



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, January 29, 2013

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
(during Sunday School)

Have you been visiting Bluff Park for awhile? Are you looking for a church home? Then you are invited to become an official member of the congregation.

There will be a Membership Class on Sunday morning led by Reid Crotty and Peter von Herrmann. Information will be presented, and questions will be answered. Discover ways to get involved and hear about opportunities for service, learning and fellowship. We'll talk about baptism and ways of becoming a church member.

The welcome mat is out! Come and find your place here at Bluff Park!



The more you give the more we can do
2013 Easter Love Offering

Dear Friends,

The Lenten season arrives with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 13th this year. During Lent the Church sets aside time for self-examination, repentance and the deepening of our faith. As such it is a very important time to shape and form our spirituality as followers of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that we will all have a blessed time of spiritual growth during the Lenten season of 2013.

At Bluff Park UMC the Lenten season is also the time of year when we receive our Easter Love Offering for missions. The Easter Love Offering finances the church's mission activity during the year. The Easter Love Offering is an opportunity for us to deepen our faith as we share generously from the resources with which we have been blessed to support the work of God.

In 2012 we reached our goal of \$25,000.00 for the Easter Love Offering. We are most thankful for the generous donations which allowed us to meet our goal. This year we have set an ambitious goal of \$30,000 for the Easter Love Offering.

If you made a donation last year we hope that you will commit to increasing your donation this year. If you did not make a donation last year we hope that you will make a donation this year. Please remember the more you give the more we can do.

The ministries we support through our Easter Love Offering provide hope for a great many people. For some that hope comes in the form of a meal, for others the payment of a utility bill, for others an education, for others a home in which to live. All those whose lives are touched by the ministries we support receive the greatest we can offer ... the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Bluff Park United Methodist Church is a wonderfully generous congregation that has a strong commitment to the support of missions. We are certain that by working together we can reach our 2013 Easter Love Offering goal of \$30,000. By reaching our goal we will make a positive impact for Christ on the lives of many people. We hope that you will make a generous donation to this vital aspect of our church's ministry.

Sincerely Yours,

Reid Crotty
Senior Pastor

Tom Duley
Minister of Missions

Members of our Church Family in the Hospitals: University—Brenda Moore
Brookwood—Frances Pope St. Vincent—Bill White; Lakeshore—Betty Lou Hager

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Judy Green, who died on January 28.....also to Peggy Best in the death of her brother, Fred Owen of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania..... also to Alice Singleton in the death of her sister-in-law, Lucy Brooks of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania..... also to Jo Ann Freeman in the death of her sister, Jeanette Stone of Ashland, Alabama, on January 27Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Drew and Lauren Cater on the birth of a 7 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Mabry Evelyn, on January 23. Ed and Carol Cater are the paternal grandparents.

Schedule: There will be no evening worship service on February 3. It's Super Bowl Sunday. May your favorite team and your favorite Harbaugh brother win!

Baseball: We will take a group to Atlanta on Wednesday, May 22, for the Braves-Twins game. Leave at 8:15. Game time is noon CDT. \$25 for game ticket and transportation. Sign up in the church office. 6 seats available. Friends are welcome.

Counseling: The recent tragedy at Gardendale-Mt. Vernon UMC reminds us that sometimes the unthinkable happens. What are the warning signs that might indicate that a person is nearing a dangerous breaking point? If there's someone you're worried about and want to talk it over with an expert in human behavior, Steve Sweatt is available. 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.

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.

Meetings:
Sunday, February 3 9:45 Promise Home Update

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

February 3, 8:45 and 11:00 services

Sermon By Reid Crotty

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 me-gan.f.wise@gmail.com or 978-2907.

BLUFF PARK UMC PRESENTS

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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**

FEATURING:

NEW & GENTLY USED

- * SPRING/SUMMER Kids, Ladies & Maternity Clothing, Shoes & Accessories
- * Swings, Exersaucers, High Chairs, Strollers & other Baby Equipment
- * Children's Furniture * Children/Baby Bedding
- * Indoor & Outdoor Toys * Books / Games / DVD's
- * MUCH, MUCH MORE!

NOTES:

***WE NEED YOUR HELP!**
Volunteer for a Shift or Two
& get VIP shopping privileges!

Visit our Website for more Information

WWW.BARGAINSONTHEBLUFF.COM

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP



February 13,
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Imposition of Ashes
Sermon by Reid Crotty

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



February 12,
5:00-7:00
Fellowship Hall
Sponsored by the Youth
Its Mardi Gras at Bluff Park!

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 dona-
tions call Elizabeth @ 823-9093.

