



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, February 25, 2014

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At Bluff Park UMC we receive our Easter Love Offering for missions during Lent. This offering supports ministries and missions that we as a church are involved in.

This year we will also receive a second offering for missions during Lent. The second offering is to support the construction of the Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House. The Missions Committee recommended and the Board of Stewards affirmed the recommendation to finance and build the Habitat House as a congregation. This will be our local Volunteers in Mission project for 2014.

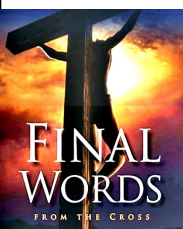
The typical cost of construction is \$50,000. However, we intend to raise a total of \$55,000 so that we can have a small cushion for unexpected expenses. The good news is that we only need to raise \$15,000 through the Habitat offering. Two donors have committed \$40,000 to the project for a matching campaign. When the congregation successfully raises \$15,000, these donors will contribute \$40,000. That means for every \$1.00 you donate to the Habitat House these donors will donate almost \$3.00. That is a great way to stretch your donation.

We are convinced that God is asking us to dream big dreams and accomplish great things in His name. The Easter Love Offering and the Bluff Park Habitat House are ways that God will use Bluff Park UMC to bless others and glorify God. Our hope is that you will make your regular donation to the Easter Love Offering and then make an extra donation to the Bluff Park Habitat House.

When you write your checks please remember to designate where your gift should be directed by writing either **Easter Love Offering or Bluff Park Habitat House** in the memo line. Thank you in advance for what we know will be a generous offering.

Tom

He Said; She Said: This Sunday, we will conclude our two-week sermon series called "He Said; She Said." My wife, Rev. Julie Holly, will be preaching and we will celebrate Holy Communion at both morning services. will also be preaching on Luke 19:41-48 where Jesus weeps over Jerusalem and clears out the Temple.



The Final Words: The season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th), our church will be studying the six final words or phrases from Jesus as he is upon the cross. Christ's dying hours, his final statements were heard by those who stood at the feet of the cross. series "Final Words From The Cross, will allow us to encounter the words of love and grace as God's Son dies out of immense love for each and every one of us. A study guide and DVD is available for purchase if any small group or Sunday School class would like to study along.

Lenten Morning Prayer: Rev. Tom Duley will lead a morning prayer service each Wednesday before Easter Sunday starting on March 12th at 7:30 am in our Sanctuary. This a wonderful way to take on a rich spiritual discipline during the time of Lent as we seek to grow in faith and love of God and others.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Margaret Creswell in the death of her husband on February 21. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome *Jamie Mikol* who comes by Profession of Faith. Jamie, her husband and daughter live in Helena



March 5

**6:30 p.m.
Sanctuary
with**

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES
(for all ages)**

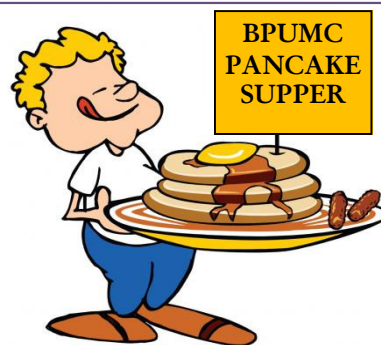
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

We begin Lent with a solemn service of worship in which we ponder our sinfulness and our mortality. How easily we forget both! Only against that background can we truly hear the Gospel.

Ash Wednesday Worship will take the place of most of our Midweek classes and activities. The Midweek Meal will be served as usual from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available.

**SHROVE TUESDAY
(Fat Tuesday)
PANCAKE SUPPER
Tuesday, March 4
5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Bluff Park United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
Sponsored by the Youth**



Pancakes—Bacon—Sausage -Fruit Cup—Drink
\$6.00 Adults
\$2.00 Children Ages 6-12
Under 6 Free

It's Mardi Gras at Bluff Park!

