



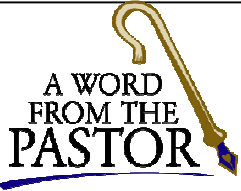
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, April 1, 2014

www.bluffparkumc.org



We are a Church. First of all, we exist because of the work of God in our lives. The Church exists because God called us together. Through the work of Jesus Christ we are bonded together into His body – the Church.

Secondly, we exist because we have one another. A church is a gathering of many parts into one whole as many lives join together to make a difference in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

We are moving into a season where our relationships in the church are needed more than ever. We will join together in our Annual BBQ and Bake Sale and we will join together for the Sundays of Palm Sunday and Easter. Beyond that, we are moving into a season of prayer and discernment as to who Bluff Park UMC is going to be for our community and our world.

I would like to personally invite you to join in the conversation in your families and in your small groups and Sunday school classes with these two questions: “Who is God calling Bluff Park UMC to be?” and “What is God calling us to do?”



Children’s Council will sponsor a **Spaghetti Luncheon** this Sunday. Carry-out only—\$5 a box with a \$20 family max. Tickets on sale now. Call Leigh for more information at 822-0910.

Upcoming Events



ANNUAL BBQ and BAKE SALE

April 11th and 12th

Tickets now on sale—\$8

2 sandwiches or a plate—1 ticket or 1 lb. BBQ

5 tickets - Boston Butt

Sandwiches only after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11th

Enjoy lunch on Saturday the 12th

between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Dine in or drive thru. Door Prizes!!!! (Delicious Baked Goodies)

Bake your favorite recipe for the
April 12th Bake Sale
Plan to be a part of this annual fundraiser for our Church by baking and sharing with others.

Bring goodies to Fellowship Hall Friday

Noon-6:00



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

Scripture reference: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Member of our Church Family in the Hospital:
UAB Highlands—Leah Pope Trinity-Shirley White

Email is now working at the church.

You can follow our **Chile Mission Team** and get periodic updates about what they're up to at <http://bluffparkumc.org/chile2014/>

Thank You: "To my church family - I have now completed all treatments and am ready to rebuild my strength and get back to life! I could not have made this journey without my faith, my church, all of the wonderful people who have prayed for me, brought food, sent cards and well wishes. We have an amazing church family and I am so thankful to be a part of it! Special thanks to Mike, Peter and Tom. With many blessings, Lisa Avant."

Update Membership: It is not too late to update your **membership information**. You can do this on line (<http://bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo/>) or call the office at 822-0910.

Lenten Morning Prayer: There will be a morning prayer service each Wednesday before Easter Sunday at 7:30am 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.

BBQ: The annual BBQ is coming up on April 11-12. We need **DOOR PRIZES** for the ticket stub drawing. Bring items to the office. Thank you.
Contact Peter von Herrmann for more information at 822-0910 or email petervh@bpumc.org.



*******EASTER BASKETS for Sick/Shut-ins/Care n' Contact—
[pick up a basket in Betty's office—fill and deliver at your convenience.](#)**



THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST is Saturday, April 19, 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!

Please pick up your eggs to stuff for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. You may pick the eggs up in the narthex and the church office.



We are **receiving two mission offerings during Lent** this year. The Easter Love Offering will support ministries and missions that we as a church are involved in.

The second offering will support the construction of the **Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House**. For each dollar that you donate to the Habitat House a donation in the amount of \$2.66 will be made from matching funds donated by an anonymous donor. This will be our local Volunteers in Mission project for 2014. The Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund.

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.

EASTER LOVE GIFT UPDATE

To date, we have received \$ 7,992 for the Easter Love Offering and \$ 6,687 for the Habitat House offering!

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 April 13.

