



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter March 8, 2015

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Appalachian Service Project

Each summer, a team of students from Bluff Park UMC heads out to the Appalachian mountains to help families, living in extreme poverty, with household repairs. In 2014, they traveled to Green County, Tennessee and spent a week replacing damaged kitchen floors, digging drainage channels to prevent water damage during storms, replacing rotting wooden porches and more. They provided a tangible expression of God's love in the lives of the families they served, and their work will be a blessing for years to come.



This mission work is possible in part because of the Easter Love Gift. In 2014, the Easter Love Gift provided \$1,319 to this project in the form of scholarships to enable our students to make the journey. It is one of the many ways in which the Easter Love Gift enables us to live out our mission goals of providing food, water, and shelter for those in need.

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Easter Love Gift

At Bluff Park UMC, the Lenten season is the time of year when we receive our Easter Love Offering for missions. The Easter Love Offering supports several ministries and missions that we as a church are involved in. Your generosity allowed us to do a great many things in 2014. We would like to do as much or more in 2015. We want to make a difference in the lives of many people as we support projects that are consistent with the "food, water, shelter" mission emphasis that the church has established. Please mark your check Easter Love Offering so that we can make sure it goes to the right place. Your generosity will make a great difference for many people. Thank you in advance.

Bluff Park UMC Missions

2014 Easter Love Gift Distribution

Total Received: \$17,829.00

<u>Ministries</u>	<u>Amount Approved</u>
LOCAL	
Greater Birmingham Ministries	\$1,319.00
Kairos Prison Ministry	\$1,319.00
Firehouse Shelter	\$1,319.00
First Light	\$1,319.00
McCoy Adult Day Care	\$1,319.00
P.E.E.R.	\$1,319.00
Church of the Reconciler	\$1,319.00
Urban Ministry, Inc.	\$1,319.00
Meals on Wheels	\$1,319.00
United Community Centers, Inc.	\$1,319.00
Total	\$13,190.00
NATIONAL	
S. E. Jurisdiction Volunteers in Mission	\$1,319.00
Appalachian Service Project	\$1,319.00
Total	\$2,638.00
INTERNATIONAL	
Never Thirst (in conjunction with New Light class)	\$2,001.00
Total	\$2,001.00
Grand Total	\$17,829.00

News of the Week

NAME THAT ROOM CONTEST

The Opportunity Class changed rooms and now room 160 needs a new name, so we're having a contest. Each Sunday School class is invited to submit suggestions for a new name to Catherine in the church office by March 29th—*1 submission for every 10 members on your official roll.* The pastoral staff will pick 5 names from the submissions and then we'll have a church-wide vote. The winning class will get a \$150 donation to the mission project of their choice and a pizza party!

EASTER LILIES

Decorating the front of the church with lilies on Easter Sunday is a wonderful way to celebrate the Resurrection. If you would like to reserve an Easter Lily to honor a special person, or remember a loved one, contact Catherine in the church office. Lilies are \$15 each and the ordering deadline is March 29th.

LENTEN MORNING PRAYER

During the season of Lent, we gather together each Thursday morning at 7:30 am for a service of prayer. We invite you to join us in the Sanctuary as we prepare ourselves to meet the risen Christ on Easter Sunday.

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bluff Park UMC gym on Sunday, March 8th, from 7:30am—12:30pm. Please make time to stop by and give the gift of life. A Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID is required to make a donation. To schedule an appoint-

ment to donate, call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit their website at RedCrossBlood.org and use the keyword BPUMC.



STOP HUNGER NOW

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, March 8th

10:00-11:00am

Chapel

On April 13th and 14th, Bluff Park UMC will join with several other churches, schools and civic organizations from the Vestavia/Hoover area to pack 250,000 nutritious meals to be sent overseas to relieve hunger. This project will be carried out in conjunction with Stop Hunger Now, an organization dedicated to eradicating world hunger. You are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about this important project.

To learn more about this organization, visit their website:

www.stophungernow.org

ROCK-A-THON SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who supported the McCoy Adult Daycare Center Rock-a-thon and Silent Auction. The Bluff Park Rockers came in 3rd place, but the event was the most successful ever. The center raised a grand total of \$22,000.00 for this important ministry project.

BPUMC BOOK CLUB SPRING READING

Come join us in the church parlor at 7:15 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month for discussion and fellowship.

March 26 *The Final Note: A Novel*
by Kevin Alan Milne

April 23 *My Salinger Year*
by Joanna Rakoff

May 28 *Age of Innocence*
by Edith Wharton

USHER TAGS

The usher tag box is a little empty. If you have served as an usher in recent weeks and inadvertently taken a tag home, please return it to the usher

station. Thank you!

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Shirley White—Golden Living

Joe White—Golden Living

Charlotte Word—Brookwood

Bill Walker—Lakeshore

Memorials

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Nan Moore by Marilyn Haver, Pearce, Beville, Leesbury, Moore PC, Evelyn Foster, Kent and Elaine Etheridge, Mahala McKinney
Betty Lou Black by Margaret Lewis, Howard Sisson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terry

Walter Valentine by Old Baker Farm, LLC, Debbie Wilk, Kelley James, Robert, Evelyn, and DeAnna Hugueley, Mahala McKinney
Luther Murphy by Sally Nutt Holland, Alfred and Sandra Butler, Steve and Karen Copper, Tim and Connie Gruber, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill, Libby Snow, The Opportunity Class, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund West

Opal Bonner by Clyde and Joyce Smith

Bernie Thompson by Howard Sisson

Chris Delionback by Bill and Leila Harris, Beverly Robertson, Robert Kreisberg

John and Rosemond Byrd by Marie Cordes

FOOD PANTRY

Nan Moore by Jan Harris, Joyce and James George

Walter Valentine by Richard and Barbara Carter, John and Carol Talanian, Lisa Nyberg