Lent: During the Lenten season we will have a weekly prayer and worship service with Holy Communion. The service will be held on the Thursday mornings of Lent at 7:30 a.m. The first service will be on February 14 and will meet in the sanctuary. The service will last no more than 40 minutes. Tom Duley and Leigh Delashaw will lead the services.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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: 7:00pm
(church members)
Wednesday: 7:00pm
(community)

Sermon: Did you miss church this Sunday? Would you like a reminder of what was said? Was there a really fantastic sermon you'd like to hear again? Our new website has a sermon archive going back to June 3, 2012 (the beginning of Reid's series on the Beatitudes). Just go to <http://bluffparkumc.org/sermon/> and click on the sermon you'd like to hear. Your web browser should begin playing the sermon immediately. Each sermon has the date, scripture, title, and preacher. We will update this page weekly so that you can catch the latest sermon.

PIPE ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday, February 24, 4:00 p.m.

Featuring

Dr. James Dorroh

Organist and Director of Music
St. Luke's Episcopal Church Mountain Brook
University Organist, Samford University
Become a sponsor of the Recital.
Keep the Organ in good repair.

The **BPUMC Book Club** meets on the 4th Thurs at 7 pm in the church parlor. Enjoy the following selections for spring/summer reading and join us for discussion:

Feb 28	Gone Girl	Gillian Flynn
Mar 28	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Rebecca Skloot
Apr 25	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald
May 23	Coming Up for Air	Patti Callahan
Jun 27	The Postmistress	Sarah Blake
Jul 25	Far From the Madding Crowd	Thomas Hardy
Aug 22	Breakfast at Tiffany's	Truman Capote
Sep 26	The Rules of Civility	Amor Towles

CHILDREN'S NEWS

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP will next meet on Wednesday, January 30. We will go on a retreat Feb. 1-2. It is **EXIT 456 at Camp Sumatanga**. This is a conference wide camp which was a lot of fun last year. Cost is \$65.00. Registration starts now. An updated travel/medical form is required. You can download one from the church website.

PRESCHOOLERS and their parent s are invited to a **PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY!** It is Friday, February 8, 6-7:30p.m. The theme of the evening *Bedtime Stories!*

So come dressed in your pajamas, bring a blankie and/or your favorite snuggle buddie and have some fun with us. We'll have a bed time snack and make a craft. We'll also hear some stories from one of the best storytellers in Birmingham!! (Hint- She's on the library circuit!) Please call Mrs. Leigh at 822.0910 Ext. 107, so we can reserve your family a spot!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**THURSDAY, JANUARY 31:**

SHEPHERD CENTER—Surprise! Surprise! - 10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. World War II Movie and popcorn with George Nash

THURSDAY, February 7:
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

SHEPHERD CENTER—Jack Owens—retired FBI
CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST — 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall—Join us
for breakfast and get involved caring for our sick and shut-ins. Sunday School classes please send 2 members to the breakfast. If you would like to keep you same Care n' Contact person for this year, please call Betty.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

HYUNDAI PLANT TOUR—9:30—4:00
DAY TRIP/TRUSSVILLE - antiques and chocolate biscuits—\$5 gas donation.

Special Moment with Jesus!

*But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. Psalms 59:16*

Student Ministries

Discovery Weekend was a big success. We had a great group of middle school and high school students, along with college and adult volunteers, who spent a weekend exploring what it truly means to live out the Great Commandment. Thank you to all in our church family who supported us by contributing to our scholarship fund, praying, writing letters to students, providing snacks and attending the Prayer Service. We are very blessed to have you in our students' church family!

Wednesday, Jan 30, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Feb 3, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Feb 3, 5:00pm: Super Bowl Parties...

*MS Students at Turner Home, 3834 Carisbrooke Drive & HS Students at Adams Home, 3833 Carisbrooke Drive.

*Bring a snack or 2 liter drink to share. Transportation is NOT provided. Please pick up your student within 20 minutes of the end of the game.

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The Week of February 3-9

Sunday, February 3

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Membership Class

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

Monday, February 4

Tuesday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, February 6

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. Finding the Holy in Hollywood

Wednesday, February 6

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. 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 7

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

Friday, February 8

Saturday, February 9

Last Week's Record

January 27, 2013

Sunday School	535
Morning Worship	743
Evening Worship	18
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$12,577.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$108,100.00
Received to Date	\$85,017.74
Building Fund Receipts	\$7,990.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$25,391.00
New Members in 2013	0

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$3,440.6733
Received to Date	\$100,415.03

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church
Office

Midweek Meal, January 30

Pork Loin, dressing, and green beans or
baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, February 6

Taco salad and refried beans or baked
chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Sermons February 3, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"The Day Jesus
Stirred Up a Hornet's Nest"
(Luke 4:14-30)
Reid Crotty

No Evening Worship

MIDWEEK MEAL SERVERS

January 30

Betty and Peggy —Fellowship Hall

Mahala and Gail—carry out

Cashiers

Sally Holland and Woodie Comer

Ushers

8:45: Thompson 11:00: TBA

Cross

8:45: Ethan Caraway 11:00: Katie Norris

Acolytes

8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Ari Tsantes

Greeters: February 10: Friendship

Meals on Wheels: February 6 Chambers

Food Pantry: February 6 Sylvia Sumners