



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, January 2, 2013

JANUARY 6—DAY OF PRAYER 8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship Services

We begin the new year with our annual Day of Prayer. The morning worship services will take the form of a Prayer Meeting. What happens at a Prayer Meeting? PEOPLE PRAY! And that's what we will do.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FAMILIES

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

PRAYER FOR PEACE

PRAYER OF SILENCE—WAITING BEFORE THE LORD

PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

ANOINTING WITH OIL—LAYING ON OF HANDS

OFFERING OF PRAYER CONCERNS TO GOD

SERMON: “*Pray Without Ceasing*”

(I Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Reid Crotty

WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Sunday, January 6, 11:00-1:00

Fellowship Hall

Everybody is invited to lunch as guests of the church. It's a small way to say THANK YOU for your service in 2012 and previous years and for your financial support of the church and our ministries. A lot of people give generously of themselves in many different ways. This will be a Midweek-style meal, and there will be no charge for the meal. All are welcome. Serving begins after Sunday School and takeouts are available.



CHILI COOKOFF CORNBREAD AND CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE BAKEOFF

Sunday, January 13, 5:00 p.m.

A hot time on a cold night!

MIDWEEK MINISTRIES RESUMES

Wednesday Night, January 9

Supper Served 5:00-6:30

Classes—Choirs—Handbells—Bible Studies

Children-Youth-Fellowship

WHITE CHRISTMAS OFFERING

For the United Methodist Children's Home

Received to date

\$20,351.00

Give a child a chance with a generous gift.

Counseling: “Let it go.” Sometimes that’s easier said than done. A broken relationship—a missed opportunity—a personal failure—a wrong done to us—something in the past we’re ashamed of. Steve Sweatt can help us learn to let go of what’s holding us back and making us miserable. He is an ordained minister and licensed counselor and marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, an agency of the North Alabama Conference. Steve Sweatt comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It’s confidential, convenient, and affordable. Evening and weekend appointments can be arranged.

Financial Peace University: As John Wesley once put it, we as Christians should "Earn all you can, give all you can, save all you can." Join this popular study to learn about personal finance and how you can better manage money. Dave Ramsey cites scripture throughout this program that focuses on getting rid of debt, spending and saving wisely, and managing personal finances. Dan Little will facilitate. Class will meet on Wednesdays from January 9 through March 20. To find out more, email Peter.

Meeting:

Tuesday, January 8	6:30	Pastor-Parish Relations
Thursday, January 10	6:30	Finance Committee
Sunday, January 13	3:30	Music Committee
Sunday, January 13	6:00	Board of Stewards
Sunday, January 13	6:30	Simultaneous Committee Meetings

Sonrise: We have a group of men who meet for prayer every Monday morning at 6:30 at Arby’s on Montgomery Highway. They eat breakfast, have a brief devotional thought from Reid Crotty, and spend several minutes in prayer for their families, friends, work, community, church, and needs of the world along with prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. They dismiss at 7:00. Men of all ages are welcome. There are about 8-10 present most Mondays, but there’s plenty of room for more.

Prayer Chapel: The church has a Prayer Chapel that is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. It’s located below the chapel with an outside entrance. The Prayer Chapel is a quiet, private place to pray and meditate. Many people have found it to be a wonderful refuge where they could be alone with God.

Home Prayer Band: The church maintains a Prayer List that is sent out weekly to people who are committed to praying for needs and requests that come to the church. The list can be received by email or by regular mail. Anyone who would like to receive the Prayer List each week can call the church office and add their name to the Home Prayer Band.

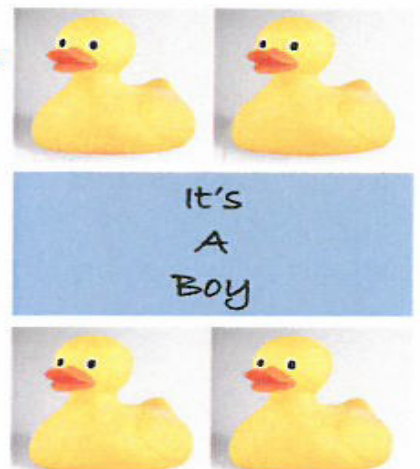
Peter and Amanda von Herrmann are adding another duck to their row!

Please join us for a Baby Tea

Sunday, January 20, 2012 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Bluff Park United Methodist Church – Parlor
733 Valley Street, Hoover, Alabama

RSVP to Tina at 205-718-1502
or tina_hardy@kindermorgan.com

Peter and Amanda are registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target



VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning!
Drive to the covered
entrance near the nursery
and fellowship hall.

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month
We are serving
100+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!



