:00 a.m. BBQ—Bake Sale

Ushers

8:45: Thompson 11:00: TBA

Cross

8:45: Kate Culervhouse 11:00: Justin Toth

Acolytes

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski

Children's Church

8:45 Ferrell 11:00 Williamson

Greeters April 14: Canterbury

Meals on Wheels: April 10: Peggy White

Food Pantry: May 1: Kay Adams

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Bake your favorite recipes for the

SPRING BAKE SALE

APRIL 12th and 13th.

Plan to be a part of this annual fundraiser for our Church by baking and sharing with others.

If you run short of time

baking ahead and freezing is a good thing

Last Week's Record

March 31, 2013

Sunday School	422
Morning Worship	1,198
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$27,088.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$351,325.00
Received to Date	\$357,079.17
Building Fund Receipts	\$4,395.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$74,061.98
New Members in 2013	3

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$3,560.00
Received to Date	\$146,079.00

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

Midweek Meal, April 10

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, and green lima beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, April 17

Taco salad and refried beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

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

Sermons April 7, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"The Resurrection Life"
(Colossians 3:1-17)
Reid Crotty

No Evening Worship

April 10—Midweek Servers
Wesley Forum-Fellowship Hall;
Richard and Derilda-Carryout
Cashiers
Sally Holland and Woodie Comer