Luther Murphy by Jennifer Alley, David and Penny Williamson, Ted and Margaret Cook, Bill and Paulette Pearson

ORGAN FUND

Orian Truss by Lois Truss

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bernie Thompson by Joe and Ellen Kerns, Jan and Bob Rogers, Micah and Jessica Kaufhold, Robin Martin, Robert and Ellen McClure, David and Penny Williamson

Luther Murphy by Steve and Carol Caufield

Honorariums

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Canterbury Class by JB and Frances Thrasher

Please Note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Luke 25:5c "He is not here, but has risen." The week we will continue our unit on the empty tomb. Pieces of white cloth and linen were wrapped around Jesus' body after the crucifixion. This week we will be wrapping several volunteers in strips of toilet paper and ask them to walk around the room. They will share their experience with us. Thank you to this month's volunteers: Lori Redding, Betsy McGriff, Peggy White, Laura Williamson, Michele Godwin, Meredith and Chris Lagan, Melissa Mann, Penny Williamson, Stephanie Williamson, Bill Pearson, Julie Adams, Diana Logan, Donna Prudhomme, and Sarah Chavez. Thank you for leading our kids this month!

It's Easter Egg Time!!! Pick up a bag of empty Easter eggs from the Narthex and entrance to the Fellowship Hall, fill them with yummy treats (no nuts, peanut butter, or money please), and bring them back for our Easter Egg Hunt no later than March 29th. There will be drop off locations located conveniently by the office entrance, the narthex, the fellowship hall, and the playground entrance. The Easter Egg Hunt is a major community event. Thank you for your support!

4th/5th Fellowship be heading to exit 456 (Sumatanga) on Friday March 13th at 4pm and will be back Saturday March 14th by 5pm. Please keep all our attendees and chaperones in your prayers: Kaci Brasher, Tosh Kirchkov, Jonathan Kerns, Matt Lagan, Clayton Marshall, John-David Shanlever, Josh Pearman, Will Thompson and Davison Dover.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8	First Week "The Empty Tomb"	April 1	No-Mid Week (Children's Choir will rehearse)
March 15	Church Wide Skate Party 5-7 Roller Motion	April 4	Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast 9am
March 13-14	Exit 456	July 13-17	VBS "Everest"
March 29	Palm Parade (8:45am and 11:00am) *Easter Eggs Due		

STUDENT MINISTRY

SAVE THESE DATES:

- Confirmation Sunday, April 12*
- Senior Recognition Sunday, May 17*
- Band Tour (tentative): Friday-Tuesday, May 29-June 2*
- MS Mission Trip (tentative): Sunday-Friday, June 21-26*
- ASP Mission Trip: Sunday-Saturday, July 5-11*
- Beach Retreat: Friday-Monday, July 31-Aug 3*

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 8, 10:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing
Sunday, March 8, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, March 8, 5:00pm	Student Small Groups
Sunday, March 8, 6:00pm	HS Catchphrase & MS Kickball
Wednesday, March 11, 5:30pm	Hang Out Time in the Youth Hall & Gym
Wednesday, March 11, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 5

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - "BONANZA" Bible Study 10:00am with Charlie Trucks. Bridge, Rummikub, Short Stories, Funny Stories, Knitting, Exercise and more. Everyone invited for a fun morning.

TUESDAY MARCH 10

MYSTERY DAY TRIP??? Fun and lunch...call Betty.

THURSDAY MARCH 12

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - The fun starts at 9:30 with refreshments/catch-up-time. Program by Yvonne Sellers.

APRIL EVENTS

Cooking Classes each Wednesday starting April 8th with Jon McClure, Author and Publisher of Alabama's Best Restaurants CookBook and maybe a surprise or two.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE STUDY WITH JIMMY CARTER, OUR 39TH PRESIDENT

Saturday June 6 - Sunday June 7. Maranatha Baptist Church, Plains, Ga. Tour his Museum, School, Family Home, Peanut Farm, plus a side trip to Andersonville. Overnight at the historical Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga. Traveling by tour bus. Cost: \$220.00 includes everything but Saturday lunch

Special Moment with Jesus

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." -Philippians 4:13



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The Week of March 8—March 14

Sunday, March 8

7:30 am–12:30pm Blood Drive in the Gym
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Stop Hunger Now Meeting
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Evening Worship Service
7:00 pm ISN'T Bible Study

Monday, March 9

9:00 am Men's Bible Study

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 am Maintenance
9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Under the Bridge
6:00 pm Church Life Committee

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

7:30 am Lenten Morning Prayer
9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, March 13

6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

SUNDAY, March 8, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Get Low"

(Scripture - Luke 14:7-14)
Rev. Mike Holly

5:00pm Evening Worship Service
Sam Vogt

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover

Cross

8:45 Lily Matheson 11:00 Penny Rose Pearson

Acolytes

8:45 Ethan McGriff 11:00 Kate Ryan Black

Greeters: Opportunity

Communion Set-Up 5pm:

Janet and Charlie Trucks

Meals on Wheels March 11:

Britain

Food Pantry April 1:

Penny Burns

MIDWEEK MENU: March 11th

Fried chicken, rice, green beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

Last Week's Record

March 1, 2015

Children/Youth	75/42
Morning/Evening Worship	505/26
Weekly Operating Needs*	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$30,536.00
2015 Operating Budget*	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date*	\$243,225.00
Received to Date	\$239,898.02
New Members in 2015	5

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,890.00
Received to Date	\$722,190.87

**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.