

# BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Joey McDonald, Pastor  
Becky McCorkendale, Associate Pastor  
Ella W. Davis, Director of Music  
Greg Hollinger, Organist  
December 9, 2018 –8:30 & 11:00 AM – Color: Purple  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

(During the Introit, please keep silence to allow all worshipers to prepare mind, heart, and body for the worship of God.)

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### INTROIT

*Advent Introit*

Anna Laura Page

### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY (The Candle of Peace)

Kathy and Jim Griebel (8:30)

Mary Ratliff and Bob Brannen (11:00)

### *Light of Hope: The Gift of Peace*

Joel Raney

### Responsive Litany

On this Advent journey, we are mindful of the brokenness of the world that surrounds us.

**We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

As we look around us, we see the hostility that exists between neighbor and nation.

**We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

As we look around us, we see fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

**We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

As we look within ourselves, we confess the reconciling words we have yet to speak and restoring deeds we have yet to do.

**We long for the peace that surpasses all understanding.**

### Candle Lighting and Closing Prayer

### HYMN No. 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

McGee

### OFFERTORY

*Come Now, Savior*

Johann S. Bach

### \*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100th

### ANTHEM (11:00)

*Prepare the Way!*

Veni Emmanuel

Lloyd Larson

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn No. 618 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Rev. Joey McDonald

LET US BREAK BREAD

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Joey McDonald

### \*INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE (8:30)

### \*CHORAL RESPONSE (11:00)

*A Blessing of Light*

Joseph M. Martin

solo: Lourri Norris, soprano

*Go now in peace and let your light so shine. Go now in hope and warm the cold of night.*

*Go now in joy with hearts ablaze. Walk in the light and live in praise. Go now in peace.*

*Go now in hope. Go now in joy. Go now in love. Go and change the world with grace. Amen*

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata on Come Now, Savior*

Paul Manz

\*Please stand if you are able.

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Carson Bryant

(11:00) Lyrah Atkins/Luke Bliley/Olivia Downey/ Kensley Kaney/  
Annie Reichert/Matthew Sapochak/Cooper Simpson

**Ushers:** (8:30) Bonnie Bogart, Dian & Sam Gamble, Joyce Hall

(11:00) Marcia Farmer, Jeanne & Ralph Lemmon, Linda Shettel, Kathy & Joe Walter

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR:** Sarah Atkins, David Atwood, Aaron Bliley, Peggy Chandler, John Clingerman, Cecil Corson, Annabel Court, Joanne Davies, Candace Deshler, Betsy Epply, Sharon Hachtman, David Hoffman, Paula Johnson, Debbie Kadzielewski, Ron Kadzielewski, Laurel Karper, Laura Kollaros, Al Litster, Becky Manley, Lynn McPheeters, Venus Mendoza, Joan Morris, Victoria Morrison, Lourri Norris, Allyn Perdue, Mary Ratliff, Henry Rosado, Carol Rutgers, Ed Sweers, Sarah Sweers.

### *Happy Birthday*

12/11 – Amy Cooper

12/13 – Mark Reichert, Todd Schubert

12/15 – Barbara Allen, Kay Atkinson, Buck Hylar  
William Golson, Jr. (child)

12/17 – Lyrah Atkins (child), Toni Case

### *Happy Anniversary*

12/12 – Connie & Larry Budge

12/12 – Denise & Gary Gildner

12/13 – Kazia & Joseph Mark Warner

12/16 – Sarah & Jim Snow, Jr.

12/17 – Maureen & Luther Barnett

**PRAYER CONCERNS**



Daniel Alba	Kyle Nance
Tim Alarie	Robert Newhart, Sr.
Jim Bergenthal	Pat O'Conner
Louise Cimino	Sonny O'Neal
Wayne Cimino	Megan Phelps
Annette Conrad	Paul Reitz
Doug Coon	Larry Russell
Terry Coon	Betty Snyder
Carlton Corson	Jim Snow
Jody Court	Ed Stanley
Chris Duley	Bea Story
Donna Fiero	Tom Story
Karl Fiero	Ed Sweers
Gwen Hynes	Connie Thompson
Richard Kirkland	Larry Thompson
Kaye Koltveit	Jackie Tuohig
Paul Laughlin	Alex Ulmer
Caitlyn Lew	Angie VanZuylen
Mary McCann	Judy Walden
Judy McDonald	Linda Walker
Mark McGilton	
Lelia Mullins	



Christian sympathy and prayers of the pastor and congregation are extended to **Jane & Denny LaFaber** on the passing of his mother, Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018

