



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter February 8, 2015

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The Dysfunctional Families of the Old Testament sermon series has really opened my eyes. It was one thing to plan this series; however, as I have researched and prepared messages for the past month, I have realized how plagued we are with the same mistakes. Sin has a way of creating dysfunction in our lives, and in our relationships generation after generation. Hopefully in naming these dysfunctions and in showing alternative ways to live, we are all being prepared for living faithfully day by day.

We are now sixteen days away from the start of Lent. On Wednesday, February 18th, our church will have our annual Ash Wednesday service to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season (which is, of course, a season of preparation for Easter.) Our sermons will shift to the New Testament as we examine the steps that people made as they encountered Jesus in his ministry. Step by step, each person who encounters Jesus is on a Path to the Empty Tomb of Easter Sunday!

I hope you will be able to travel each step of Lent with us on this Path. There will be a Lenten study option at MidWeek, and Sunday School classes will have the option of purchasing materials to help them deepen their study during Lent as well. Let us all join in this Lent and pursue the faithful steps on the Path to the Empty Tomb!

State of the Church Meeting

Date: February 8th

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: Sanctuary

We invite every member of Bluff Park UMC to join us on February 8th at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary for a special meeting about the state of our church. You will receive updates from our Building Team, from our Finance Committee about the 2015 budget, and information on our Children's Ministry program. We hope you will attend this important meeting.



News of the Week

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Make plans to join us, Tuesday, February 17th, from 5-7pm in the Fellowship Hall for this annual Youth fundraiser. Proceeds support summer youth trips.

LITTLE IMAGINATIONS REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2015-16 school year has begun. Visit the website for more information.

bluffparkumc.org/children/little-imaginations/

ORGAN RECITAL

James Cook, the chancel choir director at Birmingham's First United Methodist Church, and an emeritus professor of music at Birmingham-Southern College, will perform an organ recital at Bluff Park United Methodist Church on February 22 at 4:00 pm. A reception will follow the performance.

OVER THE MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC

February 15th at 4pm, director James A. Brown conducts the 7th annual concert here in the Sanctuary at Bluff Park UMC. For more information visit:

otmfestivals.org

ROCK-A-THON AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, February 28th, the McCoy Adult Day Care Center will be hosting its annual fundraiser event. The Bluff Park Rocking Team is already in training. McCoy provides a variety of services to allow fragile and frail adults to maintain the highest level of independence with dignity, and this event provides the support they need to serve these seniors.

IT'S AUCTION TIME!

This year's Legacy Gala Silent Auction will be held on March 6th at The Club of Birmingham! This year's proceeds will be going towards Youth Missions, Children's Missions and one overall Mission project. We look forward to announcing these projects closer to the auction date. If you would like to be a part of the auction planning team, or would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com or 978-2907.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY FOCUS GROUP

Want to make a difference in social issues facing women today? Want to learn more about ministries in our city and right here in our church, or hear outstanding guest speakers? How about time to get away, relax, and renew with other ladies, or a hands on opportunity for helping others? Plus ideas for your children to help too! Please join us to share your ideas for expanding our women's ministry opportunities at Bluff Park! Our focus group is a one-time meeting on Sunday, February 8th from 9:50 - 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Hope to see you there! If you can't make it, take a few minutes and complete a survey online.

Bluffparkumc.org/wmsurvey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet this Sunday morning, February 8th, at 9:45am in the Library.

BPUMC BOOK CLUB

Come join us in the church parlor at 7:15 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month for discussion and fellowship. On February 26th we will discuss "Goodbye, Columbus", by Phillip Roth.

BOATING SAFETY CLASS

On February 9th and 10th from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm, a representative from the Alabama Marine Police will be at Bluff Park UMC to lead a class on boating law and safety. If you are thinking of getting a boating license, call the office and reserve your spot!

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Doyle Shaw-Brookwood

Shirley White-The Oaks Rehab

Marjorie Dulin-Lakeshore

Joe White-Brookwood

Ray Glaze-Brookwood

Opal Humphrey-Brookwood

Charlotte Word-Brookwood

New Members at Bluff Park UMC



Shelley Markham and Chris Raines



Blake and Kathyne Flippo and Sands



Christian Rieseberg

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MARY HAS CHOSEN THE RIGHT THING AND IT WILL NOT BE TAKEN FROM HER. (LUKE 10:42) We will continue our study of Mary and Martha this week. This week during the opening we will discuss different ways of greeting people into our homes and compare them to the way Mary and Martha greeted Jesus. Thank you to Beth and Nathan Blanchard, Leslie and Danny Pair, Jennifer Chadha, Brian and Anna Samuels, Marcus Chatterton, John Bowles, Chris and Kristen Fountain, Kelli Schillaci, Crystal Bowles, Kelly Andringa, India Gold, and the rest of the New Light Class for leading this month. Thank you to Jamie Robinson and Lori Green for leading the preschool this month.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH MEETING IS FEBRUARY 8TH AT 3:30PM. The Nursery will be open! Ms. Kaci and Ms. Melissa will be hosting games and activities for elementary aged children in the gym and the opportunity class. We will begin in the gym with a small snack and will play games. Then we will move to the Opportunity Cass for a change of scene and possibly some parachute games or a dance party. Parents will need to sign all kids in and out.

THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY is the event of the year for our preschoolers! It will be February 27th at 6:00pm and is open to all 2k's-5k's and their families. There will be crafts, snacks, and entertainment! Register for this event online at BPUMC.org or email nursery@bpumc.org. We can still use some volunteers to help make this super fun event possible. Please contact Ms. Marcie at nursery@bpumc.org to find out how you can help. And don't forget your jammies!

4TH/5TH FELLOWSHIP will be having a field trip on February 16th. They will be going to Oak Mtn Lanes to do some Bowling and Chow Town for lunch. Meet in the children's wing by 9:45am and they will return by 2pm. A co-Chaperone is needed if a parent would like to join them. This event is \$15 and don't forget to bring socks! You can sign up by emailing Kaci at kacibrasher@gmail.com.

BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF is just around the corner! The sale is Feb 19 (private sale for volunteers and consignors) and Feb 20-21 (public). Registration for consigning and volunteering is now open! Please go to BluffParkUMC.org/both to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8	2nd Sunday in SS Rotation (Mary and Martha)	February 20-21	Bargains on the Bluff
February 8	State of the Church Meeting (3:30pm)	February 21	Deadline for Exit 456 forms
February 16	4th/5th Fellowship to go Bowling and Chow Town	February 27	Preschool Pajama Party 6:00pm.
February 17	Pancake Supper (Benefits Youth)	March 15	Church Wide Skate Party (more info to come)
February 18	Ash Wednesday (no midweek activities)	March 13-14	Exit 456

STUDENT MINISTRY

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DISCOVERY WEEKEND. Our students had a great time learning how to Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk Humbly with our God. We are so grateful for everyone who prayed for us and who donated food, Agape gifts and their time to our students. The students could not have had the same experience without your support.

CONFIRMATION CLASS began on Sunday, February 1st. It's not too late to join. Students who want to be confirmed as full, confessing members of our congregation on Sunday, April 12th are required to attend 8 of the 10 class meetings 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). Contact Bart Styes if you have any questions or scheduling conflicts.

SAVE THESE DATES *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner - 5-7pm* on Tuesday, February 17th and the *Silent Auction - Friday, March 6th*. Check the "News of the Week" section for details on how to support these important fundraisers for our student ministry. As we get closer to time, your family will be contacted via email with information on how to serve as a student or parent volunteer.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 8, 10:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing
Sunday, February 8, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, February 8, 5:00pm	HS Coed, MS Boys & MS Girls Small Groups
Sunday, February 8, 6:00pm	Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 8, 6:30pm	HS & MS Serve Night (we'll have projects the students can work on at the church)
Wednesday, February 11, 5:30pm	Hang Out Time in the Youth Hall & Gym
Wednesday, February 11, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jack Owens, retired, FBI, will be here - Hoover, JFK, Selma, Cuba.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

VALENTINE CARDS - to our sick/shut-in. Meet in the Library 11:00am.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Valentine Party Celebration - program by Alice Marie and Randy Morrison. Bring a Valentine for your secret pal.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

BPUMC RED HAT VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON with Mary Jane Wesler. Call Mary Jane, 979-8047, for reservations.

SATURDAY JUNE 6-

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY with former President Jimmy Carter, Maranatha Baptist Church, Plains, Ga. Over-night at the historical Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga. Traveling by tour bus.

SUNDAY JUNE 7

SHEPHERD'S CENTER BONANZA BIBLE STUDY with Little Joe, Hoss, Ben and many others from the TV series. Charlie Trucks, of the Fisherman SS Class, will teach this study starting Thursday March 5 and again March 12,19,26. Everyone invited.

DID YOU KNOW? The UMW has reading material in the Library. They have some very interesting Books and Bible Studies available for check-out.

Special Moment with Jesus

"The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life." -Psalm 121: 7



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The Week of February 8—February 14

Sunday, February 8

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Board of Trustees
9:50 am Women's Ministry Focus Group
10:00 am Sunday School Presidents Meeting
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
3:00 pm Children's Ministry Meeting
3:30 pm State of the Church
5:00 pm Evening Worship Service
6:00 pm Staff Parish Committee
7:00 pm Isn't Bible Study

Monday, February 9

6:00 pm Boating Safety Class
6:00 pm UMW Meeting

Tuesday, February 10

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Boating Safety Class
6:00 pm Under the Bridge
6:00 pm Church Life Committee

Wednesday, February 11

4:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study
5:00-6:30pm Dinner
5:30 pm Disciple 1
5:45 pm Midweek Ministries
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, February 12

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Handbell Choir

Friday, February 13

12:00 pm Friendship Class Lunch

SUNDAY, February 8, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship

"Dysfunctional Indeed"

(Scripture - Genesis 37:2-11, 20-28)

Rev. Tom Duley

5:00pm Evening Worship Service

Rev. Peter von Herrmann

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

Ushers 8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley

Cross

Acolytes

Greeters: Friendship

Meals on Wheels February 11:

Wesson/Brown

Food Pantry March 4:

MIDWEEK MENU: February 11th

Hamburger steak, rice, green beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

February 1, 2015

Children/Youth	93/71
Morning Worship	492
Weekly Operating Needs*	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$23,661.76
2015 Operating Budget*	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date*	\$135,125.00
Received to Date	\$118,783.87
New Members in 2015	5

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,745.00
Received to Date	\$713,670.54

**Provisional figures pending approval of 2015 budget.*

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

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

VALET PARKING

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