



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter April 2, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

www.BluffParkUMC.org

733 Valley Street
Hoover, AL 35226
205.822.0910

Lent and Easter Schedule

Lenten Morning Prayer

Wednesday Mornings @ 7:30am

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Saturday, April 8 @ 9:00am

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 9 @ 8:45am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing

Thursday, April 13 @ 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 14 @ 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 16 @ 8:45am & 11:00am

The Gathering Preview Service

Sunday, April 16 @ 11:00 am
In the Chapel

Friends,

When I came to Bluff Park UMC in June, I was overwhelmed by the hospitality, welcome, and support I received from our congregation. The mission of reaching young adults in our area is one that I can tell is at the heart of BPUMC. Part of my mission here at Bluff Park is to begin a new worship service that will reach out to those young adults and young families in our area. For the past several months, many of you have offered questions - what will it look like?



Where will it be? On Easter Sunday, my team and I are excited to show you where God has been leading us as we offer a Preview Service for the community we're calling The Gathering at Bluff Park. As a part of this service, we're offering young adults in the area an opportunity to find themselves in community around God's table, grow in faith, and serve the world in love as they respond to God's love in their own hearts. We'll meet on Easter Sunday at 11am in the Chapel at BPUMC and would love the opportunity to show you and all of our church family exactly what The Gathering will be about.

Hope to see you there!

John Carl



Mike

Did you know that 19 of our 26 new members in 2016 were 40-years-old or under? That doesn't include any children that are younger than Confirmation age. We are seeing similar trends in our community as well as more and more young people and young families move into the Bluff Park community. People seem to love the community feel of our area and are seeing friendships with others and ways that they can be in service to others. Our church is striving to be the kind of place that all people can discover who they are, why they matter and how they can serve the world in love. We offer this through a vibrant relationship with God and a means by which to live a life of blessing.

I am so very excited about what is going on with our young people and hope and pray that we will continue to strive to invest in their lives, our community and our church!

News of the Week

CLIMATE JUSTICE STUDY

Dr. Joyce Lanning, Ph.D., took a life altering trip to Antarctica that made Climate Justice more real for her. On Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00pm, she will be in the chapel at Bluff Park UMC to share her story and talk about two faith-based ways we can respond to a changing climate. This presentation is part of the UMW sponsored Social Justice Studies.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN, PREHEAT YOUR OVENS

The spring bake sale (in partnership with the church BBQ) will be held on April 7-8th. You can help by baking and bringing baked goods for the sale to the Fellowship Hall by noon on Friday, April 7th, 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.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST

Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 9-11. Come as a family and invite your friends to breakfast, pictures with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs, special prize eggs hidden for each age group, and more! The egg hunt is open to all kids up to 4th grade. Breakfast starts at 9 and the Egg Hunt starts at 10!

YOUTH CAR WASH

Saturday, April 8th, immediately after the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and during our BBQ Sale, we'll have a car wash in the youth parking lot, from 10:30am until approximately 12:30pm (weather permitting.) It's a "pay what you'd like" event and proceeds will go to the summer trip fees of participating students and adults.

21ST ANNUAL BPUMC BBQ & BAKE SALE

The BBQ is coming up on April 7th (5-7 pm) and 8th (10 am-3 pm). Tickets are \$8 each and can be picked up in the church office or through your Sunday School class. Sandwiches, plates and Boston butts will be available. 1 ticket will get you two sandwiches OR 1 plate with meat, beans, slaw, bun and drink. If you'd like to carry a pound of chopped BBQ home with you that will cost you one ticket, also. A Boston butt (5-6 lbs) cost 5 tickets and must be ordered through the church office by Wednesday, April 5th. Boston butts can be picked up on Saturday. Baked goods will be sold by the United Methodist Women. Come join us for good food and fellowship or pick it up on the go!

