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Newsletter, March 19, 2013

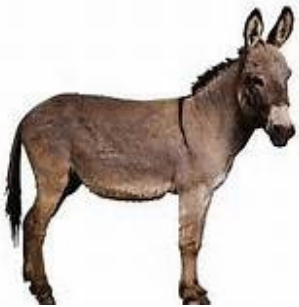


On Monday, March 11, a group from our church travelled to Decatur to spend the day working in the UMCOR warehouse.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
Sunday, March 24, 7:30-12:30
In the Gym
Give the Gift of Life!
(Photo ID required)

**BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE
CONCERT CHOIR**
Conducted by Lester Seigel
SPRING TOUR HOMECOMING CONCERT
Sunday, April 7, 4:00 p.m.



9:45

8:45 and 11:00

6:00 p.m.

MARCH 24—PALM SUNDAY

Sunday School for All Ages

Special Guest: The Palm Sunday Donkey
(A real live donkey for the children)

Morning Worship

Children's Palm Procession

Solo: "The Holy City"

Suzanne Scivley

Sermon by Reid Crotty

Evening Worship

Sermon by Tom Roberts



EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31

8:00—10:00

Easter Breakfast for Everybody

9:45

Sunday School for All Ages

8:45 and 11:00

Morning Worship—concluding with the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messi-

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SAVE THE DATE
Monday, April 29
BPUMC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Riverchase Country Club
Details to follow.....



EASTER LOVE GIFT FOR MISSIONS

100% for others

Goal: \$30,000

Received to Date: \$14,012.00

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Mildred Higdon, who died on March 11....to the family of Pat Henley, who died on March 11. She was a member of the Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class.to Allyn Plaisted in the death of his father, Vernon Jay Plaisted of Stone Mountain, Georgia, on March 9to Kathryn Allen in the death of her brother, Sid Gunter in Arizona on March 15....to Cindy Holmes in the death of her sister-in-law Andi Holmes Weems (Ralph's Sister) of Birmingham, on March 13..... Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

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.



THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST is Saturday March 30, 9-10:30A.M. The breakfast is at 9 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be here! Parents can take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny! The hunt will begin at 10a.m. There is a rain plan in place- just in case!

Pick up an **Easter Basket** in Betty's office. Fill and deliver to your Care n' Contact person at your convenience.

Counseling: Steve Sweatt is available to speak to Sunday School classes, UMW Circles, and other groups in the church on a variety of family life and relationship issues. He is an ordained minister and licensed professional counselor affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference. He has come to the satellite counseling office here at the church for many years. To schedule a counseling appointment, call 824-8320. To discuss a topic your group would like to explore with Steve, call him directly at 213-0227.

Midweek: Midweek Ministries will not meet on March 27 because of Spring Break. We will resume on April 3 and continue through May 8. The Cooking Class returns in April at 6:00 in the Fireside Room. Guest presenters on April 3 will be Jennifer and Bill Tsantes. Also on April 3, Reid Crotty's class on Great Chapters of the Bible at 4:30 and 6:30 will study Daniel 5.

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.

Would you like to learn to crochet or knit for free? The Prayer Shawls Ministry needs you and we will teach you how to crochet or knit. We also have yarn and tools ready for you to use. If you prefer, some of us join many other knitters and crocheters for "Purl @ The Plaza" on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 3pm to 5pm (or however long you can stay). We chat with people from all over as we work. Some meeting dates are: March 9, April 13, and May 11.

If you don't work, we also meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the Cornerstone classroom (first floor near new elevator), 10am - 12am. Meetings are not formal but are a chance to share new patterns, teach others, chit chat, and enjoy a cup of coffee.

Please consider joining us. Every person, high school age to 100 is welcome! The Biblical origin of Prayer Shawls is found in Acts 19: 11-12. Each shawl is prayed over by the Prayer Shawls group. We have received so many thank you notes from people who have received Prayer Shawls at a time in their lives when they needed to be reminded of God's love and comfort. It is so rewarding to be able to help others in this way. In addition to providing close to 200 Shawls so far, we also make the Baby Binkies given out at Baptisms, chemo caps for those taking chemotherapy, scarves & hats for the Birmingham homeless, small prayer cloths embroidered with a prayer for protection for soldiers to carry in Afghanistan, and winter scarves for soldiers in Afghanistan. Thanks! scudderk@bellsouth.net



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28

7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer and Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Sermon: "The Mark of Cain"

(Genesis 4:8-16)

Reid Crotty

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

(Sanctuary)

Easter Lilies add a beautiful touch to the Easter Worship services. Reserve yours today to honor a special person or remember a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per lily payable to the church with your order. Deadline for orders is March 24.

