



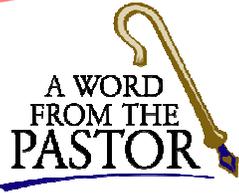
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, February 11, 2014

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This Sunday, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett will join us in both morning worship services. Bishop Wallace-Padgett became our bishop in the early fall of 2012 and has led the churches in our conference to consider how we can be a part of intensive transformation and deep change both in the church and in our world. We as a church are very excited about her visit and know we will be blessed by her message.

As we look ahead in the church calendar, we see that Lent is just around the corner. Lent is a time for spiritual refreshment and renewal. It is both a time for us to do a “faith assessment” (a time to evaluate where we are in our spiritual journey), as well as a time for extensive study and prayer to help us connect more closely with the God who loves us.

Our Lenten study will begin on Sunday, March 9th as we begin a sermon series called “The Final Words from the Cross.” Each Sunday, we will hear one of the phrases or statements from Jesus as he is on the cross on Good Friday. There is a study guide available for anyone or any group who would like to study along with the series. The author says: “Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung upon the cross, Jesus spoke seven ‘final words’ — statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves.” Join us during the season of Lent for a transformational series and study at Bluff Park!

Mike

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| FEBRUARY 16 | BISHOP DEBRA WALLACE—PADGETT PREACHES |
| FEBRUARY 21-22 | BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF |
| FEBRUARY 23 | CARE N’ CONTACT BREAKFAST |
| FEBRUARY 23 | ORGAN RECITAL at 4:00 |
| FEBRUARY 28 | SILENT AUCTION |

MIDWEEK NEWS (See inside for more details)



- Mike Holly begins a Dream Workshop
- Becky Walker’s Bible Study begins February 19
- Believe it or Not with Peter von Herrmann begins February 19
- Daniel Plan a course in healthy eating

The **UMW Reading Program** is “open for business.” Please visit our shelf in the library and choose a book. **READ—LEARN—ENJOY!**

Evening worship Sunday, February 16th at 6:00 pm with Peter von Herrmann preaching.

Living Room Study for Young Adults in February! Stay tuned for dates and information!



Bible Study Fellowship will offer a two session seminar, "Serving the Church" scheduled for Feb 24 and March 3. Each session begins at 5:45 and lasts about one hour. This Seminar is designed to meet their aim “to equip and motivate individuals to contribute more effectively to the life and work of their churches, supporting them faithfully in prayer, stewardship and service.”

LADIES DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 3. Mark your calendar now!

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tammy Waldrop in the death of her father, Willard Marrow, who was also Laurie Moore's grandfather. Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

Join us for a night of dinner and dancing at The Club of Birmingham! Tickets can still be purchased for this year's **Silent Auction!** The Auction is February 28th and tickets will not be available at the door. See the table in the narthex for tickets.

Donations Needed! The Silent Auction committee is still looking for donations for this year's auction. Please contact Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com or 978-2907 or see the table in the narthex to donate an item. All donations are tax deductible!

New Members: *Clay and Tracy Colley* and children *Vance* (age 5) and *Anna Clayton* (age 4 months) come by transfer from a local church. They live in Bluff Park.

Rachel Crutchfield comes by transfer from a local church. She lives in Bluff Park.

John and Miche'l Godwin and children *Parker* (12th grade), *Warren* (8th grade), *Luke* (6th grade), and *Graham* (4th grade) from a local church. They live in Bluff Park.

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.

February 23 and March 2 - A New Mini Sermon Series
He Said; She Said



Revs. Mike and Julie Holly will preach on the same scripture two Sundays in a row, sharing two perspectives on the same text. Mike will preach on February 23rd and Julie will join us on March 2nd. Rev. Julie Holly is the Minister of Contemporary Worship at Canterbury UMC. She was previously the lead pastor at Discovery UMC in Hoover, AL. We are excited to have Mike's wife join us in worship!

MIDWEEK NEWS

Mike Holly will lead a Dream Workshop on Wednesday, February 12th and 19th in the Opportunity Classroom.

Daniel Plan: Want to get in control of your health? We can do it leaning on God and helping each other! Come join us in the Daniel Plan Wednesdays at 6pm. We are in the Cornerstone Classroom on the first floor. The room assignment may change after that so call the church or me to find out where we will meet after Feb. 12. Kandis Scudder, 985-9463, kandisscudder@mac.com,

Becky Walker will begin a **new Bible Study on Wednesday, February 19, at 6 PM in the Friendship Classroom.** Curriculum will be from the Efir Bible Study Series, and will focus on Paul's Epistle to the Romans. There will be daily reading and reflection for this study, as well as a DVD for each meeting.

Peter von Herrmann will begin a **new study on February 19 in the Seekers Class at 6 PM.** "Believe It or Not" will start by discussing the Apostles' Creed and what it means.



Calling All Volunteers
Food Pantry
Thank You & Training

If you are a current volunteer please come. If you want to volunteer in the pantry please come. Choose either session and we will provide the lunch.

