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This coming April marks forty-six years since Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his "I Have Been To The Mountaintop" speech in Memphis, Tennessee. King said:

"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life-longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will."

King's life was taken from him the following day at a Memphis hotel. I think King's attitude in these three sentences demonstrates the king of mindset a devoted disciple of Jesus Christ should have. Whatever God's dream is for us, we should be concerned about living that and that alone out in our days. John Wesley says the same thing in his Covenant Prayer which we prayed on the first Sunday of the year:

"I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

This Sunday in both morning worship services, we will look at the calling of Moses in Exodus 3 and 4 and see how God's dream for him created a fire that would not be burned out until he had fulfilled God's dream for the people of Israel. Maybe his experience with God's burning bush will help you discover your own burning bush — God's way of getting through to you about His dream for you.

Mike

UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 24-26** DISCOVERY WEEKEND
- JANUARY 26** CHILI COOKOFF
- BOARD OF STEWARDS AND CHARGE CONFERENCE**
- COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
- FEBRUARY 2** SCOUT SUNDAY
- FEBRUARY 16** BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE—PADGETT PREACHES
- FEBRUARY 21-22** CONSIGNMENT SALE
- FEBRUARY 23** CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST
- FEBRUARY 28** SILENT AUCTION

Festival of Three Kings Thank you

Thank you to everyone for your support of the Festival of Three Kings. Bluff Park United Methodist Church provided gifts for 112 children from DHR and Urban Ministry and 21 children from Bluff Park Elementary School. We especially want to thank the many youth and the adults who helped with the Festival of Three Kings event on December 14th.



Mid-Week activities



Our Midweek Ministries

We have a splendid **midweek meal** prepared by Doris in our kitchen. Meals are served from 5 pm—6:30 pm. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$2 for children 6-12, free for children under 6, with a family maximum of \$18. We also provide takeout.

Our **youth and children** have excellent activities. Our children have a lesson, gym time, and choir. Our youth have a worship service called "Holy Ground" each Wednesday.

Adult classes begin with the Pastor's Bible Study at 4:30 pm.

Most of our classes begin at 6 pm. The only exception is the "**Chile Preparation Class**" that will talk about our mission trip to Chile, which will begin at 6:30 pm.

Throughout January at 6 pm we will have a study called "**Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly**" led by Mike Holly.

On January 29 and February 5 at 6 pm, Peter Kirchikov will lead **Russia and the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi**. This class will provide history and context for the venues at the Olympic games in Russia.

Starting January 29, a six week program developed by Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life* will be offered in the Cornerstone Class. It is called **The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life**. Please call 985-9463 and leave your name and number to sign up or ask for more information.

On February 12, two more classes will begin at 6pm - **Becky Walker's Bible Study** and "**Believe it or Not,**" a study led by Peter von Herrmann on the Apostle's Creed and world religions.

In April, we will have a series of **cooking classes** at 6 pm.

If classes aren't your thing, just come and relax with "**Coffee and Conversation,**" our "program" that has no lesson plan and no schedule. Sit, have coffee or tea, and relax.

Here is the recipe for the soup we served Wednesday. The ingredients and recipe was included in the **Food Pantry** bags for the January Families. Rosemary Dallam, a certified dietician and retired Family Life teacher wanted to provide an example of a dish that tasted good and was nutritional. We did harvest some of the turnip greens out of our "Community Gardens". We hope to do this another time for the pantry families.

Turnip Greens Soup

Ingredients

- 1 (27 ounce) turnip greens OR 3 Cups cooked fresh turnip greens, seasoned
- 1-2 (16 ounce) can(s) reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 (15 ounce) can diced tomatoes DO NOT DRAIN
- 1 (15 ounce) can great northern beans, rinsed & drained
- 2 Cups cooked black-eyed peas OR 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans or kidney beans, rinsed & drained
- 1 pound smoked TURKEY sausage, OR 1 pound ham diced & saute'd with 1 large onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 teaspoon Creole Seasoning
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 Tablespoon Tabasco or Hot Sauce

Directions

1. Drain & Rinse all canned beans.
2. Saute' chopped onion & TURKEY sausage or Ham in 1 teaspoon margarine.
3. Add all ingredients to a large pot. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes.



Do you have what it takes to take home the "Golden Pepper?" **The 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off** will be Sunday January 26th at 5pm-6:30pm. Entries for Chili, Youth Chili (13 and younger), Corn bread, and Cookies need to be dropped off in the fellowship hall between 4pm and 4:30pm to be judged. The winners will be announced shortly after the eating starts at 5pm. We have some surprises cooked up this year so be sure to plan to attend. Tickets are \$6 per person with a family max of \$18.

2014 Flower Calendar: The Calendar is up for 2014. Sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. Please sign up in the office of the Education building.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL will be taught by the SEEKERS' CLASS this month! Thank you to all who are going to teach and shepherd. The unit this month is called Those Who Made a Difference.

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP Monday January 20 we will go ice skating at the Pelham Civic Center. Doors to the church will open at 7:30 a.m. We will leave at 9:30 a.m. After lunch, we will see a movie. Cost is \$30.00 a child. Please make your child's reservation for the bus by calling or e-mailing Mrs. Leigh at 822.0910 ext. 107 or ldelashaw@bpumc.org.

