



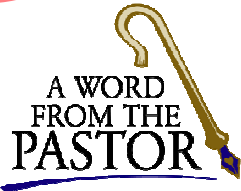
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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This Sunday, we will be continuing our study on Moses' call from the third and fourth chapters of Exodus. Moses is called to do the extraordinary and yet, we will find that all along Moses has had all of the necessary relationships and skills to do what he has been called to do by God. Exodus reveals that while Moses is gifted, he cannot see it. While Moses is called, he is not prepared to respond.

After encountering God in the burning bush and hearing of his call to liberate the people of God (Israel) from the land of Egypt, Moses comes up with several excuses as to why he is not qualified. Here's a helpful hint, if and when you encounter the Living God in a burning bush - your answer is "yes." Moses' excuses are met by God's affirmation of who He is and who Moses is — meaning that together, they are both able to face anything that Pharaoh and Egypt may have in store for them.

Moses is called to go to Egypt, but he is also called to radically trust in God and in himself. Excuses are proof of a lack of trust. Join us on Sunday morning at both morning worship services as we explore Moses' excuses and how we as followers of Jesus can learn to trust in God and in ourselves.

Mike



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 24-26

JANUARY 26

FEBRUARY 2

FEBRUARY 16

FEBRUARY 21-22

FEBRUARY 23

FEBRUARY 28

DISCOVERY WEEKEND

CHILI COOKOFF

BOARD OF STEWARDS AND CHARGE CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SCOUT SUNDAY

BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE—PADGETT PREACHES

BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF

CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST

SILENT AUCTION

Evening worship returns on Sunday, February 9th at 6:00 pm with Tom Duley preaching.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Penny Burns in the death of her brother, Craig Howland....also to Tri-cia Shanlever in the death of her grandfather, Oris Hare. Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

New Members Class

We will have a **new member class** beginning this Sunday, January 26 in the parlor. This class will be an opportunity to learn more about our denomination, our church, and how you can get involved. If you've considered joining or have already joined and still have a few questions, come by the parlor during Sunday School starting this Sunday in the parlor.

When walking carry a plastic bag to pick up litter. Helpful hint from **The Green Team**

Joy Circle meets Monday, January 27 at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room. Join us as we begin a new year "to know God...develop friendships...and expand concepts of mission."

There will be a **Garden Work Day on Saturday, February 15th** from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We will be clearing brush in order to construct a compost bin out of pallets. . We will be using hand saws, loppers, and weed eaters to clear. There will be briars and stickers so dress appropriately. All age groups are welcome including children. We will have something appropriate for them to do. It is come and go. The gardens are located between the Columbarium and the Korean Catholic Church.

The city for the Super Bowl is a huge market for Human Trafficking: Male and female victims of human trafficking can be found in all types of establishments and locations, in rural, suburban and urban settings in the United States and worldwide. You'll find victims on the streets, in houses, in trailers and on farms. Victims of human trafficking can be landscaping and agricultural workers, panhandlers, day laborers, factory and sweatshop workers, hotel workers, and housekeepers. Right now traffickers in many American cities are exploiting workers and sexually abusing women and girls. This Super Bowl Sunday, help us stop modern-day slavery. *Let's intercept the traffickers and reverse the momentum.*

If you suspect human trafficking or want to learn more, call the New York City Police Department at 646-610-5000, the East Rutherford Police at 201-438-0165, the New Jersey State Police at 201-460-4100, the New York Crime Stoppers hotline at 800-577-TIPS, the New Jersey Human Trafficking Hotline at 855-363-6548, or the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-3737-888. For more ways to help, visit **United Methodist Women:** www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/act

Soroptimist: www.soroptimist.org Women's International League for Peace and Freedom: www.wilpfus.org
New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking: www.njhumantrafficking.org If you'd like to host an education forum, call the United Methodist Women Washington Office of Public Policy at 202-488-5660 to identify a program facilitator.

Midweek Ministries

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".

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. on January 29.

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.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY is March 7. It is 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.

THANK YOU to all of the participants with the Ministry Assessment. A lot of information was gathered and sifted through - A plan is emerging! Next step is Board of Stewards. Hope everyone will be there to hear and vote for moving forward with the plan.

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 22, 5:30pm: MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Friday-Sunday, January 24_26: Discovery Weekend

Saturday, January 25, 6:30pm: Discovery Prayer Service in the Chapel

*(family and guests should arrive at 6:30pm, students arrive at 7pm)

Sunday, January 26, 10:00am: NO Sunday School, all students are invited to the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 26: NO afternoon/evening student activities

Wednesday, January 29, 5:30pm: MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, January 29, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, JAN. 23:

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 30:

SHEPHERD'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:

SHEPHERD'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!

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:6

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The Week of JANUARY 26-February 1

Sunday, January 26
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. New Member Class
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off
6:00 p.m. Board of Stewards
Monday, January 27
Tuesday, January 28
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
Wednesday, January 29
4:30 p.m.. Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, January 29
6:00 p.m. Russia and the Olympics
6:00 p.m. The Daniel Plan
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Choir
Thursday, January 30
9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
Friday, January 31
Saturday, February 1

Ushers
8:45: Chatterton 11:00: Youth
Cross
8:45: Davison Dover 11:00: Logan Watts
Acolytes
8:45: Will Thompson 11:00: Caroline Owen
Children's Church
Nursery Staff
Meal on Wheels January 29: Peggy White
Greeters January 26: Faith Class
Food Pantry: February 5: Theresa Richerson

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st Wednesday each month
We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

Sermon, January 26, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"But Who Am I?"
(Exodus 3:11-15)
Mike Holly

Last Week's Record

| January 19, 2014 | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Youth/Children | 81/92 |
| Morning Worship | 577 |
| Weekly Operating Needs | |
| Operating Receipts | \$28,998.27 |
| 2014 Operating Budget | |
| Needed to Date | |
| Received to Date | \$73,373.27 |
| Building Fund Receipts | \$13,907.59 |
| Building Fund in 2014 | \$21,836.59 |
| New Members in 2014 | 0 |

| LIVING OUR LEGACY | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015 | |
| Amount Pledged | \$1,080,950.00 |
| Received Last Week | \$13,907.59 |
| Received to Date | \$372,308.65 |

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

| Men's Free Play Basketball In the Gym | |
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| Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members) | Wednesday: 7:00pm (community) |

VALET PARKING

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

MIDWEEK MEAL: January 22

Pork Loin, dressing, green beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.
January 29
Spaghetti and meatballs, corn on cob or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

Wed. Night Servers—Jan. 22
Fellowship Hall—
Matt and Pat Reeder
Take Out— Peggy,
Gaile and Betty