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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 4, 2018

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Lent and Easter Schedule

Lenten Morning Prayer

Thursday Mornings @ 7:30am

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Saturday, March 24 @ 9:00am

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 25 @ 8:45am &
11:00am

Maundy Thursday Worship and Foot Washing

Thursday, March 29 @ 6:30pm

Good Friday Worship

Friday, March 30 @ 6:30pm

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 1 @ 8:45am &
11:00am



One of the quotes that surfaced last week from the late Billy Graham was this: "Some day you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God." Graham had a way of speaking plainly about such a complex thing as

heaven and it helped so very many people connect with God and find the life that Jesus Christ offers to each and every one of us. I believe he is more alive than ever and that he has heard the words of affirmation from Jesus Christ: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

That phrase is one that can be used at Bluff Park UMC as well – to many of our servants and volunteers. From the Food Pantry to Under the Bridge and from the Promise Home to the Room 35226 ministry in local schools: Bluff Park UMC is doing Kingdom work. Bart Styes, our youth director, reported this week that a local celebrity had a discussion with him about how much this celebrity hears about the good work that goes on at Bluff Park UMC. On top of that, I have the blessing of sharing with you that Bluff Park UMC is a finalist in the faith based category of the Ignite Awards from United Way and Hands on Birmingham for the nonprofit that serves the community in the most significant way! This honor is just a response to our call to bless our neighbors as we serve Christ in our community.

May God continue to bless you in this Lenten season that you might continue to dive into spiritual practices that help you to lose yourself and find the life that the God of Easter is offering to us all.

Mike

News of the Week

COLLECTING CANDY FOR THE EGG HUNT



Our annual Community-Wide Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th, and we need your help! We are planning to hide 10,000 Easter Eggs again this year, and we are in need of candy (**WITHOUT PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER**) to fill these eggs. If you would like to donate candy for the Egg Hunt, you can bring it to the church and drop it off in a collection bin in the

Narthex or just inside either entrance on the first floor.

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

During the season of Lent we always receive our Easter Love Offering. This offering goes to support many of the mission agencies that we work with throughout the year. They include: Firehouse Men's Shelter, First Light Women's Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, McCoy Older Adult Day Care, Meals on Wheels, NeverThirst, Rise Against Hunger, United Community Centers and Urban Ministry, Inc. Each of these ministries provides vital services to the communities they serve. Our generosity through the Easter Love Offering enables each of them to continue to serve those in need.

CHILE INTEREST MEETING

If you have any interest in serving on this year's Volunteer in Missions team to Chile you are invited to attend an interested persons meeting on Wednesday March 21st at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the church library. We will discuss the destination, the type of work and answer any questions you might have. The dates for our trip this year are June 29 to July 14, 2018.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

It is not too late to be a member of our Volunteers in Mission team to South Carolina. The dates for our trip are March 25 to 31, 2018. If you want to be on the team contact Tom Duley at 822-0910 ext 112 or tduley@bpumc.org.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROGRAM

According to the US Department of State the number of adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution is 20.9 million. Male and female victims of human trafficking can be found in all types of establishments and locations, in rural, suburban and urban settings in the United States and worldwide. Even in Hoover, Alabama. Join us as Hoo-

ver Detective Nina Monosky and her team of detectives update us on what is happening in our area. All are welcome to attend. Come and bring a friend. Monday, March 12, 10:00 am, BPUMC Fellowship Hall. RSVP required for lunch at 11:30 am - Sylvia Sumners ssumners@bellsouth.net

LIFETRACK: DAILY

Looking for a way to engage with God through scripture and prayer that fits the rhythm of your life? Subscribe to LifeTrack Daily. Each day you will receive an email with a morning and evening prayer and a morning and evening scripture reading. For those who prefer a printed guide, the weekly LifeTrack prayers and daily readings will be printed in the bulletin each Sunday as well. You can join the email list at BluffParkUMC.org/lifetrackdaily

CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Jennifer and Michael Johnston on the birth of a son, Charles Jackson Detlaff, on February 22nd.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Julie Wood on the passing of her husband Brett on February 23rd. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Linda Bailey—UAB West
George Nash—Brookwood
Frances Pope—Lakeshore



16TH ANNUAL ORGAN RECITAL

March 4th @ 4:00 pm

Dr. Faythe Freese, Professor of Organ at The University of Alabama, will perform an organ recital at Bluff Park United Methodist Church on A reception will follow the performance.



Easter Lilies

Reserve your beautiful Easter Lily now to remember or honor a loved one at Easter. The cost is \$15.00 per plant payable to the church. Deadline for ordering is March 26th.

In Honor Of: _____ by _____

In Memory Of: _____ by _____

Return order form and payment to the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED: The Children's Ministry currently has two openings we are trying to fill on our nursery staff. Our nursery staff watches the Preschool-aged children of our church on Sundays, Wednesdays, and/or during special church events. If you or anyone you know would be interested in applying for these positions, please contact Marcie Walters at nursery.bpumc.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The Children's Ministry at Bluff Park UMC is committed to keeping our Vacation Bible School free of charge for both the children of our church and the children of our community, so that any child that wants to attend VBS can attend VBS! Please visit our booth in the Narthex to see ways that you can help us achieve this goal!

MIDWEEK MEETUP: Midweek Meetup happens every Wednesday night from 5:00-7:30 in the Spring. The children will enjoy dinner, choir, recreation, age focused Bible Study/Classroom time, and more! We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Elementary Sunday School will be learning about "Jesus and Peter Walking on Water" and our Preschool Sunday School will be participating in their monthly Mission Sunday!

CHILDREN'S WEEKLY EMAIL: If you would like to start receiving our Children's Weekly Email to find out all of the fun and exciting things that are going on in the Children's Ministry at BPUMC, please email Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH IS FIRE & ICE NIGHT! After our snack supper at 5pm, we'll be revisiting some of the fun events we've enjoyed this year followed by Fire & Ice Night! That's right... it's time to get sugared up with your choice of our Hot Chocolate or Ice Cream Sundae Bars and enjoy time with your friends and fellowship.

MARCH HOLY GROUND SERIES: TAKE UP YOUR CROSS... WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO FOLLOW JESUS. On Wednesday, March 7th, come hear our new message series kick off with our very own Katie Norris speaking! We'll be exploring what it really means to follow Jesus as a teenager in modern society, it's not easy and we know it! We hope you will find hope and help to apply Christ's teachings to your everyday life.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUPS ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 6-6:30PM IN THE YOUTH WING. There are 3 groups to choose from, all guys, all girls or co-ed. You're welcome to join in at anytime, this is a great time to get to know each other and share what's going on in your life.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: *Adventure Camp at Whitewater Express* is June 22nd-24th, *ASP Mission Trip* is July 8th-14th.

THIS WEEK

Sun, March 4th @ 10am	Youth Sunday School
Sun, March 4th @ 4-5pm	6th Grade Confirmation Class
Sun, March 4th @ 5-7pm	Fire & Ice Night
Wed, March 7th @ 4:30pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal & Hang Out Time on the Youth Wing
Wed, March 7th @ 6pm	Small Groups (Girls Only, Guys Only & Co-ed)
Wed, March 7th @ 6:30-7:30pm	Holy Ground Worship

55+ MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5-6:30pm	Conversation and Candlelight Dinner in the Faith Class room
6:30pm	"A Biography of Simone Peter" Warren Lightfoot, Attorney at Law, explores the Life of Christ through his friend, Simone Peter. March 7th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 20	1st Day of Spring Luncheon in the Church Parlor at noon. Dolores Hydock "Dishes the Dirt." Catered Lunch \$7 RSVP Fran at 822-0910 Ext. 103 or fgatch@bpumc.org
April 10	Trip To Botanical Gardens. We depart the church at 10:00am

SHEPHERD'S CENTER SCHEDULE

Programs - 10 AM - Thursdays
In The Fireside Room
All are Welcome!

March 8

"Drexel and Friends" Bluegrass and Gospel Band

March 15

"History of Flight" by Charlie Phillips,
Birmingham Museum of Flight



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The Week of March 4—10

Sunday, March 4

8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
9:30 am Coffee with the Pastors
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park
11:00 am Traditional Worship Service
4:00 pm Organ Recital
4:00 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, March 5

10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, March 6

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 am Food Pantry
4:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:30 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm The Reason for God Study
6:30 pm A Biography of Simon Peter with Warren Lightfoot

6:30 pm Choir

6:30 pm Holy Strollers

Thursday, March 8

7:30 am Lenten Morning Prayer
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
9:30 am Sewing Group
6:00 pm Handbell

Friday, March 9

12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon
4:00 pm Exit 456 Group Departs

Saturday, March 10

Exit 456 Group Returns
**Set Your Clock Ahead for
Daylight Saving Time**

SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

8:45 & 11:00am Traditional Worship

Exodus 20:1-17

"Top Ten OG"

Rev. Angela Martin

11:00am The Gathering at Bluff Park

Rev. John Carl Hastings

LIFETRACK

Sunday

Exodus 20:1-17 | Psalm 93

Monday

1 Corinthians 3:10-23 | Psalm 80

Tuesday

Hebrews 9:23-28 | Psalm 78:1-8

Wednesday

Mark 11:15-19 | Psalm 82

Thursday

Ephesians 1:1-6 | Psalm 43

Friday

Ephesians 1:7-14 | Psalm 88

Saturday

John 3:1-13 | Psalm 90

SERVING

Ushers

8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Lawson

Acolyte

8:45 Matthew Pitts 11:00 Mary Lynn Williamson

Cross

8:45 Spencer Schillaci 11:00 CJ Lorino

Meal on Wheels: Thomas

Food Pantry March 7th: Richerson

Midweek Meetup March 7th: Menu - Pork chops, cabbage, pinto beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids.

Last Week's Record

February 25, 2018

Children/Youth	79/49
Traditional Worship/Gathering	444/66
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$24,206.16
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$217,096.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$190,202.01
New Members in 2018	2

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621.00
Received Last Week	\$3,951.00
Received to Date	\$508,920.31

**Provisional figures pending approval of 2018 budget*

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

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

VALET PARKING

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