

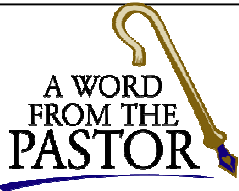
# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

733 Valley Street  
Hoover, AL 35226  
205.822.0910

*Newsletter, April 8, 2014*

[www.bluffparkumc.org](http://www.bluffparkumc.org)



This Sunday is Palm Sunday, but it is also known as Passion Sunday. The focus is primarily upon Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the Sunday prior to his arrest, trial and crucifixion. Jesus enters Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives – entering like a king returning victoriously from battle.

We will have palm branches and triumphant hymns, but then for our sermon this Sunday we will turn back to the cross for the two last sayings of Jesus: "It is finished" and "Into your hands I commit my spirit." We are at the end of this journey through Jesus' sayings upon the cross. We know what happens, but it is not yet the time for that. We must keep near the cross until Sunday morning, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jesus' final statements are not words of defeat, although they may seem as such. They are words of victory – the same sentiment of victory from Palm Sunday. The king's work is now complete and the battle is now over. **Love is finally defeating death.**

*Mike*

## Upcoming Events And Holy Week Schedule

April 11-12	Annual BBQ and Bake Sale
April 13	Palm Sunday Procession in both morning worship services, 8:45 and 11:00 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00 pm
April 18	Good Friday Worship Service 7:00 pm
April 19	Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt 9:00 am
April 20	Easter Sunday, 8:45 and 11:00 am

Tom Duley and Bill Pearson will hold a **Promise Home wrap-up meeting** on Wednesday, May 7 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. in the Opportunity Classroom. Each session will cover the same information so pick the time that is best for you. Tom and Bill will cover all aspects of the Promise Home story including building, financing, current status and more. There will be a time for questions and answers as well. If you have any remaining questions or need more information about the Promise Home we would love for you to join us.

**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 April 13.

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

By \_\_\_\_\_

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

By \_\_\_\_\_



**Evening Worship with the Youth at 6:00 p.m.**

**Member of our Church Family in the Hospital:**

**Hanover House-Shirley White**

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Carla York and Peter Kirchikov in the death of their son, Billy York on April 5. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

**Update Membership:** It is not too late to update your **membership information**. You can do this on line (<http://bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo/>) or call the office at 822-0910.

**From the Chile Volunteers In Mission Team:** As we recover from our work at El Vergel's hostel with BPUMC's covenant missionary partner, John Elmore, we want to thank BPUMC for your support of this mission outreach which has taught us all so much. Your willingness to underwrite this trip through the church budget, your many prayers, and expressions of support have really touched our hearts. We look forward to sharing our experiences and growth with you all.

**2014 Chile VIM Team**

Marigene Chamberlain  
John Irwin

Tom Duley  
Libby Sevilla

John Gates  
Leonette Slay

Olivia Howard  
Bennie Vinson

**Lenten Morning Prayer:** There will be a morning prayer service each Wednesday before Easter Sunday at 7:30am in our Sanctuary. This a wonderful way to take on a rich spiritual discipline during the time of Lent as we seek to grow in faith and love of God and others.

**BBQ:** The annual BBQ is coming up on April 11-12. We need **DOOR PRIZES** for the ticket stub drawing. Bring items to the office. Thank you.  
Contact Peter von Herrmann for more information at 822-0910 or email [petervh@bpumc.org](mailto:petervh@bpumc.org).



**\*\*\*\*\*EASTER BASKETS for Sick/Shut-ins/Care n' Contact—**  
**pick up a basket in Betty's office—fill and deliver at your convenience.**

Please pick up your eggs to stuff for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. You may pick the eggs up in the narthex and the church office.



We are **receiving two mission offerings during Lent** this year. The Easter Love Offering will support ministries and missions that we as a church are involved in.

The second offering will support the construction of the **Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House**. For each dollar that you donate to the Habitat House a donation in the amount of \$2.66 will be made from matching funds donated by an anonymous donor. This will be our local Volunteers in Mission project for 2014. The Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund.

When you write your checks please remember to designate where your gift should be directed by writing either Easter Love Offering or Bluff Park Habitat House in the memo line.

**EASTER LOVE GIFT UPDATE**

To date, we have received \$ 9,541 for the Easter Love Offering and \$ 10,494 for the Habitat House offering!

**Mother's Day**



Support our local mission projects

**Semi-Annual  
Charity Sale**  
**Saturday**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-10 AM**

**Graduation**



**Weddings**



It's a **Win-Win**. You save \$5.00  
Money stays here

**Just for Me !!!**



**Pre-sale begins April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**\$5.00 Discount tickets available from UMW members  
And the Church office**

The month of April we will celebrate Earth Day and here at Bluff Park United Methodist we need to join together to take care of the earth God



provided for us. (Psalms 65:9-13). As part of the **Green Team's mission**

to recycle you should be able to locate one of the 10 blue recycling trash cans around the church to place the following items:

Paper, Aluminum Cans and Plastic (water bottles).

Thank You Otis Bibb for attaching easy to empty handles for collection and signage to remind everyone what to place in the recycling bins.

