



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, February 12, 2013



February 13

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

with

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(for all ages)

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Sermon: "Broken Hearts and Torn Garments"
(Joel 2:1-2, 12-17)

Reid Crotty

Anthem: "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"

We begin Lent with a solemn service of worship in which we ponder our sinfulness and our mortality. How easily we forget both! Only against that background can we truly hear the Gospel.

Ash Wednesday Worship will take the place of most of our Midweek classes and activities. The Midweek Meal will be served as usual from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available.

LENTEN PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

with Holy Communion

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Sanctuary

February 14—March 28



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Tom Duley and Leigh Delashaw will lead us in worship and prayer during Lent as we move toward the Cross and the Resurrection. The service will last no more than 40 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

Preschool: The Little Imaginations Preschool is nearing full enrollment for Fall, 2013. The only remaining openings are in Tuesday-Thursday classes: 1 spot for 2 year olds, 4 spots for toddlers, and 1 spot for infants. Call Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for information or registration.



**EASTER LOVE GIFT FOR
MISSIONS**

100% for others

Goal: \$30,000

Members of our Church Family in the Hospitals: **University**—Brenda Moore
Golden Living Center—Frances Pope **Lakeshore**—Betty Lou Hager; Tom Doran

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Jim Ketchersid in the death of his sister, Nancy Ketchersid Howard of Knoxville, Tennessee, on February 6....to Jamie Nutter and James Mitchell in the death of their father, James E. Mitchell, Sr. of Brantley, Alabama, on February 8....to the family of Charles E. Nelson, Sr. who died on February 5...Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

Baseball: We have 30 tickets for the Braves-Twins game in Atlanta on Wednesday, May 22. Game time is 11:00 a.m. CDT. We'll leave from the church at 7:30. Cost is \$25. We have a waiting list in case of cancellations. Sign up in the church office.

Counseling: Is there an addict in the family? There are all sorts of addictions, and they bring problems not only for the addicted person but for the entire family. For anyone struggling to live, love, and cope with an addicted family member, Steve Sweatt can provide guidance and support. He is a licensed professional counselor affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference. He 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 are available.

Cookbooks—Available in the church office and in the narthex. Cost \$20. The divider pages were drawn by the children and we hope you enjoy it.

Chile Mission Support _ JOIN US once again for an EVENT WHERE GIVING WON'T JUST FEEL GOOD, IT'LL TASTE GOOD! BPUMC is having a "second chance" fundraising event at the Galleria California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) to support our missionaries to Chile. Simply obtain a flyer from locations around the church and present it to your CPK server on February 21. A full 20% of your check will be donated to our Chile mission fund. Its that simple! If you came to the last event, you know what great fun we had. If you missed it, now's your chance to get in on the fun with your family and your friends. Make plans now to bring your entire Sunday School Class for a great class outing. We look forward to a great turnout! Sincerely, Tim Mosley, Mission Board Chairman

Midweek: Supper will be served as usual from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available. Several new classes are coming soon.

- On February 20, at 4:30 and 6:30 Reid Crotty begins a 4 week series on **"Immigration and the Bible."** This is the 2013 United Methodist Women's Mission Bible Study
- Also on February 20 at 6:00 in the parlor, Peter Kirchikov begins a series based on his new book, **"Walnuts on the Bookshelf: My Russian Legacy."** One reviewer reported, "Peter's personal journey describes the Russian struggle to escape from bondage to live in freedom for himself and his posterity. He gives valuable insight into the struggles in Russia today to escape another authoritarian regime."
- On February 27, Bart Styes begins a 4 week study on **"God of Rock."** It will meet at 6:00 in the Chapel. Rock music is an integral part of the American cultural experience. But it took a long time to be accepted and embraced by the Christian community as a legitimate experience of faith. Learn about the creation and rise of Rock and Roll and the advent of Christian Rock. Chuck Berry—Elvis—Amy Grant—U2—and scripture from Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes.