THE STAKEHOLDERS' MEETING which is the culmination of the ministry assessment done by Ministry Architects will be Thursday January 16 at 5:30p.m. The meeting will be in the Fireside Room.

THE CHILI COOK-OFF is January 26! Children are welcomed to make a scrumptious pot of chili and see if they can win a prize. Other categories they can compete in are cornbread and cookies. Parents are encouraged to enter their own special dishes. All food should be in the Fellowship Hall by 4:30p.m. Judging is 4:30-5p.m. dinner is at 5p.m. Donations accepted. All proceeds goes to our incredible preschool, Little Imaginations.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL will meet on Sunday Jan. 26 after the Chili Cook-off in combination with the Board of Stewards meeting.

4th FELLOWSHIP said good-bye to Ms. Katie Pauley this Wednesday January 15. Be on the look out for further announcements. Mrs. Leigh will lead on Sunday night Jan. 19. Come for Snack Supper at 5:30p.m. Parents can pick you up at 7:15p.m.

THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY is March 7(not Feb.7). We had to change the date due to scheduling conflicts. It is still 6-7:30p.m. and in the Opportunity classroom. This is for all preschoolers and their families. We will have royalty to visit and tell some magical tales! Please make your family's reservation by contacting Leigh Delashaw @ ldelashaw@bpumc.org or calling 822-0910, ext. 107.

STUDENT MINISTRY

Discovery Weekend is Friday-Sunday, January 24_26 here at the church. This spiritual formation retreat held at our church is the most important annual event in our student ministry. High school and college students will lead middle school students through a weekend of worship, games, prayer, talks and discussion with support from adult volunteers. The cost is \$75 for middle school students and FREE for high school leaders. Over the coming weeks, we'll be working with our high school students to prepare them for their leadership roles. You can register your students from the Student Ministries section of our church website.

Be sure to add the **Discovery Weekend Prayer Service** to your calendar: Saturday, January 25th at 7:00pm. All family and close friends are invited as we come forward, lay hands on our students and pray for each one at the altar. If you or a representative of your family CANNOT attend, let us know and we'll designate a group of adult volunteers to do so on your behalf.

Confirmation Class begins on Sunday, February 16. Students who want to be confirmed as full, confessing members of our congregation on Sunday, April 27 are required to attend 8 of the 10 class topics we offer. We'll have one extra class at the end to make up any missed topics. Our plan is to teach on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour (10am). If needed, we will consider adding a Wednesday afternoon class. Parents, check your email inbox for more info.

Wednesday, January 15, 5:30pm: MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

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

Sunday, January 19, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, January 19, 12:30-2:00pm: HS Leaders Training for Discovery Weekend (in Youth Wing, lunch provided)

Sunday, January 19, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, January 19, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 19, 6:00pm: HS Girls Small Group & Vision Night Program

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, JAN. 16:

SEHPHERD'S CENTER—Ginni from Lakeshore—Health 2014

THURSDAY, JAN. 23:

SEHPHERD'S CENTER—Pat Morris—Scrapbooking, Old and New Photos
Yellow Dot Sign Up 1:00-2:00 in the Gym

THURSDAY, JAN. 30:

SEHPHERD'S CENTER—Lynn Davis, All About Coffee

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5:

Valentine Cards to our Sick and Shut-ins 11:00 a.m. Library

THURSDAY, FEB. 6:

SEHPHERD'S CENTER—Matthew Hamilton—Before I Die Wall....
Sharing Dreams and Thoughts With Others

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

Camp Sumatanga—Devotion, Bible Story, Lunch—Mystery Side Trip 9:30-3:00

SUNDAY, FEB 23:

CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST

Special Moment with Jesus!

A blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. Deuteronomy 23:5

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The Week of JANUARY 19-25

Sunday, January 19

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study

Monday, January 20

9:30 a.m. Children's Field Trip

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 22

4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, January 22

6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, January 23

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

Friday, January 24

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class
Discovery Weekend

Saturday, January 25

Ushers

8:45: McDonald 11:00: Footsteps

Cross

8:45: Rachel Martin 11:00: Mollie Edwards

Acolytes

8:45: Matt Logan 11:00: Rory Edwards

Children's Church

Nursery Staff

Meal on Wheels January 22: Chambers

Greeters January 19: Covenant Class

Food Pantry: February 5: Sylvia Summers

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

Last Week's Record

January 12, 2014

Youth/Children	56/78
Morning Worship	664
Weekly Operating Needs	
Operating Receipts	\$17,946.00
2014 Operating Budget	
Needed to Date	
Received to Date	\$44,375.00
Building Fund Receipts	\$1,604.00
Building Fund in 2014	\$7,929.00
New Members in 2014	0

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$1,554.00
Received to Date	\$358,401.06

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

Men's Free Play Basketball In the Gym

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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Sermon, January 19, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"I Will Send You To Pharaoh"
(Exodus 3:1-10)
Mike Holly

VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning! Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery and Fellowship Hall.

MIDWEEK MEAL: January 15

Fried Chicken, rice/gravy, lima beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

MIDWEEK MEAL: January 22

Pork Loin, dressing, green beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

Wed. Night Servers—Jan. 15
Fellowship Hall—
Fisherman Class
Take Out— Peggy,
Gaile and Betty