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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter April 3, 2016

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Easter Sunday has come and gone but thankfully, it is just the beginning. As surely as spring gives way to summer, Easter ushers us into a new season of growing into the person God is calling us to be. So what's next? What are we to do with this re-discovered passion and excitement about what God has done for us through Jesus Christ?

This Sunday we begin a new sermon series, "Encounters After the Resurrection". We'll begin this Sunday by holding vigil with Mary in the garden. On April 10th we'll go with Jesus as he appears to the disciples behind locked doors and breathes into them the Holy Spirit. Next we'll walk the Emmaus Road and be present as Cleopas discovers the risen Savior. On April 24th we'll wonder at doubting Thomas and on the last Sunday of the month, we'll sit around a charcoal fire on the edge of the Sea of Galilee with Jesus and the disciples and hear Jesus give Peter a second chance.

As singer-songwriter David Phelps wrote, "Easter is the end of the beginning." What's next for you? What will your new beginning be? Come worship with us in April and discover your answer!

-Angela



News of the Week

ANNUAL CHURCH WIDE BBQ

The Bluff Park UMC annual barbecue has raised funds for the past 20 years to help with the maintenance and expansion of our church building and grounds. The event is happening Friday, April 8th, from 4-6pm and Saturday, April 9th, from 10am-3pm (Boston Butt pickup on Saturday.) It's time for Sunday school classes to sell BBQ tickets. Call Ed Cater (223-7833) if you need more tickets. You can help by giving door prizes to the church office, or by purchasing tickets from your Sunday school class or at the main office! To reserve a Boston Butt, call Catherine in the Church Office.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Christ-Centered Woman: Finding Balance in a World of Extremes" will be on Wednesdays in April beginning April 6th at 9:15 in the Fisherman's classroom.

SPRING SERVE DAY

The BPUMC Serve Team is looking for people in our neighborhood who could use a helping hand with Spring cleanup on April 16th. If you know someone who could use help with yard work or light exterior projects, call the church office or email serveteam@bpumc.org.

KONSENSUS MAY BE GOOD...

Peter Kirchikov, author of "Konsensus May Be Good But Still You Need To Have a Common Sense", will be making presentations based on his book Wednesday evenings during April at 6 p.m. in the Vitality



On April 17th–19th, Bluff Park UMC will join with several other churches, schools, and civic organizations from the Vestavia/Hoover area to pack 285,120 nutritious meals (one full shipping container) 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



Classroom. This latest book is a book of Soviet-era political humor and satire.

2016 CHILE TRIP

If you are interested in finding out more information about the 2016 Chile VIM trip there will be an information meeting on Wednesday, April 13th at 5:30 PM in the church library. You will not be asked to make a commitment at the meeting. If you have any interest at all in being a member of the team please make plans to attend. The dates for our 2016 trip are September 7-21.

LADIES DAY RETREAT TICKETS

Tickets for the Ladies Day Retreat can now be purchased on Sunday mornings at the Welcome center. Tickets are \$15.00. The event takes place Saturday, May 14, from 9:00am - 2:00pm.

2016 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2016 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: May 1, 8 and 29. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Christian Cooper—Still Burn Center, Augusta GA

Memorials

FOOD PANTRY

Elaine Clinton by Peggy White
Elaine Clinton by Mike and Sandy Miller

MUSIC FUND

Elaine Clinton by Roy and Charlotte Shanlever

CHOIR FUND

Elaine Clinton by Richard and Derilda Joiner

YOUTH FUND

Elaine Clinton by Preston and JoAnn Huddleston

Honorariums

FOOD PANTRY

David Jenkins by the Canterbury Class
Ron Jones by the Canterbury Class
Patricia Strahan by the Canterbury Class
Jim Dollar by the Canterbury Class
Pam McDonald by Pony Thompson

CHOIR FUND

Jack and Carole Armistead by Richard and Derilda Joiner
Jack and Carole Armistead by Preston and JoAnn Huddleston

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY: All preschoolers and their families are invited to a Pajama Party on April 22 from 5:30-7:30. There will be dinner (spaghetti and meatballs!), crafts, story time, and more! Please register online at Bluff ParkUMC.org/preschoolpparty or email Marcie Walters at nursery@bpumc.org. We hope to see you all there!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Did you know that we have been averaging 25 children in Children's Church since we started in November, with a high mark of 40 children one Sunday?! The children have loved having a service specifically geared towards them, learning how much God loves them, and talking about ways they can put their faith into action! We would love for some of you to come and worship with us! Would you prayerfully consider volunteering in Children's Church at some point soon?