AND—there's also Becky Walker's class on the Book of Revelation, Finding the Holy in Hollywood with Peter von Herrmann, Financial Peace University led by Dan Little and "The Final Week" with Tom Duley.

Permanent Endowment: The market value of our Permanent Endowment Funds (Missions, General Ministries and Building) was \$600,692 at the end of CY2012. Our earnings for CY2012 were \$23,017 bringing the total earnings since the funds were established in 1993 to \$297,792. The income from the Permanent Endowment Funds supports unexpected, unbudgeted expenses which sometimes arise during the year. Our funds had a net gain in market value of \$25,264 for the year. A distribution from the Mission Fund of \$5,500 supported the mission to Chile.

There was an increase of \$71,547 in Permanent Contributions to the Funds during CY 2012. \$70,000 of that came from the sale of the residence left our church in the will of Mr. Carroll Duncan. Since its establishment in 1993, it has been our policy to invest such major gifts in the Permanent Endowment Funds. However, gifts may be made to the Permanent Endowment Funds at any time and in any amount.

Our Permanent Endowment Funds are invested with the United Methodist Foundation of North Alabama in the 'Balanced Fund'. The Foundation in turn, invests in fixed income and equity instruments in a ratio which they and their advisers feel yields the greatest possible returns in prevailing market conditions.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Sunday, March 10, 5-7 p.m.

Roller Motion on Morgan Road

We've rented the rink for the evening!

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs by the Pit Crew.

Everybody Welcome—All Ages

Bring a Friend!.



BLUFF PARK UMC PRESENTS

BOTB

BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF

A Mom and Me Consignment Event

THURS, FEB. 21ST 2-7PM PREVIEW SALE
 CONSIGNORS & VOLUNTEERS ONLY

FRI, FEB. 22nd 9-6pm PUBLIC SALE

*SAT, FEB. 23rd 9-2pm PUBLIC SALE

***25% OFF ON SELECT ITEMS**

Tickets for this year's **Silent Auction, "The Legacy Gala"**, are officially on sale before and after each service in the narthex. Come join us as we raise money for our youth and children's programs on March 1st at The Club from 7-11 pm. The event will include dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions. To donate an item for the auction, please contact Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com or 978-2907.



Rock-a-thon

Saturday, February 23,
 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Please help McCoy Adult Day Care Center by supporting our Rocker, Elizabeth Davis. For donations call Elizabeth @ 823-9093.

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 _
The local UMW is always open to all ages who want to be involved in service.

Upcoming Circle Meetings:

Compassion _ Sunday, March 3; 5pm; Church Parlor Grace _ February 25 @ 10AM in Fisherman Class
Hope-Love - February 25 @ 10AM at home of Libby Snow Joy - February 25 @ 10AM in Fireside Room
Friendship - February 25 @ 6:30PM in Parlor

United Methodist Women Bible Study

How do you feel about immigration? Reid Crotty will lead us in four weekly sessions from the Bible.
February 20, 27, March 6, 13 at both 4:30 & 6:30 _ Opportunity Classroom.
ALL are welcomed to hear about this timely subject.

Mission Highlights of the week

World Day of Prayer

St. Paul UMC, 1500 6th Ave North - March 1, 2013 - 9:30am-1:00pm

Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

Interested in Softball? A few of the BPUMC Sunday school classes are joining the Men's Softball League with the City of Hoover again this year. We will play on Monday nights at Spain Park High School starting on 2/25/13. Anyone that would like to join can contact me at mattself18@att.net or reach me at 205-822-9014.

Flowers: If you want to deliver flowers on Monday to your Care n' Contact person, please call Ellen Finley by noon on Sunday (979-4950 or email ellen.finley@gmail.com).

5 - Wheel Chairs are missing! If you have borrowed one, please contact Betty at 822-0910.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP All 4th and 5th graders are invited to go to PUMP IT UP on Sunday Feb. 17. Be here at 4p.m. we'll be back by 7p.m. Cost is \$10.00. Come and have some fun with this wacky group of Tweens!