“Little Bags”



You only need a little to give a lot; is the phrase used to identify the new addition to the Food Pantry's outreach mission. Taking it to the Streets is what the Fort Family is wanting you to help with by picking up pre-packed lunch bags of ready to eat food to give to those in need you come in contact with on your daily walks or drives of life. The size is designed to help those people you see at a red light or on a street corner asking for food. Every bag will also include a Bible verse and Urban Ministries contact number. You can help in several ways; Pray for the ministry and the people it serves, make monetary donations, donate single serve food and put a bag in your car. We will include a more detailed list in the Sunday bulletin and the items are posted on the community bulletin board. Rhonda Fort will be visiting your Sunday School Class to cover all the details or you can contact her at rfort05@gmail.com or phone/text 492-5207.

THANK YOU—From the Rock-a-thon! Much thanks to all who supported the Rock-a-thon raising funds for our Methodist mission - McCoy Adult Day Cart Center. Bluff Park UMC provided \$3,180.00 - exceeding our goal of \$3,000!! I am so pleased with our offering! However, Huffman UMC decided they were tired of being 2nd place behind Bluff Park. Their donation was \$4,600! We really had some competition, but, there is always next year! Can we once again become Number One? I think so... Again, thank you for you support - Elizabeth Davis

CHILDREN'S NEWS

THANK YOU to all of the people who helped with the Bargains on the Bluff Spring Sale! They sold over \$60,000.00 in merchandise. Thank you for helping pay for our children and youth interns. The sale was a lot of fun and a lot of people got some wonderful deals on clothes!

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday Feb. 26 in the New Light Classroom at 6:30p.m. Please let Ivy Holmes or Mrs. Leigh know if you cannot be there.

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!

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.

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP- Exit 456 is March 7-8 at Camp Sumatanga. We will leave the church at Friday 4:30p.m. and return Saturday at 4:30p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Our own youth director, Bart Styes will be one of the speakers!

STUDENT MINISTRY

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser is Tuesday, March 4. Students will serve a pancake dinner as a fundraiser for their summer trips. There is a signup poster in the youth wing. The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Exit 456 is Friday-Saturday, March 7-8. This optional (but highly encouraged!) retreat at Camp Sumatanga is for tweens in grades 4-6. We are going as part of our Confirmation class experience. Registration packets are available on the information table in the Youth Wing or from Bart Styes.

Wednesday, February 26, 5:30pm: MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Friday, February 28, 7-11pm: Legacy Gala & Silent Auction at the Club

Sunday, March 2, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, March 2, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, March 2, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 2, 6:00pm: Hunger Games in the Gym

Tuesday, March 4, 5-7pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fundraiser in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 5: No Small Groups or Holy Ground (Please join us in the Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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 ?????? 8:30-3:00

SATURDAY, MARCH 15: BPUMC RED HAT LUNCHEON with Jackie Walton (822-1875) for reservations

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

10 Spaces Available—Call Betty

SATURDAY, MAY 3: LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, Memory Candle, Devotional, Special Music, Bible

Study with Becky Walker, Lunch, Special Guest, lots of surprises

Special Moment with Jesus!

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; Numbers 6:25

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The Week of March 2-8

Sunday, March 2

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:45 a.m. Young Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 3

Tuesday, March 4

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake

Wednesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 5

6:03 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 6

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

Friday, March 7

4:30 p.m. 4th, 5th, 6th to Sumatanga
6:00 p.m. Pajama Party

Saturday, March 8

Scout Garage Sale

Sermon, March 2, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"He Said, She Said—
Who Calls the Shots
(Luke 19:41-48)
Julie Holly

6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship
Tom Duley

Ushers

8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore

Cross

8:45: Rachel Martin 11:00: Lydia Coltrane

Acolytes

8:45: Neiley Mann 11:00: Billy Neal
Meal on Wheels March 5: Hardy/Shultz
Greeters March 2: New Light
Food Pantry: March 5: Penny Burns

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

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

Last Week's Record

February 23, 2014

Youth/Children	74/112
Morning Worship	629
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$22,821.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$216,200.00
Received to Date	\$189,584.34
Building Fund Receipts	\$13,641.67
Building Fund in 2014	\$45,277.26
New Members in 2014	8

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	13,591.67
Received to Date	\$420,531.58

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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VALET PARKING

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

MIDWEEK MEAL: February 26

Hamburger steak, rice/gravy, bean casserole or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

March 5

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

Wed. Night
Servers—Feb. 26
Fellowship Hall—
Richard and Derilda
Take Out—
Peggy, Gail and Betty