



**Bluff Park  
United Methodist Church**  
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**Newsletter, March 5, 2013**



**Sunday, March 10  
FAMILY NIGHT—SKATE NIGHT  
Roller Skating at Roller Motion  
2474 Morgan Road  
5:00-7:00**

We've rented the rink for the evening, and everybody is welcome!

Bring the whole family. Invite a friend.  
Spectators are welcome.

Here's something everybody of all ages can enjoy together!

**No Admission Charge  
No Skate Rental Fee**

**Hamburgers—Hot Dogs by our Pit Crew**

**BSF:** On Tuesday nights, our church is host to Bible Study Fellowship, which is an ecumenical community—based Bible study for women. They currently have 106 women and 11 students from 50 different churches in the Birmingham area representing 7 denominations and several independent and non-denominational churches. The group has been meeting here for several years. We made a decision long ago to open our facilities to as many worthwhile groups in our community as possible in order to be good stewards of what we have. We're glad to have them here.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Monday, April 29  
**BPUMC GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Riverchase Country Club  
Details to follow.....

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**  
Returns Sunday,  
March 10  
Spring forward one hour!



**EASTER LOVE GIFT  
FOR MISSIONS**  
100% for others  
Goal: \$30,000  
Received to Date: \$10,524.00

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Harris Ponder, who died on February 28. Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Ian and Alyssa (Phillips) Click, who were married at the church on March 2. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

**Congratulations** to Peter and Amanda von Herrmann on the birth of a 7 lb. 11 oz. son, David William, on February 27.....to Richard and Elizabeth Hill on the birth of an 8 lb. 8 oz. son, James Wendell, on March 3.

**Counseling:** Communication can be a problem—for a couple, between parents and children, at work, in all sorts of relationships. Misunderstanding occurs. Steve Sweatt can help us both to listen and to be heard. Communication skills can be taught and learned. He is an ordained minister and licensed professional counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist 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 can be arranged.

**Maintenance:** The Maintenance Group will meet on Tuesday, March 12, to work around the church building. All retired men and anybody who wants to help are welcome.

**Midweek:** Midweek Ministries continues through March 20 before taking a week off on March 27 for Spring Holiday. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30 with takeouts available. Current classes are:

- **IMMIGRATION AND THE BIBLE** led by Reid Crotty at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity classroom
- **GOD OF ROCK** led by Bart Styes at 6:00 in the chapel
- **WALNUTS ON MY BOOKSHELF** led by Peter Kirchikov at 6:00 in the parlor
- **THE FINAL WEEK** led by Tom Duley at 6:30 in the Footsteps classroom
- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** led by Dan Little at 6:00 in the Fireside Room

**MEETINGS:**

Thursday, March 14 6:30 Finance Committee  
Sunday, March 17 4:00 Board of Stewards  
Sunday, March 17 5:00 Education Committee

**Board:** The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 in the Opportunity classroom. There are several important items of business to consider. All Board members are asked to attend if possible. There will be a called Charge Conference as part of the Board meeting to consider sale of a house and property located at 433 Shades Crest Road.

**New York VIM trip.** There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM to discuss the possibility of a VIM trip to New York this summer to help with recovery from Hurricane Sandy. The tentative dates for the trip are August 10<sup>th</sup> to August 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the library. If you are interested we would love to see you at the meeting.

**Green Team Meeting - Lunch Provided (RSVP)- Open to anyone interested**

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall**

**Items to be discussed:**

- \*Building 2 raised beds(cost), prep for planting, what to plant
- \*Finding speakers for the last 2 midweek Wednesdays (topic herbs & bees)
- \*Advertising/securing 15 people to make a rain barrels Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 (\$40)
- \*Increasing recycling awareness

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**BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF CONSIGNMENT SALE**

Many Thanks go to all who participated in the Spring Bargains on the Bluff Consignment Sale. Once again it was a HUGE success with sales totaling over \$59,500.00! Our Children's and Preschool Programs will be blessed with a MUCH needed 30% of this total!

This event has become a wonderful ministry over the years, Not only to our Church and Preschool family but to the community as well. We are unable to do this without all of our Volunteers, Consignors, Shoppers and support from our congregation. Once again, we Thank You! Molly Knight and the BOTB Committee

**Easter Lilies** add a beautiful touch to the Easter Worship services. Reserve yours today to honor a special person or remember a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per lily payable to the church with your order. Deadline for orders is March 24.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



**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)



**MARCH 30** is our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast! Everyone is invited for breakfast at 9a.m. Afterwards at 10 a.m. the preschool 3,4, and 5s with all of the elementary children will hunt for Easter Eggs. At 10:30, the Toddlers and 2 year olds will hunt at 10:30a.m. on the playground. There will be plenty of eggs for them to hunt! The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will hunt in the courtyard. The preschool 3,4, and 5 year olds will hunt on the north side of the playground. The Elementary K5, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will hunt on the south side of the playground. The playground is naturally divided by a dry creek rock bed which serves as the division.

**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.

**United Methodist Women Bible Study**

Spiritual growth study on Immigration  
Reid Crotty - Wednesday 6 & 13 - 4:30 & 6:30

**Mission Highlights**

1. Monday, March, 11 - Trip with Tom Duley to visit United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) warehouse in Decatur. We will leave the church at 8:30, return by 4:30 - and will have some hands-on in packing relief boxes. Lunch at a local meat & three - \$6.00.
2. Saturday, March 16 - District Refresh Brunch (Spiritual Enrichment) at Hueytown UMC. Brunch is \$8.00. Speaker is Debra Welsh, Director of Servant Ministries at Highlands UMC

Questions - Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093 - Come join us: UMW is 4U!