PARENTS Let me suggest that you get a baby sitter for Friday March 1 and join us for the **LEGACY GALA** at THE CLUB, 7-11p.m. This event features a silent and live auction, music and dancing plus a wonderful dinner. This gala funds the year round and summer interns for the youth and the Children's ministry programs. Melissa Hendon is our year round intern for the Children and Amanda Aldridge is the youth intern. Please help us continue to have these wonderful additions to our ministries.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL this year is July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. Our next organizational meeting will be Sunday Feb. 24 at 3p.m. If you are looking for a place to exercise your gifts of ministry, please look no farther and join us! We will meet in the New Light Classroom on the 3rd floor of the educational building. If you would like to volunteer but can't make the meeting, please let Leigh Delashaw know so you can be included on future e-mails.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14: SHEPHERD CENTER—Valentine Party with Sue Ann Jenkins
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18: HYUNDAI PLANT TOUR—9:30—4:00—Meet at the bus
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21: SHEPHERD CENTER—Dr. Benton Quinney—Baptist Princeton/Hoover
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23: RED HAT LUNCHEON—Chocolate Biscuits—Traveling/new bus. Call Betty
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26: DAY TRIP/TRUSSVILLE - antiques and chocolate biscuits—\$5 gas donation.
TUESDAY, MARCH 5: AARP Safety Driving Class with Mark Hearn - 8:00-2:00—1 day class.
TUESDAY, MARCH 12: PELL CITY DAY TRIP Lunch at the Ark—\$5 gas donation
SATURDAY, MAY 4: LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

Special Moment with Jesus!

*Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10*

Student Ministries

On Friday March 1, our Silent Auction will be held at The Club. Proceeds fund interns in our student and children's ministry departments. Tickets can be purchased from Megan Wise in the narthex of the sanctuary before or after Sunday worship. We are very grateful for your support of these two events!

Wednesday, Feb 13, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups
Wednesday, Feb 13, 6:30pm: Ash Wednesday Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday, Feb 17, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing
Sunday, Feb 17, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, Feb 17, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Feb 17, 6:00pm: Youth Night EVENT (to be determined)
Sunday, Feb 17, 6:00pm: HS Guys & Girls Small Groups
Wednesday, Feb 20, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

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The Week of February 17-23

Sunday, February 17

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Seeker's Class Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, February 18

Tuesday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 20

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
6:00 p.m. Walnuts on the Bookshelf
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, February 20

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace
6:30 p.m. The Last Week
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible Study

Thursday, February 21

7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer
9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
2:00 p.m. Preview Consignment Sale

Friday, February 22

9:00 a.m. Consignment Sale
6:00 p.m. Fishermen Class

Saturday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Consignment Sale

Last Week's Record

February 10, 2013

Sunday School	485
Morning Worship	650
Evening Worship	14
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$26,316.57
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$162,150.00
Received to Date	\$152,379.31
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,784.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$35,760.65
New Members in 2013	0

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,659.00
Received to Date	\$110,187.03

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

Midweek Meal, February 13

Hamburger steak, rice and green bean casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, February 20

Meatloaf, wild rice, squash casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Sermons February 17, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Say My Name"
(Romans 10:8-13)
Peter von Herrmann

6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship
"Neighborly"
(Luke 10:25-37)
Tom Roberts

Ushers
8:45: White 11:00: Davis
Cross
8:45: Clayton Marshall 11:00: Lydia Coltrane
Acolytes
8:45: Pippa Lothar 11:00: Davidson Dover
Children's Church
8:45 Hendon 11:00 Carpenter
Greeters: February 24: New Light
Meals on Wheels: February 20 Linda
Food Pantry: March 6 Theresa Richerson

MIDWEEK MEAL SERVERS

February 13

Richard and Derilda —Fellowship Hall
Wesley Forum —Carry Out

Cashiers

Sally Holland and Woodie Comer