**Ministry of Encouragement** – Let us remember with visits, cards and prayers...

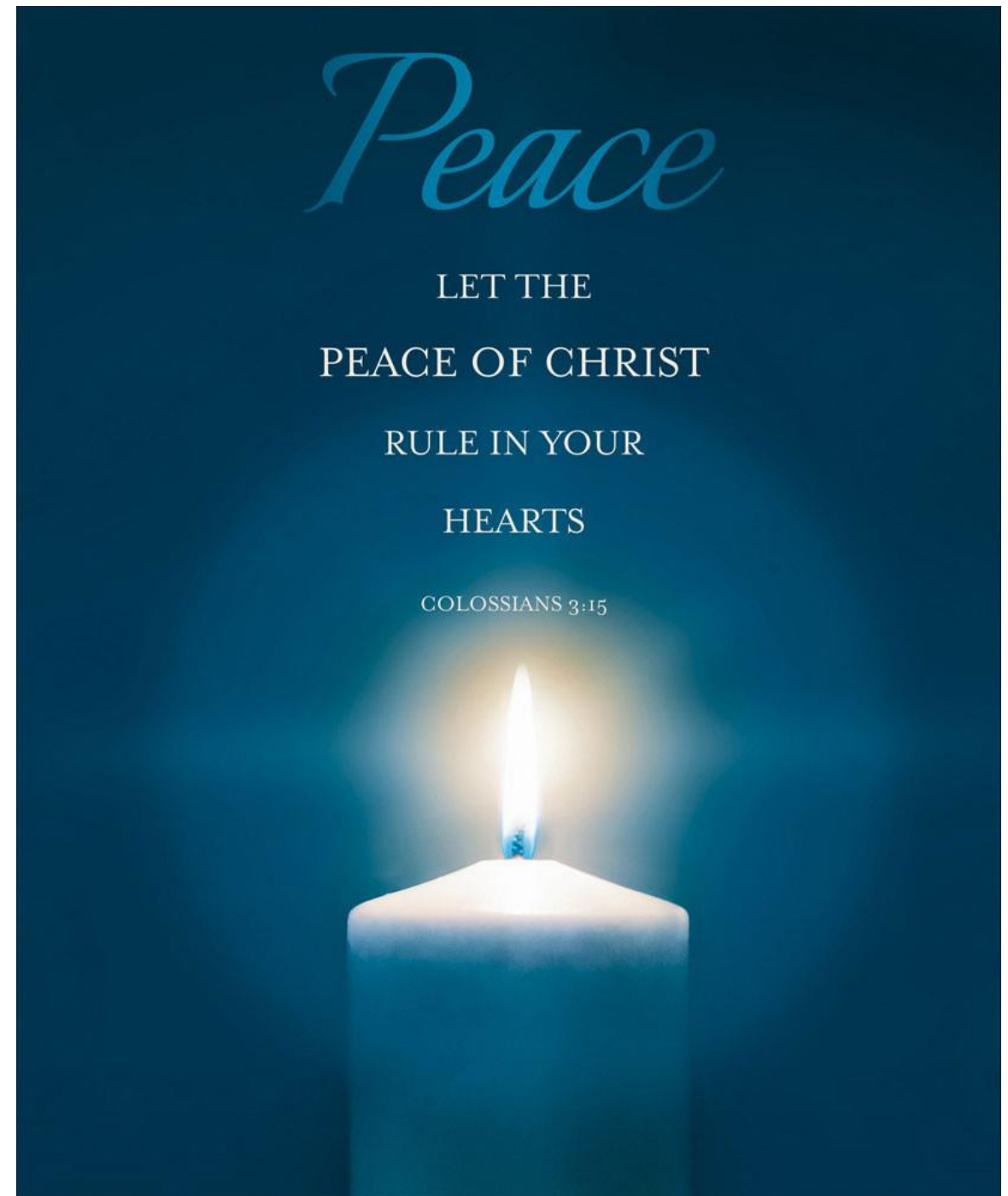
**Terry & Doug Coon**, Bloom of Hilton Head, 35 Beach City Road, Rm 106, Hilton Head SC 29926

**We are ready for your requests and your help!** Just contact any or all of us (listed below) and let us know your concern and we'll let the team know right away. If you're interested in joining the team, contact one of us and we'll get you included.

<b>Pastor Joey</b> –	<a href="mailto:blufftonumc.past@hargray.com">blufftonumc.past@hargray.com</a>	<b>call or text – 803.671.1691</b>
<b>Mickayla</b> –	<a href="mailto:mickayllamcdonald@yahoo.com">mickayllamcdonald@yahoo.com</a>	<b>call or text – 803.515.4227</b>
<b>Pastor Becky</b> –	<a href="mailto:crmc2009@gmail.com">crmc2009@gmail.com</a>	<b>call or text – 843.422.6027</b>



We are pleased to have you worshiping with us and hope it will be a meaningful experience for you. **Please be sure to sign the attendance book in your row to indicate your attendance today. Include children, your address & phone number.**





**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – “*It’s the most wonderful time of the year,*” so they say. However, for many folks, Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for all sorts of reasons. And the holiday season only magnifies and intensifies our difficulties. Few of us understand the emotional pain and hurt that many people suffer during the Christmas season, pain caused by such things as a death in the family, loss of a job, loss of a marriage or relationship, financial collapse, loneliness, depression, or family problems. Plus, many people suffer during this time of the year due to stress that is triggered by the holiday season itself.

How about you? Are you facing a difficult Christmas season? You do not have to walk this path alone. Stephen Ministry is here to help. Contact Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852, or Sara Jenkins, 843.298.2076, to discuss finding relief from the turmoil the holidays may cause.