Memorials

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Shirley White by the Fisherman Class, Margaret Thompson, Julia Dunne, Tom and Kitty Coleman, Margaret Grubb
Mary O'Neil by Butch and Lynda Powell

Betty Hottenstein by Dyer and Ronda Carlise, Helen Stewart, Bill and Paulette Pearson

Dixie Youngblood by Fred and Jackie Battle

Stretch Dunn by Ray and Pam Phagan

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Jack Moore by the Fisherman Class, John and Sylvia Sumners

Stretch Dunn by Elizabeth Davis

BUILDING FUND

Shirley White by Curtis and Paula Thompson, Patricia Reeder, Gene and Jean Brown

Joe White by Curtis and Paula Thompson

Bill Walker by Wayne and Jackie Walton

Stretch Dunn by Jan Harris, R. Andrew and Joannie Taylor,

Lois Truss, Andy and Ann Holder

Ann Travis by Lois Truss

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Bill Walker by Gene and Jean Brown

FOOD PANTRY

Shirley White by John and Sylvia Sumners

Betty Hottenstein by John and Sylvia Sumners

CHOIR FUND

Stretch Dunn by Lee Beaman

ELAINE CLINTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Elaine Clinton by Jim and Gaile Ketchersid, Nina Reeves

ORGAN FUND

Norma Alley by Margie Thompson

Betty Hottenstein by Wayne and Jackie Walton

MUSIC FUND

Betty Hottenstein by Jim and Sally Holland

VETERANS LEADERSHIP MINISTRY

Stretch Dunn by John and Maureen Dubia, Dyer and Ronda Carlise, Otis and Temmie Bibb, Blue Star Salute Foundation, Inc., Col. Stephen J and Barbara A Kempf, Bob and Ann Nelson, Independent Project Analysis

SHEPHERD CENTER

Betty Hottenstein by Lisa Avant, Bob and Ann Nelson

Honorariums

ORGAN FUND

Ted and Margaret Cook by Harry Hill

FOOD PANTRY

Jim Perry by Pony Thompson

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



Easter Lilies

Reserve your beautiful Easter Lily now to remember or honor a loved one at Easter. The cost is \$15.00 per plant payable to the church. Deadline for ordering is April 10th.

In Honor Of: _____ **by** _____

In Memory of: _____ **by** _____

Return order form and payment to the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

EASTER EGG HUNT: Our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 8th from 9-11. Come as a family and invite your friends to breakfast, pictures with the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt with 10,000 eggs, special prize eggs hidden for each age group, and more! Breakfast starts at 9 and the Egg Hunt starts at 10! You don't want to miss it!

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup happens every Wednesday night from 5:00-7:30. The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, age focused Bible Study/Classroom time, and more.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Elementary Sunday School will be studying the Easter Story and Preschool Sunday School will be participating in their monthly Mission Sunday.

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY EMAIL: If you would like to start receiving our Children's Weekly Email to find out all of the fun and exciting things that are going on in the Children's Ministry at BPUMC, please email Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org and let us know!

STUDENT MINISTRY

MIDWEEK MINISTRIES - APRIL - IT'S ELEMENTAL Our theme next month focuses on "elemental" changes in our lives and the world around us. We'll have two guest speakers including our logistics coordinator on April 5th and youth alumni/Alabama student Hannah Thomas on April 12th! As always, students are welcome to bring their meals down to the youth wing and visit with friends, play games, do homework or just relax. Small groups will meet at 6:00pm with Holy Ground worship at 6:30pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND - SUNDAY NIGHT LIGHT Since some of our students will still be on their way into town from spring break trips, we're mixing it up tonight. Bring your dinner or a snack and meet us on the bluff at Tip Top Grill. We'll catch up after a week away from each other, have a short devotion and watch the sun set from 5-6pm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH - YOUTH CAR WASH Do you own a yellow car that was another color when it was purchased? Immediately after the Children's Easter Egg Hunt and during our BBQ Sale, we'll have a car wash in the youth parking lot, from 10:30am until approximately 12:30pm (weather permitting.) It's a "pay what you'd like" event and proceeds will go to the summer trip fees of participating students and adults.

SUMMER TRIP REGISTRATIONS! Students can now register online for our Adventure Camp (June 9-11) and ASP Mission Trip (July 2-8). Check with Kathryn Davis (kdavis@bpumc.org) for the links or more details.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SPRING SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: Holy Ground Worship, Confirmation, Senior Recognition and more. You can keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our free app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it.

