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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter April 5, 2015

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As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed;

you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has

been raised; **he is not here**. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell

his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see

him, **just as he told you.”**

- Mark 16:5-7

News of the Week

BPUMC ANNUAL BBQ

The Bluff Park UMC annual barbecue has raised funds for the past 19 years to help with the maintenance and expansion of our church building and grounds. Proceeds have historically gone to building improvements such as new paint jobs, security cameras, new door locks, and various other improvements. You can help by giving door prizes to the church office by April 10th, or by purchasing tickets from your Sunday school class or at the main office!

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On Sunday, April 26, at 11:00 am there will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. All current food pantry volunteers, and those who want to volunteer, are invited. RSVP by April 20. If you need childcare please let us know.

LADIES DAY RETREAT

The Ladies Day Retreat is coming Saturday, May 2nd, from 9:00am–12:30pm. Purchase your ticket in the Narthex on Sundays or contact Betty.

UMW MISSION STUDY: ROMA OF EUROPE

You are invited to join us on April 13th, from 10am-2pm in the Fellowship Hall to learn about the Roma people of Europe. Lunch will be served, but you must make a reservation by April 6th. Call the office.

DAY OF SERVICE

Our Church Life Committee is organizing a work day to help out neighbors in Bluff Park who have spring cleaning needs in their homes and yards and need assistance to get them done. On, April 25th, from 8:00-11:00 am we'll meet at the church, receive work assignments, and then spread out in teams. Sign-up will

begin soon. If you know someone who needs help, please contact the office.

2015 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2015 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. Dates available include: April 12, and 19, and May 3, 10, 17, and 31. Check in with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

UMW BAKE SALE

The annual bake sale is Saturday, April 11th, in partnership with the Church BBQ. Proceeds will go to address church needs. You can help by baking and bringing baked goods for the sale to the Fellowship Hall by noon on Friday, April 10th, and by purchasing sale items to compliment your BBQ on Friday night and Saturday morning. Bring your special cake, pie, cupcakes, cookies, candy, breads

or other items packaged for sale and ready to share.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jean Shaw on the passing of her husband Doyle, on March 26th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Shirley White—Golden Living
Joe White—Golden Living
Rebecca Mooney—St. Vincent's
Charlotte Word—Galleria Woods
Bill Walker—Brookdale



STOP HUNGER NOW.

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.

We are encouraging groups from the church to volunteer together, but *each individual must register separately*. If you have any problems accessing the website to register, contact the church office for assistance. To sign-up as a volunteer visit:

BluffParkUMC.org/stophunger



There is a word that we haven't used in worship since Ash Wednesday. That word is "Alleluia." On Easter Sunday, we can again proclaim and sing the word "Alleluia." You might wonder why we refrain from using this word, which is best translated as "Praise Yahweh," or "Praise God." The main reason is that the historical understanding of this praise word is that it is sung by choirs of angels praising what God has done. During Lent, we turn our attention not to what God has done, but to what God will do in and through the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus. We wait with anticipation both to see what God will do in the Scriptures we read, as well as to be able to sing with the angels praising God for what He has done.

Easter Sunday is the opportunity to celebrate God's love and goodness. "If God is for us, who can be against us," we read in Scripture. We celebrate that God did the miraculous thing, and raised Jesus from the dead on the third day for our sake. At the empty tomb which we have been journeying toward, we gather each and every year to heap praises and alleluias to God. Join us this Sunday and experience the joy and peace that comes from knowing that God is with us and for us. Amen!

Mike

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS WEEK: This week during Sunday School we will take things easy. We will watch a movie about the Easter Story and have some popcorn and water. Next week we will begin our Unit on "The Seven Helpers."

4TH/5TH FELLOWSHIP The end of the year is fast approaching. There will be an end of the year party in April. All current 4th and 5th graders will be invited. This event will occur during mid-week. More details coming soon!

MAY 6TH we will have a special cross over event for 3rd/4th/and 5th. Charlotte McCrary will be having a special cooking class just for them. After, we will head down to Holy Ground to have mid-week with the youth.

OFF CAMPUS MISSION PROJECT- On April 18th we will have our first off-campus mission project. Ms Kaci and Ms Melissa will take 15 elementary kiddos to Camp Sumatanga to do some sprucing up for their Summer seasons. Sumatanga will provide lunch and open some activities for us as a thank you. If you would like to have your child participate, please email Ms Melissa at mhendon@bpumc.org to let her know. We will leave BPUMC by 8:30 and will return by 3:30. Parents are also invited and can ride the bus if room is available. The last day to register for this event will be April 13th.