Reid Crotty Fellowship Hall Sunday, February 16

11:00 First Training Session

12:00 Lunch and Fellowship

After worship service

12:45 Second Training Session

We have several opportunities for volunteering.

Please join us.

For a lunch count we do ask for an RSVP:
Theresa Richerson - 441-3467

theresaricherson@gmail.com

Rock-a-thon—Morgan United Methodist Church— Saturday, February 22. Donations by February 16th—checks to McCoy Adult Day Care. Money raised goes to support the McCoy Adult Day Care Center of the United Methodist Center for Senior Citizens. It provides a variety of services to allow fragile and frail adults to main the highest level of independence with dignity. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself is the Rock eternal.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS The Children's Council is collecting gift cards for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a \$10 (or higher amount!) gift card please give it to Leigh Delashaw, Ivy Holmes or Molly Knight. These will be used in the Balloon Popping Game!

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP- Exit 456 is March 7-8 at Camp Sumatanga. We will leave the church at Friday 4:30p.m. and be back Saturday at 4:30p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Information packets are on the Welcome Center counter and the 3rd floor information table. Deadline for registration is Feb. 15.

Our own youth director, Bart Styes will be one of the speakers!

NEXT ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP will be Monday Feb. 17. We will go to Ruffner Mountain. Cost is \$30.00. We will provide lunch. As of right now the trip is full but we will start a waiting list. We will start gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30a.m. We will be back by 4p.m. Please pick your child up by 5:30p.m.

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.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL will be taught by the Cornerstone Class this month! Thank you to all who are going to teach and shepherd. The unit this month is called Isaac and Rebekah.

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP will not be meeting on Sunday nights until a new coordinator is found.

BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF Consignment Sale is Feb. 21 and 22. Make sure you come by and check out the spring clothing sale!

STUDENT MINISTRY

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.

Silent Auction is on Friday, February 28. Students and parents are invited to attend this fun fundraiser for our summer interns at The Club. There are incredible items, services, vacation rentals and trip packages for auction, plus great food entertainment and raffles. Tickets are required. Contact Megan Wise for tickets or to donate something for auction.

Sunday, February 16, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, February 16, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, February 16, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 16, 6:00pm: Anti-Valentine's Day Party & HS Girls Small Group

Wednesday, February 19, 5:30pm: MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, February 19, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, FEB. 13:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Jack Owens, retired FBI Agent—real life FBI stories

THURSDAY, FEB. 20:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—FH—Karen Haiflich, Medicare/ Insurance Update

SUNDAY, FEB 23:

CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST Fellowship Hall, 10:00-10:45

***** **Each Sunday School Class, please send 2 representatives.**

THURSDAY, FEB. 27:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Gilligan's Island Bible Study with Charlie Trucks

THURSDAY, MARCH 6:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER— Dr. Beth Hughes- Hoover/Princeton

11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Charlie Trucks

TUESDAY, MARCH 11:

MYSTERY TRIP ?????? 9:00-3:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 25:

TOUR BEAR BRYANT MUSEUM, DENNY CHIMES, LUNCH at Cypress Inn

THURSDAY, APRIL 3:

THE EXPLORATION IN ANTIQUITY CENTER, La Grange, GA

Tour and Passover Meal - Traveling by Tour Bus—Cost \$75—Call Betty

Special Moment with Jesus!

Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Psalms 36:5

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The Week of February 16—22

Sunday, February 16

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class Begins
10:00 a.m. Food Pantry Training
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
2:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study
4:00 p.m. Worship Committee
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, February 17

Tuesday, February 18

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Bass Club

Wednesday, February 19

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

Wednesday, February 19

6:00 p.m. Russia and the Olympics
6:00 p.m. The Daniel Plan
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Believe it or Not
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, February 20

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
Consignment Sale

Friday, February 21

Consignment Sale

Sat. Feb. 22

Consignment Sale

Ushers

8:45: TBA 11:00: Davis

Cross

8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Jonathan Trucks

Acolytes

8:45: Emma Patton 11:00: Emily Toth

Children's Church

8:45 Little 11:00 Gray

Meal on Wheels February 19: Wesson/Brown
Greeters February 16: Friendship Class

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

Last Week's Record

February 9, 2014

Youth/Children	73/94
Morning Worship	566
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$30,388.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$162,150.00
Received to Date	\$152,239.20
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,875.00
Building Fund in 2014	\$25,422.26
New Members in 2014	7

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	2,605.00
Received to Date	\$404,621.58

**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, February 16, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Cultivate New In Christ"
Luke 13:6-9
Debra Wallace-Padgett

Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.
Peter von Herrmann

VALET PARKING

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

MIDWEEK MEAL: February 19

Fried catfish, hash brown casserole, collard greens or baked chicken, baked potato bar,
roll and dessert.

**Wed. Night
Servers—Feb. 12**
Fellowship Hall—
Joiner's
Take Out—
Wesley Forum Class