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**EASTER EGGS** are in the narthex! To help us get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast please pick up a bag of these eggs, fill them then, return them by April 16. You can bring them back to the office or drop them in the "filled egg" box in the narthex! Thank you for helping with this event for the children.

**PALM SUNDAY** is April 13. we are asking all of the children in the congregation to join us in celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by having a parade in the sanctuary during the first hymn of each service. Each child will have a palm branch to wave. Parents are welcome to walk with our shy children. We will gather in the narthex 15 minutes before the beginning of each service.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES** The conference is sponsoring a workshop on April 26 10a.m.-4p.m. at the NAUMC Conference Center. Lunch provided. Please contact Leigh Delashaw if you would like to go. You can go to [www.northalabamaumc.org](http://www.northalabamaumc.org) to access more information.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### SAVE THE DATES!

**Confirmation Sunday**, April 27th. Our Confirmands will "firm up" their commitment to God and to the Church during 11am worship.

**Senior Recognition**, May 18th. Our graduating seniors will be honored with a breakfast at 10am and during worship at 11am.

**Wednesday, April 9**, 5:30pm: MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

**Wednesday, April 9**, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, April 13**, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, April 13**, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 13**, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 13**, 6:00pm: An Evening of Praise & Worship in the Chapel (featuring our student worship team)

**Wednesday, April 16**, 5:30pm: MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

**Wednesday, April 16**, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9:** **COOKING Class** - Stephanie Parker and Chicken Legs—Fireside Room—6p.m.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 10:** **SHEPHERD CENTER** - Donna DiGiorgio—Bottle Caps Art Work

**THURSDAY, APRIL 17:** **SHEPHERD CENTER** - Alice Marie and Randy Morrison—Easter Program

**MONDAY, APRIL 14:** **CAMP SUMATANGA RETREAT**—Devotional, Music, Bible Study, Lunch  
Leave at 9:00—3:00 p.m. Two spaces available. \$10.00 per person

**TUESDAY, APRIL 15:** **EASTER CARDS TO SICK AND SHUT-INS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3:** **LADIES DAY**—Tablescapes, Memory Candle, Devotional, Special Music, Bible Study with Becky Walker, Lunch, Special Guest, lots of prizes and surprises!  
Tickets \$15, on sale. Sign up for Tablescapes.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23:** **SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**—Riverwalk, Boat Tour, The Alamo, LBJ Ranch, Alamo Missions, Museum, San Fernando Cathedral, Mexican Market Square, Fredericksburg—National Museum of the Pacific War. Cost \$675 –Deposit \$100

**\*\*\*\*\*EASTER BASKETS for Sick/Shut-ins/Care n' Contact—**

**pick up a basket in Betty's office—fill and deliver at your convenience.**

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! Psalm 29:11

# Bluff Park United Methodist Church

733 Valley Street  
Hoover, AL 35226

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

## Pastors

Mike Holly, mholly@bpumc.org, ext. 104  
Peter von Herrmann, petervh@bpumc.org, ext. 105  
Tom Duley, tduley@bpumc.org, ext. 112

## Dir. of Seniors, ext. 103

Betty Hottenstein, bhottenstein@bpumc.org

## Director of Student Ministries, ext. 118

Bart Styes, barts@bpumc.org

## Dir. of Children, ext. 107

Leigh Delashaw, ldelashaw@bpumc.org

## Director of Finance and Administration, ext. 117

Ben Sheets, bsheets@bpumc.org

## Financial Manager, ext. 101

Joe Pitard, jpitar@bpumc.org

## Secretary, ext. 111

Cindy Myers, cmyers@bpumc.org

## Director of Chancel Choir and Special Programs,

Lonnie Parsons

## Organist, Jamie Davis

## Preschool Director

Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org

## The Week of April 13—19

### Sunday, April 13

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Monday, April 14

### Tuesday, April 15

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 16

4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m. Final Words Study  
6:00 p.m. Daniel Plan  
6:00 p.m. Cooking Class

### Wednesday, April 16

6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Choir

### Thursday, April 17

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center  
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday

### Friday, April 18

Noon Opportunity Class Lunch  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

### Ushers

8:45: Adams 11:00: Alley

### Cross

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Harrison Winter

### Acolytes

8:45: Matt Logan 11:00: Carolyn Owen

### Children's Church

8:45 Gold 11:00 Beasley

Meal on Wheels April 16: Pearson/Adams

Greeters April 13: Canterbury Class

Food Pantry: May 7: Becky McCrary

### BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

## Last Week's Record

April 6, 2014

Youth/Children	54/87
Morning Worship	570
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$50,064.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$378,350.00
Received to Date	\$348,850.95
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,954.00
Building Fund in 2014	\$79,167.93
New Members in 2014	12

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,854.00
Received to Date	\$450,424.25

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**  
Information Sheets in Narthex and Church  
Office

### Men's Free Play Basketball In the Gym

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

### Sermon, April 13, 2014

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship

**"Father, Into Your Hands I Commit  
My Spirit"**

(Luke 23:44-47)

Mike Holly

### VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning! Drive to  
the covered entrance near the  
nursery  
and Fellowship Hall.

### MIDWEEK MEAL: April 16

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green limas beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

### April 23

Fried chicken, rice/gravy, lima beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.