VBS-EVEREST IS COMING! Lets get excited!! VBS is July 13th-17th and will be 8:30am-12:30pm. Recruitment for volunteers has already begun. Please contact mhendon@bpumc.org to sign up. We need teachers, team leaders, snack helpers, sign-in/out help, decorating help, prep help... We have a job for everyone and every schedule! NEW this year- Registration will be online ONLY. Registration will open April 6th! Thank you to Sarah Chavez and Lori Beasley for being directors this year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5 Easter Sunday Special Movie Day
April 8 MidWeek Resumes
April 13 Last Day to register for Off Mission Project
April 18 Off Campus Mission Project

April 25 Church Wide Mission Project
April 26 Childrens Musical 5pm
April 29 Midweek end of year festivities
May 6 3rd/4th/5th crossover event

May 6 Elementary MidWeek on Holy Ground
July 13-17 VBS "Everest"

STUDENT MINISTRY

Download our New Mobile Phone App - Youth Wing. We now have a new tool for parents and students to stay informed about what's going on and connect to each other. Just go to your phone's app store and search for Youth Wing. You'll be able to scroll through youth events up to six months in advance and instantly get all the details you need without searching for old emails or newsletters. Plus you can check out our social presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. There are still edits to be made to improve this, so be patient. Eventually we'll have weekly summer devotions for students who are traveling, PLUS sign up and payment links. Youth Wing is available for FREE on both iOS/Apple and Android/Google devices such as phones and tablets.)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THIS SPRING. What better way to share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection than by serving others? We have two service opportunities next month for students and their families:

Stop Hunger Now—You can sign up for morning, afternoon and evening shifts. Want to serve as a family? With parental supervision, children as young as four years old can help. See details in the news of the week. To serve alongside Bart Styes, volunteer for Shifts 10 and 11, on Tuesday, April 14, from 4:00-7:30pm.

Day of Service—Were joining our church family on April 25th, from 8:00-11:00am to help our neighbors needing assistance with Spring chores around the house. See news of the week for details.

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, April 5, 10:00am

Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing
No Sunday Afternoon/Evening Activities Today

Wednesday, April 8, 4:30pm

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 8, 5:30pm

Hang Out Time in the Youth Wing & Gym

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30pm

Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY - Bring Flowers for the Cross.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 8

COOKING CLASS with Jon McClure, Author of Alabama's Best Restaurant Cookbook-6-7:00pm Fireside Room. Everyone invited.

THURSDAY APRIL 9

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - "Staying Safe" with George Carr, retired Homewood Police Department. Everyone invited.

TUESDAY APRIL 14

STOP HUNGER NOW-Vestavia UMC 9:00-11:30. We will join other volunteers from our area to help pack 250,000 meals to be sent overseas to relieve hunger-returning to BPUMC for lunch. Call Betty.

SATURDAY MAY 2

LADIES DAY RETREAT - 9:00-12:30pm. Tablesapes, Breakfast Bunch, Worship, Music, Bible Study with Becky Walker, Jamie Davis, Doreen Duley and Delores Hydock. Tickets \$10.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH JIMMY CARTER, OUR 39TH PRESIDENT

Saturday June 6 - Sunday 7 Maranatha Baptist Church, Plains, Ga.

Traveling by tour bus - cost: \$220.00pp includes overnight at the Historical Windsor Hotel in Americus, Ga, tours with step-on guides, transportation, all meals except Saturday lunch and a few surprises Everyone invited - call Betty.



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The Week of April 5—April 11

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, April 6

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am Men's Bible Study
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, April 7

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 pm Church Life Committee

Wednesday, April 8

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, April 9

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, April 10

6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

Saturday, April 11

9:00 am Church-Wide BBQ

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 2015

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Alleluia"

(Scripture - Mark 16:1-8)
Rev. Mike Holly

No Evening Worship Service

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
John 20:1-18

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality

Cross

8:45 Davison Dover
11:00 Carolyne Hecklinski
Acolytes

8:45 Neiley Mann 11:00 Campbell Hecklinski

Greeters: Cornerstone

Meals on Wheels April 8: Martin
Food Pantry May 6: Becky McCrary

MIDWEEK MENU: April 8th
TBA.

Last Week's Record

March 29, 2015

Children/Youth	86/55
Morning/Evening Worship	517/28
Operating Receipts	\$24,437.00
Received to Date	\$365,011.84
New Members in 2015	5

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,180.00
Received to Date	\$734,777.87

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.