Monday 6:30
In the Gym

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER**BREAKFAST**

Mondays, 6:30-7:00 am
Arby's on Montgomery Highway
Men of all ages welcome

Men's Freeplay Basketball**In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: Wednesday:
7:00pm 7:00pm
(church members) (community)

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

Organized by women for hands-on missions to spread God's love

United Methodist Women Gathering

January 14 at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall _ Guests welcomed - Lunch, \$6.00

Speaker, Carol Ruth Devore, UMW Conference president

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

Compassion -January 6@ 4PM-Food Pantry Grace - January 28 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class
Hope-Love - January 28 @ 10AM at Louise White home Joy - January 28 @ 10AM in Fireside Room
Friendship - January 28 @ 6:30PM in Parlor

Mission Highlights

The Food Pantry was very active during the Christmas season.

Tom Duley will lead devotions on Pantry days.

Circle leaders; please call your circles for General Meeting reservations.

Happy New Year! Let's make it a good one!

Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823_9093

KICKOFF NIGHT

Sunday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

SIMULTANEOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Much of the work of the church is planned and carried out through our various committees. Every person in our congregation is invited and encouraged to find a place of service on one of these committees. Choose a committee that matches your gifts and interests.

Some of our committees have a specified membership. These include Trustees, Finance Committee, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Permanent Endowment Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Preschool Committee. Members of these groups are elected by the Charge Conference.

Other committees are open to anyone who would like to serve. All you have to do is show up for the meeting! Here's a description of these groups:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE - Marlowe Fort, chair - Makes plans for Sunday School, Midweek Ministries, Bible Studies, special educational programs.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Julie Adams, chair - Outreach to visitors and newcomers, Membership classes, Assimilation of new members, Ambassador program.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE - Amy Matheson, chair - Plans events and activities that families can enjoy together, such as the Chili Cookoff. Other recent examples are Family Skate Night, Veterans programs, Street Fair, Christmas Party, Gospel Jubilee, Blessing of the Animals, Church Picnic, Barons game, Wedding Renewal, Valentine Dinner.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE - Tim Mosley, chair - Plans mission trips and emphases through the year, Promote the Easter Love Gift for Missions, Volunteers in Mission.

MUSIC COMMITTEE - Stretch Dunn, chair - Promotes our choirs and handbells, Pipe Organ Concert, special music programs, Christmas on the Bluff.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE - Diane Moore, chair - Responsible for the sanctuary, plans for seasons of the year, altar flowers. Will be working on Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter.

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL - Leigh Delashaw, Director - Plans and organizes our Children's Ministry, Sunday School, Children's Church, Church Nursery, Midweek Programs, Grade 4-5 Fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Day Trips and Camps, Fine Arts Week, Summer and seasonal activities, Acolytes

YOUTH PARENTS - Bart Styes, Director - Supports our ministry with students, provides adult and parental participation, work with Director of Student Ministries.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP We will next meet on Wednesday, January 9 when Midweek starts back. We had 14 sign up to go to the party. Hope everyone will be back on Wednesday the 9th!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3:

SHEPHERD CENTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10:

SHEPHERD CENTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22:

CLASSIC ON THE NOBLE, Anniston (traveling on the **new** bus) Cost \$3 gas

Special Moment with Jesus!

Be still in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes. Psalm 37:7

Student Ministries

We start off 2013 strong with Discovery Weekend here at the church, January 25-27. This weekend of spiritual formation and fun is \$75 for 6th-8th graders and FREE for high school students who serve as leaders. Contact the Student Ministry office to register as a student or volunteer as an adult.

Holy Ground worship starts back on Wednesday, January 9th.

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The Week of January 6-12

Sunday, January 6

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Appreciation Luncheon

Monday, January 7

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Maintenance
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Pastor/Parish Relations

Wednesday, January 9

4:30 p.m. Children's Handbells
4:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study
5:00—6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal
5:45 p.m. Adult Handbells

Wednesday, January 9

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace
6:00 p.m. On A Mission From God
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible Study

Thursday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, January 11

11:30 a.m. Friendship Class

Saturday, January 12

Last Week's Record

December 30, 2012

Morning Worship	267
Weekly Operating Needs	\$26,955.83
Operating Receipts	\$129,692.38
2012 Operating Budget	\$1,428,659.00
Needed to Date	\$1,428,659.00
Received to Date	\$1,464,127.21
Building Fund Receipts	\$93,690.00
Building Fund in 2012	\$486,715.11
New Members in 2012	60

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010—December 31, 2012

Amount Pledged	\$1,491,048.00
Received Last Week	\$62,665.00
Received to Date	\$1,252,325.38

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

Sermons January 6, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Pray Without Ceasing"
(I Thessalonians 5:16-18)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Tom Roberts

Ushers
8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore
Cross
8:45: TBA 11:00: TBA
Acolytes
8:45: TBA 11:00: TBA
Children's Church
8:45 TBA 11:00: TBA
Greeters: January 13: Canterbury
Meals on Wheels: January 2 Betsy Britain
Food Pantry: January 9 — Leonette Saly

MIDWEEK MEAL SERVERS
January 9

Richard and Derilda Joiner Fellowship Hall
Wesley Forum Class—Carry out