In honor of _____

By _____

In memory of _____

By _____



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)

**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.

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

Compassion - Sunday, April 7 @ 5pm; Church Parlor
Hope-Love - March 25 @ 10AM at home of Evelyn Lawrence
Grace - March 25 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class
Joy - March 25 @ 10AM in Fireside Room
Friendship - March 25 @ 6:30PM in Parlor

Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

HOUSE FOR SALE - BPUMC will be accepting sealed bids until noon March 29, 2013 for the property donated to the church by the late Mrs. Mildred Huber. The lot is 1.26 acres (estimated) consisting of the home located on 1.17 acres and a second parcel 4300 Sq.Ft. located across street. The house is 2408 square feet with 8 rooms (3 bdrm, 3 bath) central AC, gas heating, fireplace, range oven, dishwasher, microwave, rear patio and deck. The property is located at 433 SHADES CREST ROAD Hoover and is zoned E2.

An **OPEN HOUSE** will be held for bidders' inspections on Friday March 22, 2013 and Saturday March 23, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A minimum bid of \$200,000 is required. The bid should be accompanied by a check in the amount \$1000 made payable to the church as earnest money. Packages containing bid forms can be obtained from the church office. Bids will be opened at 1 pm on March 29, 2013 in the church library.



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 Growthalabama.com to check out prices and options. Deliveries will start soon!

CHILDREN'S NEWS

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP We will not meet this Sunday, March 24, Wednesday March 27, or Sunday March 31 because of Spring break and Easter.

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PALM SUNDAY March 24 at both services, we will have a Palm Parade featuring the Children at BPUMC. We invite all children to participate in this expression of reverence and joy. Whichever service, your family attends meet Mrs. Leigh in the narthex to get your child in line for the walk around the sanctuary. They will walk during the first hymn. Afterwards the children will go and sit with their parents.

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.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 16:

FRIDAY, APRIL 26:

SATURDAY, MAY 4:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 10:00 Herman Faulk—retired VP, Golden Flake

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

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 pp

Special Moment with Jesus!

Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. John 12:13

Student Ministries

Are you looking for a way to show our students you care about them? Then consider providing snacks for our Sunday School classes. Becky Ferguson schedules individuals and adult Sunday School classes to provide students delicious food on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Wing. You can contact her at thefergs4@bellsouth.net or [205-261-9985](tel:205-261-9985).

Wednesday, Mar 20, 6:30pm: "God of Rock" Class in the Chapel

Sunday, Mar 24, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Mar 24, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, Mar 24, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Mar 24, 6:00pm: HS Small Groups & Hangout Night (If you're in town over Spring Break, come hang out!)

Wednesday, Mar 27: NO AFTERNOON/EVENING ACTIVITIES

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The Week of March 24-30

Sunday, March 24

7:30 –12:30 Blood Drive
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 25

Tuesday, March 26

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 27

Thursday, March 28

9:30 a.m. Shepherd’s Center
7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 29

6:30 p.m.. Fishermen Class
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Last Week’s Record

March 17, 2013

Sunday School	442
Morning Worship	584
Evening Worship	24
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$26,111.31
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$297,275.00
Received to Date	\$282,056.83
Building Fund Receipts	\$14,707.33
Building Fund in 2013	\$62,496.98
New Members in 2013	3

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$8,632.33
Received to Date	\$135,459.00

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

Midweek Meal, March 20

Ham, macaroni and cheese, fried okra or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**LENTEN MORNING WORSHIP
AND PRAYER SEERVICE**

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Sanctuary
(Through March 28)

Sermons March 24, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
“What Palm Sunday Was All About”
(Luke 19:28-40)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
“Remember Me”
(Luke 23:39-43)
Tom Roberts

Ushers
8:45: Chatterton 11:00: Youth
Cross
8:45:Landon Knight 11:00: Ethan Pomeroy
Acolytes
8:45: Pippa Lother 11:00: Ari Tsantes
Children’s Church
8:45 Matheson 11:00 Gray
Greeters: March 31: Wesley Forum
Meals on Wheels: March 27: Leigh Ann Agent
Food Pantry: April 3: Becky McCrary

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

I want to thank you for the warm reception you gave to me as I told the "Pantry Story". As I said, we can always use your help and support. If you are interested in being a Helping Hand, you may contact me by phone at 637-4760, or e-mail at theresaricherson@gmail.com. I will get in touch with you to determine how we can get together to make this very vital ministry work. Theresa Richerson



READY - SET- GO
Freeze, Bake, Bring
Spring Bake Sale
April 12 – 13