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers for Children's Church on the following dates and times over the next two months: 11:00 on April 17, 8:45 on May 15, and 8:45 and 11:00 on May 8, 22, and 29. There is no pre-planning for this volunteer spot: this person will simply worship with Mr. Stanley and the children and assist if necessary! If you would like to volunteer in Children's Church, please contact Stanley Davidson at sdavidson@bpumc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: For the month of April we will be learning about Pentecost in Sunday School through discussion, science, and cooking!

STUDENT MINISTRY

DINNER & GAMES - SUNDAY, APRIL 3 Back in town from a trip over spring break or just looking for one more chance for fun before heading back to school? We'll meet for dinner at El Gringo's (Shades Mountain Plaza) at 5pm. Be sure to bring money for your meal. Then we'll head back up to the Youth Wing for games until 7pm.

HOLY GROUND IN APRIL We will begin a worship series on change and transitions in April. Whether we are moving from middle school to high school, on to college, or are experience changes in our relationships, God is with us through all things. We'll explore scripture where we find God active through times of change and celebrate these moments in our own lives.

SAVE THESE DATES Sunday, April 10: *Confirmation Sunday*; Sunday, May 15: *Senior Recognition Sunday*; Sunday-Friday, July 10-15: *Urban Ministries Middle School Mission Trip*; Sunday-Saturday, July 24-30: *ASP High School Mission Trip*; Friday-Monday, August 5-8: *Beach Retreat*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 3, 10:00am

Sunday, April 3, 4:00pm

Sunday, April 3, 5:00pm

Wednesday, April 6, 4:30pm

Wednesday, April 6, 6:30pm

Sunday School

Worship Team Rehearsal

Dinner at El Gringo's at Shades Mountain Plaza (bring \$\$) & Games on the Youth Wing

Worship Team & Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY MARCH 31

FRIDAY APRIL 1

WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

THURSDAY APRIL 7

TUESDAY APRIL 12

WEDNESDAY APRIL 13

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Niki Sepsas will be here—Cape Horn Passage.

RATTLESNAKE SALOON, Helen Keller Museum, Historical Church Tour and much more - time 8:00am-4:00pm..meet at the buses. Trip is Full...waiting list.

COOKING CLASS - WE HAVE DOUGHNUTS, with owner Sandy McKay. A company started by 4/friends - doughnuts made from scratch and sold at a doughnut stand downtown Birmingham. 6:00-7:00pm, Fireside Rm.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - The Welch Group. Seniors, Finances, Wills, Trust.

GEE'S BEND, Quilting Ladies, Gainie Ridge Plantation, Museum, Ferry Ride to Camden and so much more. Tour Bus - **\$65.00pp due April 1** - Call Betty.

COOKING CLASS 6:00-7:00PM - Fireside Room. Bare Naked Noodles with Linda Croley. Come see, Come hear, Come sample.

LADIES DAY RETREAT

Saturday May 14 9:00am - 2:00pm

AMAZING GRACE FOR A WOMAN'S HEART

Plan to join us for a morning and afternoon of Bible Study with Becky Walker, Special Music by Dr. Lorna Lee Curtis (Rocket), Story time with Delores Hydock and Bobby Horton, Special Luncheon Guests and Entertainment, Tablescares. Save the date **SATURDAY MAY 14**. Invite a friend! Tickets, \$15.00. Sign-up for Tablescares at the Welcome Center... you may win a prize.

Special Moment with Jesus

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness. gentleness, and self control. Galatians 5:22-23



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The Week of April 3—9

Sunday, April 3
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
Monday, April 4
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, April 5
9:30 am Becky Walker Bible Study
Wednesday, April 6
9:00 am Food Pantry
4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
4:30 pm Children's Handbell Choir
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:30 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Becky Walker Bible Study
6:00 pm Konsensus Book Review
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir
Thursday, April 7
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
Friday, April 8
3:00-6:00 pm Church-Wide BBQ
Saturday, April 9
10:00 am-3:00 pm Church-Wide BBQ
(Boston Butt Pick-up)

SUNDAY, April 3rd, 2016
8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
John 20:11-18
Rev. Angela Martin

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45am Thompson 11:00am Vitality
Acolyte
8:45 Lena Holly 11:00 Abbey Gray
Greeters: Cornerstone
Meals on Wheels: Shanlever
Food Pantry April 6th:
Becky McCrary and Rosemary Dallam

Midweek Meetup April 6:
Family Feud—Main course TBA. Baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar.

Last Week's Record

March 27, 2016

Children/Youth	153/49
Morning Worship	1039
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$20,554.92
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$353,751.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$372,443.43
New Members in 2016	6

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$680.00
Received to Date	\$956,490.87

**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.