SAVE THESE DATES Friday-Sunday, June 9-11, 2017: *Whitewater Express Summer Trip*, Sunday-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017: *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 2nd, 10:00am
Sunday, April 2nd, 4:00pm
Sunday, April 2nd, 5:00pm
Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00pm
Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00pm
Wednesday, April 5th, 6:30pm
Saturday, April 8th, 10:30am

Sunday School
Holy Ground Team Rehearsal & Confirmation (Makeup) Class
Sunday Night Light (meet us at Tip Top for fellowship/devotion and bring your own food)
HS Girls Small Group at Dover Home & Guys Group at Blake Shultz Home
Guys/Girls/Coed Small Groups
Holy Ground Worship
Car Wash Fundraiser in the Youth Parking Lot (come after the Easter Egg Hunt or as you're picking up your BBQ!)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 10:00 - Fireside Room - Jason Cooper, Horticulturist, "Sweetspire Gardens" There Will be Door prizes, too!

A LENTEN STUDY, led by Bob Nelson 11:00 AM - Fireside Room - Week 5
Torture and Crucifixion - Mark 15:16-39

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 10:00 AM - Fireside Room - James Lowery, Project Coordinator
Historic Birmingham Railroads

LENTEN STUDY led by Bob Nelson - 11:00 - Fireside Room

"Twenty-Four Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton—Last Week



Bluff Park United Methodist Church

733 Valley Street
Hoover, AL 35226
(205) 822-0910

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
AUTO
BIRMINGHAM, AL
PERMIT NO. 1816

Pastors

Mike Holly, mholly@bpumc.org, ext. 104
Angela Martin, amartin@bpumc.org, ext. 107
Tom Duley, tduley@bpumc.org, ext. 112
John Carl Hastings, jchastings@bpumc.org, ext. 120

Director of Senior Ministries, ext. 103

Fran Gatch, fgatch@bpumc.org

Director of Student Ministries, ext. 118

Bart Styes, barts@bpumc.org

Director of Children's Ministries, ext. 105

Stanley Davidson, sdavidson@bpumc.org

Director of Finance and Administration, ext. 117

Jason McCrory, jmccrory@bpumc.org

Financial Manager, ext. 101

Joe Pitard, jpitard@bpumc.org

Director of Communications and Media, ext. 119

Andrew Seltz, aseltz@bpumc.org

Secretary, ext. 111

Catherine Ward, cward@bpumc.org

Director of Worship Music,

Lonnie Parsons

Organist,

Jay Tumminello, jtumminello@bpumc.org

Preschool Director,

Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org

Facilities Manager,

Chad Malcolm, cmalcolm@bpumc.org

The Week of April 2—8

Sunday, April 2

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Lenten Sunday School Class
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Children's Council Meeting
4:00 pm Confirmation

Monday, April 3

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, April 4

9:30 am Covenant Bible Study
6:30 pm Building Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 5

7:30 am Lenten Morning Prayer
9:00 am Food Pantry
4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:00 pm 5th Grade Night
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Half Truths
6:00 pm UMW Climate Change Study
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Holy Strollers
6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study
6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm Youth Holy Ground

Thursday, April 6

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, April 7

1:00 pm Ladies Sewing Group
5:00-7:00 pm BBQ and Bake Sale

Saturday, April 8

9:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
10:00 am-3:00 pm BBQ and Bake Sale

SUNDAY, April 2, 2017

8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship

Ezekiel 37:1-14

"Dry Bones or Living Faith?"

Rev. Tom Duley

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality

Cross

8:45 Cadence Ward

11:00 Mary Lynn Williamson

Acolyte

8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 Rebekah Rice

Greeters: Cornerstone

Meal on Wheels: McDonald

Food Pantry April 5th:

Adams/Richerson

Midweek Meetup April 5th: Menu—Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

March 26, 2017

Children	76
Morning Worship	394
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$22,579.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$20,643.57
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,174,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$293,527.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$302,931.56
New Members in 2017	6

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$1,729.00
Received to Date	\$195,316.99

**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.