**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

March 10, 8:45 service  
We salute our Scouts!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, March 24, 7:30-12:30  
In the Gym  
Give the Gift of Life!

**LENTEN MORNING WORSHIP  
AND PRAYER SEERVICE**

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Sanctuary  
(Through March 28)

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**EGGS! EGGS! EGGS!** To get ready for our Easter Egg Hunt, we are asking the congregation to pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs and fill them with candy! You can find the bags of eggs in the narthex. Please return the filled eggs to the office or nursery by Wednesday March 27. Thank you!



**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP** We will meet this Sunday at 5:30p.m. for snack supper and be finished at 7:30p.m. Hope to see all y'all this Sunday!

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST** is Saturday March 30, 9-1:30A.M. The breakfast is at 9 a.m. The hunt will begin at 10a.m. We are going to change it up some this year. We would like for the preschoolers thru 5 graders to hunt at 10a.m. The 2's and younger can hunt at 10:30a.m. on the playground. We will make sure there are plenty of eggs for our littlest ones to find! There is a rain plan in place- just in case! This event will take place rain or shine!

**PALM SUNDAY** March 24 at both services, we will have a Palm Parade featuring the Children at BPUMC. We invite all children to participate in this expression of reverence and joy. Whichever service, your family attends, meet Mrs. Leigh in the narthex to get your child in line for the walk around the sanctuary. They will walk during the first hymn. Afterwards the children will go and sit with their parents.

**VEGGIE TALES LIVE- HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB AND LARRY!** This show will be at Valleydale Church Saturday April 20 at 5p.m. If you would like to order tickets for your family, please call or e-mail Leigh Delashaw at 822-0910 or email at [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org). The cost of a ticket for 1 person is \$15.00. If we get more than 20 twenty tickets, the cost drops to \$12.95 a ticket. The deadline for us to order tickets is Monday April 1.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING** is Sunday May 5 at 10a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for adults who have not received the training this year or who have not received this type of training in the last 3 years.

**VBS- EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR** will be this summer July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4k-thru elementary age children. We are looking for adult volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Delashaw at [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org). A nursery is provided for children of volunteers. The 2 year olds (rising 3k preschoolers) of volunteers will have a vbs experience, too.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 7:**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12:**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14:**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—9:30—Refreshments—Program at 10:00

**PELL CITY DAY TRIP** Lunch at the Ark—\$5 gas donation

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—9:30—Refreshments—Program at 10:00

**COOKING CLASS**—with Jennifer & Bill Tsantes—6:00/7:00 p.m. Fireside Rm.

**MYSTERY DAY TRIP** ??????—\$60 per person includes traveling by tour bus, admission tickets, and lunch—Call Betty

**SATURDAY, MAY 4:**

**LADIES DAY**—Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY 8 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

**Student Ministries**

Thank you to everyone who supported our students through your participation in the Silent Auction. The money raised funds college-age interns throughout the year. As well, we are very grateful to Megan Wise and her entire team for another incredible event!

Wednesday, Mar 6, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

Wednesday, Mar 6, 6:30pm: "God of Rock" Class in the Chapel

Sunday, Mar 10, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Mar 10, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, Mar 10, 5-7pm: Skate Night at Roller Motion on Morgan Road (free event, transportation not provided!)

Wednesday, Mar 13, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

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**The Week of March 10-16**

**Sunday, March 10**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Seeker's Breakfast  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Skate Night

**Monday, March 11**

**Tuesday, March 12**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 13**

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, March 13**

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace  
6:00 p.m. God of Rock  
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, March 14**

7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

**Friday, March 15**

11:30 a.m. Friendship Class

**Saturday, March 16**

**Ushers**

8:45: Nelson 11:00: Dover

**Cross**

8:45: Ruskin Gold 11:00: John Michael Williamson

**Acolytes**

8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Caroline Owen

**Children's Church**

8:45 Bogart 11:00 Pitts

**Greeters: March 17:** Seekers

**Meals on Wheels: March 13:** Wesson/Brown

**Food Pantry: April 3:** Becky McCrary

**Sermons March 10, 2013**

**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**

**The Power of the Cross"  
(I Corinthians 1:10-25)**

**Reid Crotty**

**No Evening Worship**

**March 13**

Peggy, Gail, and Betty—Fellowship Hall  
Wesley Forum—Carryout

**Cashiers**

Sally Holland and Woodie Comer

**Hospital Bed** and other medical supplies available if needed. Call Betty



**BPUMC Red Hat Luncheon—**

Saturday, March 23. Call Jackie

Walton (822-1875) for reservations

**Last Week's Record**

March 3, 2013

Sunday School	435
Morning Worship	630
Evening Worship	20
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$40,314.55
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$243,225.00
Received to Date	\$233,242.52
Building Fund Receipts	\$5,930.65
Building Fund in 2013	\$40,500.65
New Members in 2013	3

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$5,555.00
Received to Date	\$120,422.67

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Midweek Meal, March 6**

Fried chicken, rice/gravy, and corn or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Midweek Meal, March 13**

Pork cutlets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.