In honor of _____

By _____

In memory of _____

By _____



CHILDREN'S NEWS

SPAGHETTI FUND RAISER There will be a carry-out spaghetti lunch on Sunday April 6, 11a.m.-1p.m. Come find your Children's Council hard at work to raise money for new gym equipment. We'll be in the Kitchen. Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$5 a lunch and \$20.00 family max. Meal will include garlic bread and a brownie.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL will meet April 2 at 6:30p.m. in the New Light Class.

EASTER EGGS are in the narthex! To help us get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast please pick up a bag of these eggs, fill them then return them by April 16. You can bring them back to the office or drop them in the "filled egg" box in the narthex! Thank you for helping with this event for the children.

PALM SUNDAY is April 13. we are asking all of the children in the congregation to join us in celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by having a parade in the sanctuary during the first hymn of each service. Each child will have a palm branch to wave. Parents are welcome to walk with our shy children. We will gather in the narthex 15 minutes before the beginning of each service.

SAFE SANCTUARIES The conference is sponsoring a workshop on April 26 10a.m.-4p.m. at the NAUMC Conference Center. Lunch provided. Please contact Leigh Delashaw if you would like to go. You can go to www.northalabamaumc.org to access more information.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATES!

Youth Worship Event, April 13th. Our Holy Ground Team will lead a church-wide worship service in the Chapel as a fundraiser for their summer tour. 6-7pm

Confirmation Sunday, April 27th. Our Confirmands will "firm up" their commitment to God and to the Church during 11am worship.

Senior Recognition, May 18th. Our graduating seniors will be honored with a breakfast at 10am and during worship at 11am.

Wednesday, April 2, 5:30pm: MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

Wednesday, April 2, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 6, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 6, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, April 6, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 6, 6:00pm: Risk! (a Nerf event) in the Gym

Wednesday, April 9, 5:30pm: MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

Wednesday, April 9, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, APRIL 3: SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Peter Kirchikov—Russia Winter Olympics

THURSDAY, APRIL 3: THE EXPLORATION IN ANTIQUITY CENTER, La Grange, GA

Tour and Passover Meal - Traveling by Tour Bus

Bus arrives at 6:00—leave at 6:30—Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9: **COOKING Class** - Stephanie Parker and Chicken Legs—Fireside Room—6p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10: SHEPHERD CENTER - Donna DiGiorgio—Bottle Caps Art Work

SATURDAY, MAY 3: LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, Memory Candle, Devotional, Special Music, Bible Study with Becky Walker, Lunch, Special Guest, lots of prizes and surprises!

Tickets \$15, on sale. Sign up for Tablescapes.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Riverwalk Boat Tour, The Alamo, LBJ Ranch, Alamo Missions, Museum, San Fernando Cathedral, Mexican Market Square, Fredericksburg—National Museum of the Pacific War. Cost \$675 –Deposit \$100

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Special Moment with Jesus!

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. " I John 3:18

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The Week of April 6—12

Sunday, April 6

8:45 a.m. Permanent Endowment
 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, April 7

8:30 a.m. Maintenance
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, April 8

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

Sermon, April 6, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"I Thirst"
(John 19:28-29)
Mike Holly

Wednesday, April 9

6:00 p.m. Cooking Class
 6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, April 10

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, April 11

5:00-7:00 p.m. BBQ Sandwiches

Saturday, April 12

10:00 a.m. BBQ and Bake Sale

Ushers
 8:45: Thompson 11:00: Vitality
Cross
 8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Mollie Edwards
Acolytes
 8:45: Emma Patton 11:00: Rory Edwards
Meal on Wheels April 9: Pearson/Adams
Greeters April 6: Cornerstone
Food Pantry: April 2: Kay Adams

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

Last Week's Record

March 30, 2014

Youth/Children	Spring Break
Morning Worship	486
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$19,083.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$351,325.00
Received to Date	\$298,786.95
Building Fund Receipts	\$5,700.00
Building Fund in 2014	\$76,213.93
New Members in 2014	12

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$5,650.00
Received to Date	\$447,570.25

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: April 9

Taco salad or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert

April 16

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green limas or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert