

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Lent and Easter Schedule 2020

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 25th

> Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 26th

> Lenten Morning Prayer

Thursdays, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd, and 9th

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4th

Palm Sunday Sunday, April 5th

Maundy Thursday Worship Thursday, April 9th

> Good Friday Worship Friday, April 10th

> > Easter Sunday Sunday, April 12th

Legacy Giving

Bluff Park United Methodist Church has a strong giving history. The Permanent Endowment Committee would like to encourage you to leave a legacy for generation to come by:

- Remembering our church in your will or trust;
- ► Establishing an Income-Producing Gift where you can receive income for life, and continue the work of Christ through you gift after life; and/or
- ► Funding your gift or bequest with cash, securities, IRA's, real estate, life insurance or other resources.

If you would like to discuss a legacy gift, please contact Tina Hardy at 205-718-1502 or Jason McCrary at 205-822-0910.

Sunday Morning

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10:30 am THE GATHERING AT BLUFF PARK: 10:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:15 am

Nursery care available all morning!

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Message from the Pastor

Do you know what kind of church this is?

Bluff Park United Methodist Church is a generous church. This is the kind of church that wants to help people. This is the kind of church that wants everyone to have access to food, water, and shelter. On Christmas Eve, our church family gave over \$4,000 to help families and children at Simmons Middle School and Bluff Park Elementary.



Can you imagine our church making an even bigger difference? What If By January 2025, our church has made sure — even by working with other churches and agencies - that there is not one single hungry child in the zip code 35226?

Bluff Park United Methodist Church is also a welcoming church. This is a church that believes that every person is a person of sacred worth. Some of our best ushers stand at the doors of each Narthex and open the door, greeting people and welcoming them with a smile. Members of our church family extend hospitality to their neighbors and

Can you imagine our church helping more people grow in faith, health, and life? What If By January 2025, every person in our church family has invited 20 households to participate in some ministry or mission of our church? We have an average attendance of 500. If every single person was able to do that, we could reach 10,000 households - the total number of households expected to be in our zip code by 2.02.5

Bluff Park United Methodist Church is also a community church. While not every household lives within a threemile radius of our church property, each member of our church family have a passion for and want to invest in the people of the community.

What If By This Time Next Year, the people of our church family are so faithful, so generous and so Christlike that each and every person in our community knows that if you want to know God's love and find life, you need to go to Bluff Park United Methodist Church.

Would you consider these dreams for our church and community? Please join me in prayer as we faithfully move forward towards God's call upon our life together as the body of Christ.



Fabric Needed for Receiving Blankets

Members of the Prayer Shawls Ministry are making baby blankets for third-world countries in Africa. If you would like to donate a yard of

plain cotton fabric for blankets for babies we will make them into receiving blankets.

A medical team of missionaries take the finished blankets to various African nations and give them to mothers to help keep flies off babies. The ladies sometimes stand in line all day just to get one of these little blankets.

Fabric can be left at the Welcome Center anytime. Donations of money is also appreciated if you wish to leave your donation in the office. We will purchase the fabric. For more info contact kandisscudder@mac.com.

The Methodist Class Leader Study

Class leaders and weekly class meetings were part of the genius of the early Methodist movement. They were highly effective means of pastoral nurture and oversight, first in John Wesley's early societies and then in the family of Methodist Churches throughout the world. Yet, in many branches of Methodism today, the office no longer exists or has devolved into a merely token role. Marigene Chamberlain will lead this video-based study that examines the office of the Methodist class leader from historical, theological and Christian formation perspectives. We will meet in the Faith Classroom at 6:30 pm beginning Feb. 5th for seven sessions; we will not meet on Ash Wednesday (Feb.26), March 11 or March 25 (Hoover schools spring break).

McCoy Adult Day Care Rock-a-thon

On Saturday, February 22nd, we need you to come and rock! McCoy Adult Day Care will be hosting their annual **rock-a-thon** fundraiser at St. Mark UMC from 10:00am—12:00pm. This year, they will also have a kid's zone area and family fun activities for rockers of all ages. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, you can make a check out to the church, write McCoy Day Care on the memo line, and drop it in the offering plate. All funds raised help cover the cost of day care expenses for caregivers and are tax deductible.



Recycle Old Glasses

Recycle your old eyeglasses, sunglasses, frames, cases, or single lens at the church. There is a basket outside the church office where you can drop off your donation. If you have any questions, contact Gaile Ketchersid @ gketchers@gmail.com.

Dinner for Eight

Sign up for Dinner for Eight will begin on Sunday, February 2nd in the Sunday School Classes and at the Welcome Center. Dinner for Eight is a potluck dinner for eight people that will be held at the home of a host one time during March, April or May. We have done this in the past with great participation. This gives us all the opportunity to get to know others in the congregation.



Annual Chili/Cookie Cook-off

Time to get out those favorite chili and cookie recipes, make a batch and bring 'em on down to the cook-off on Sunday evening, March 1st. Judging will begin at 5:30 with everyone eating at 6:00. Prizes, along with bragging rights, will be awarded to the judge's favorites (adult and children's categories).

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We in the Children's Ministry at Bluff Park UMC are committed to offering our Vacation Bible School free of charge, so that any child that would like to attend VBS is able to attend. Last year, we had over 250 children from our church and community attend Vacation Bible School! One of the primary ways that we are able to offer this free ministry for such a large number of children is through proceeds from Bargains on the Bluff, our church's semi-annual Mommy and Me Consignment Sale. This year's sale will be held on February 24 th -28 th, and we need your help! First, we need volunteers to help before, during, and after the sale. There are many ways that people of all ages can help! To learn more about how you can volunteer, please contact Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org. Secondly, we would love for as many people as possible to come and shop at Bargains on the Bluff. Every dollar you spend helps children be able to attend Vacation Bible School, and to learn about the love of Jesus Christ while they are there! We hope that you will make time to volunteer and/or shop at Bargains on the Bluff this year!

The Children's Ministry will be spending much of the month of February planning for four upcoming events: Exit 456 (an overnight spiritual life retreat for 4 th and 5 th graders), our community Easter Egg Hunt, Camp on the Bluff, and Vacation Bible School. Would you join us in praying for each of these events, the volunteers who help make them possible, and especially for the children and families that attend these events? We are excited for what has already happened in 2020, and cannot wait to see what God has in store for our children throughout the rest of this year!



STUDENT MINISTRY

SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

On Friday, March 6th, from 6:30-10:30pm, we are having a glamorous star-studded night of fun at The Barn at Shady Lane. There will be dinner, dancing with a live band, games, fellowship, a live auction, and a silent auction. The proceeds from this event will go to support the Student Ministry here at Bluff Park.

Please help support this important event. Purchase tickets, donate auction items, and invite your friends. This party is open to the whole community.

To purchase tickets online visit BluffParkUMC.org/silent-auction. For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer for this event contact Aimie Marshall @ aimielmarshall@hotmail.com.

HOLY GROUND

Holy Ground is our weekly youth led worship service that takes place from 5:30-7:30. There is dinner in the fellowship hall that starts at 5 and then we play games/ hang out until 6:20!

SUNDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Sunday Night Activities alternate between mystery night, game night, and serve night. It takes place from 5:30-7:30 and includes a free dinner!



ADULT MINISTRY

OPEN DOOR CAFÉ SPECIAL FEBRUARY PROGRAM

February 6 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

Join us at the Open Door Café on February 6th as BPUMC church member Leonette Slay discusses 100 Years of Women's Suffrage. When Wyoming was still a frontier territory, their territorial charter gave women the right to vote. When the territory petitioned Congress to enter the union, Congressional leaders balked at approving their entry until the provision for women's suffrage was removed. When the territorial representative telegraphed the reason for Congressional inaction, the all-male legislature responded: "We will stay out of the Union for 100 years if we must enter without suffrage for Wyoming's women". Congress capitulated, making Wyoming in 1890 the first state to include women's suffrage in its constitution. Discover how Alabama's history compares during a discussion of 100 Years of Women's Suffrage. (The Vulcan Museum has a special exhibit honoring the centennial of women's suffrage which opens January 17th).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Valentine's Banquet

Join us for dinner and entertainment on Sunday, February 9th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Music for your enjoyment and dancing will be provided by the band Pocket Change. Cost for the event is \$12 per person. Space is limited. Please RSVP by February 2nd to Susan Reynolds-Porter at adultministry@bpumc.org or by calling the church at 205-822-0910 and asking for Susan. Checks made payable to the church (with "Valentine" in the memo line) should be turned in to Susan Reynolds-Porter through the church office.

Realm Classes

Do you need help setting up or using your account on our new web-based church directory and church management system? Realm classes are being held each Friday through the end of March from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Seekers Sunday School Classroom. Classes are limited to 12 people per week. Please contact Susan Reynolds-Porter by e-mail at adultministry@bpumc.org or by calling her the church (205-822-0910). For any other questions about Realm, please contact the

The Open Door Café

Exercise—9:30 AM—Meet & Greet— 10 AM—Programs – 10:30 AM – Lunch—11:30 AM—Games & Movies—12:30pm

Thursdays In The Fellowship Hall All are Welcome!

February 6

100 Years of Women's Suffrage presented by BPUMC church member Leonette Slay

February 13

Valentine's Lunch with Fun and Games

February 20

The Season of Lent presented by Reverend Angela Martin

> February 27 Heart Health





Meet the Staff

NAME: Susan Reynolds-Porter

JOB TITLE: Adult Ministry Program Coordinator

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR JOB

I work closely with and provide logistical support to the Adult Ministry Council, the Missions Committee and the BPUMC's care and flower ministry.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN YOUR ROLE?

I started work on October 21, 2019. This is my 4th career. My first was as an Auburn University and University of Georgia food science faculty member; my second was as a food editor for Southern Living and Progressive Farmer magazines; and my third was as the developer and CEO of an international non-profit that taught

home and agricultural safety to children. This post-retirement job allows me to continue doing what I love.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF YOUR JOB?

Definitely the people I work with and the events that I help plan and execute! I've always enjoyed bringing people together and providing them with the resources they need to get to know each other and to do good works!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY:

I married later in life to someone I've known since 1975. Vin is a retired university professor who taught marriage and family studies and educational psychology at the University of Alabama and Coastal Carolina University.

FAVORITE THING TO DO AWAY FROM WORK?

Favorite thing to do away from work? Enjoying my husband's three children and eight grandchildren. Getting out in nature, meeting people and exploring new cultures and sites!

Member Updates

BAPTISMS

- Camille Hope Potter 1/19/2020
- Georgia Grace Lee 1/26/2020
- Parker-Jane Payne 1/26/2020

New Members

• Nancy Essig - 1/19/2020

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Cathy Braswell on the passing of her husband Jim on December 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family of Mary Wyatt who passed away on December 20th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Leigh Delashaw on the passing of her husband Don on January 11th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to Penny Burns on the passing of her husband Jay on January 19th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation goes out to LuAnne Thompson Barron on the passing of her husband Mike on January 22nd. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

LIFETRACK

February 1 John 13:31-35 Psalm 52
February 2
Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 43 February 3
Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 58 February 4
Ruth 2:1-16 Psalm 62
February 5 Ruth 4:13-22 Psalm 72
February 6 1 John 5:1-5 Psalm 74
February 7
James 3:13-18 Psalm 69 February 8
Mark 7:1-8 Psalm 76 February 9
Matthew 5:13-20 Psalm 96
February 10 2 Kings 22:3-20 Psalm 77
February 11 2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Psalm 78:1-39
February 12 John 8:12-20 Psalm 81
February 13 James 1:12-16 Psalm 85
February 14 1 John 2:7-17 Psalm 91
February 15
Deuteronomy 30:1-9 Psalm 66 February 16
Matthew 5:21-37 Psalm 67 February 17
James 1:2-8 Psalm 89:19-52
February 18 James 2:1-13 Psalm 97
February 19 Proverbs 2:1-15 Psalm 101
February 20
Exodus 6:2-9 Psalm 105:1-22 February 21
Exodus 19:9-25 Psalm 102 February 22
Mark 0.0 13 Dealm 108
Matthew 17:1-9 Psalm 149
February 23 Matthew 17:1-9 Psalm 149 February 24 Acts 7:30-34 Psalm 80
1 Kings 19.9.18 Pealm 28
February 26
February 26 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Psalm 5: February 27
Jonah 3 Psalm 37:1-18 February 28
Jonah 4 Pealm 31

February 29

Matthew 18:1-7 | Psalm 30

Monthly Calendar for February 2020

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Saturday, February 1 Youth Discovery Weekend			6:30 pm	Class Meeting Study with Marigene Chamberlain		
	Sunday, Februar		6:30 pm	Rick and Tina Hardy Study		
	Sulluay, Pebluai	Youth Discovery Weekend	6:30 pm	Walking Group		
	9:15 am	Sunday School	Thursday, Febru			
	10:30 am	The Gathering at Bluff Park	9:30 am	Sewing Group		
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service	10:00 am	The Open Door Café		
	11:30 am	Children's Council	6:00 pm	Senior High Boys Small		
	5:30 pm	Student Ministry	0.00 pm	~		
	Monday, February 3		Group Friday, February 14			
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	12:00 pm	Friendship Class Luncheon		
	5:30 pm	Dance Lessons	Sunday, Februar			
	Tuesday, Februa		9:15 am	Sunday School		
	9:30 am	Becky Walker Bible Study	10:30 am	The Gathering at Bluff Park		
	Wednesday, Feb		10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service		
	9:00 am	Food Pantry	5:30 pm	Student Ministry		
	4:30 pm	Pastor's Bible Study	Monday, Februa			
	5:00 pm	Midweek Meetup	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl		
	5:30 pm	Student Ministry	5:30 pm	Dance Lessons		
	5:30 pm	Men's Chorus	Tuesday, Februa			
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal	9:30 am	Becky Walker Bible Study		
	6:30 pm	Choir	6:00 pm	Under the Bridge		
	6:30 pm	Class Meeting Study with	Wednesday, Feb			
	o.se pin	Marigene Chamberlain	4:30 pm	Pastor's Bible Study		
	6:30 pm	Rick and Tina Hardy Study	5:00 pm	Midweek Meetup		
	6:30 pm	Walking Group	5:30 pm	Student Ministry		
	Thursday, Febru		5:30 pm	Men's Chorus		
	9:30 am	Sewing Group	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal		
	10:00 am	The Open Door Café	6:30 pm	Choir		
	6:00 pm	Senior High Boys Small	6:30 pm	Class Meeting Study with		
	P	Group	F	Marigene Chamberlain		
	Sunday, Februar		6:30 pm	Rick and Tina Hardy Study		
	9:15 am	Sunday School	6:30 pm	Walking Group		
	10:30 am	The Gathering at Bluff Park	Thursday, Febru			
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service	9:30 am	Sewing Group		
	5:30 pm	Valentine's Banquet	10:00 am	The Open Door Café		
	5:30 pm	Student Ministry	6:00 pm	Senior High Boys Small		
	Monday, Februa		•	Group		
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl	7:00 pm	Book Club		
	5:30 pm Dance Lessons		Sunday, February 23			
	Tuesday, Februa	ry 11	9:15 am	Sunday School		
	8:30 am	Maintenance	10:30 am	The Gathering at Bluff Park		
	9:30 am	Becky Walker Bible Study	10:30 am	Traditional Worship Service		
	6:00 pm	Under the Bridge	5:30 pm	Student Ministry		
Wednesday, February 12			Monday, February 24			
	4:30 pm	Pastor's Bible Study	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl		
	5:00 pm	Midweek Meetup	10:00 am	UMW Joy Circle		
	5:30 pm	Student Ministry	5:30 pm	Dance Lessons		
	5:30 pm	Men's Chorus	Tuesday, Februa			
	6:00 pm	Handbell Rehearsal	9:30 am	Becky Walker Bible Study		
	6:00 pm	Reconciler Group	Wednesday, Feb			
	6:30 pm	Choir	4:30 pm	Pastor's Bible Study		

5:00 pm Midweek Meetup 5:30 pm Student Ministry 5:30 pm Men's Chorus 6:00 pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 pm 6:30 pm Choir Class Meeting Study with Marigene Chamberlain 6:30 pm Rick and Tina Hardy Study 6:30 pm Walking Group Thursday, February 27 9:30 am Sewing Group The Open Door Café 10:00 am 6:00 pm Senior High Boys Small Group Finance Committee 6:30 pm Friday, February 28 9:00am-6:00pm Bargains on the Bluff 5:00 pm Fisherman Class Social Saturday, February 29 9:00am-2:00pm Bargains on the Bluff



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

In Memory of...

GENERAL OPERATING FUND

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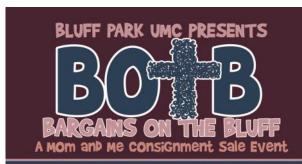
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THURSDay, February 27th 2-7 PM Preview Sale - Consignors & Volunteers only

FRIDay, February 28th 9-6 Pm, Public Sale *Saturday, February 29th 9-2 Pm, Public Sale

*25% Off on Select Items

FEATURING: New and Gently used

*SPRING/SUMMER Kids, Ladies, Maternity Clothing, *Shoes and Accessories *Swings, Exersaucers, High Chairs *Strollers & other baby equipment *Children's Furniture *Children/Baby Bedding *Indoor & Outdoor toys *Books/Games/DVDs *Much, Much More!

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