**Carrefour Friends** – Christmas and the New Year are just around the corner, but for many elderly in Bluffton what used to be the busiest, most bustling time of the year has now become a time of melancholy and solitude. Their children are grown, perhaps have moved far away and have their own families to share the holidays. Friends are getting older or have died. Feelings of loneliness and sadness become all too common.



There is no deeper sorrow than that caused by the feeling that we are alone in the world, that we do not have a friend, who no one cares if we were to die. But that is the reality for many lonely people living in care facilities in our community.

During the holidays it is an incredible comfort for these seniors to get a friendly visit. If you are interested in becoming a friend for someone who really needs one, please contact us at [carrefourfriends@gmail.com](mailto:carrefourfriends@gmail.com) or call Jackie Tuohig at 913.748.5929.

**Carrefour Friends.....care for friends.**

**CHRISTIAN CARE MINISTRY** is available for Communion Ministry, Hospital Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Spiritual Ministry, Homebound Visiting Ministry, Encouragement Ministry. If you know of someone that would benefit from these wonderful ministries, please contact us. **Linda Cecil, 859.619.1777 – [LCecil@gmail.com](mailto:LCecil@gmail.com)** or **Kathy Griebel, 843.837.7427 – [JGriebel@hargray.com](mailto:JGriebel@hargray.com).**



**A FLOWER CHART** has been placed on the wall in the fellowship hall. Please take a moment and sign up to donate flowers in honor of/or memory of your loved ones. A donation of **\$50** to cover the cost of the flowers is greatly appreciated. In appreciation of your donation, we welcome you to take one or both arrangements with you. **Get the date you want now!**



**PLEASE NOTE** – If you would like “credit” for tax purposes on this year’s giving statement – contributions **must** be received by **Dec. 31, 2018**. Any questions, please call Pat, 843.757.3351 during office hours 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Mon – Thurs.

**The office is closed on Friday.**

**MIRACLE JARS** –December jars will be going to **UMC Alabama-West Florida Conference for Hurricane**



**Michael relief**. It is no longer in the news, but there is still a great need. The conference has received some grants from UMCOR, and other grants pending, but that will not cover all that has to be done. 100% of any money donated will go directly to helping those affected by the hurricane in Port St. Joe, Marianna, and Panama City. It will take many months and in some areas, years to recover. There is also a great need for volunteers to help with rebuilding. If anyone is interested, the information for volunteering is on the website-[www.awfumc.org](http://www.awfumc.org).

**CHRISTMAS CARDS:** Missions has a limited number of Christmas cards from last year, with pictures of our decorated church. There are 12 cards in a packet for sale at \$12.00. They will be in Fellowship Hall after each service.



**BRUNCH BUNCH** will meet on **Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:30, Moss Creek Club House. Cash only!** Please contact Russ Rymer for a reservation & gate pass. [rjrymer@hargray.com](mailto:rjrymer@hargray.com) or 843.298.6566

**DO YOU NEED PRAYER?**

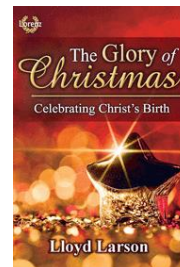
Jesus said “Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matt 11:28). If you are feeling weary or burdened and would like prayer, we are here for you. If you are burdened for a loved one and would like for someone to pray with you, we are here to pray.

If you are unsettled by all of the tragedy in the news recently and would like to pray, come.

The sanctuary at BUMC will be open from 12 until 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, December 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

We are happy to pray with you.

—Mickaylla McDonald, Prayer Coordinator



**NEXT SUNDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 & 11:00 AM,** Chancel Choir, congregation, soloists, narrators, and instrumentalists will present the cantata “The Glory of Christmas” at both worship services. Please invite family and friends to attend.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON DEC 24<sup>TH</sup>** —





**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS – Save / Mark these dates in your calendar:**

<i>When</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>
TODAY	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast is Served	Everyone!

(Between The Services)  
More info to follow on these events - Save these dates!



Thanks to all our children who participated in the Christmas Program today. We hope you enjoyed hearing, seeing and singing the Christmas story.

**BUSY BAGS FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN ARE AVAILABLE** – These bags can be filled with items for coloring, reading, etc. and are located on a cart in the Fellowship Hall. After use, please return to the cart. *New religious coloring books have been added.*



**BUMC Prayer Initiative** – Have you set a daily alarm for 12 o'clock? Let's pray the Lord's Prayer each day at noon with belief and expectation in God's response to all of BUMC praying in unity!

If you have any questions or would like to participate in our next prayer meeting or prayer walk, please contact Mickaylla. [Mickayllamcdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:Mickayllamcdonald@yahoo.com) – 803 515 4227

**BLANKET DRIVE**



**BLANKETS, TOWELS, DOG & CAT BEDS, ANYTHING FOR ANIMALS** – Larry Russell is collecting items for animals who are at shelters. Half of the animals are all outside during the winter. He needs blankets, etc. to put in their dog houses. If you can contribute, please bring items to church on any Sunday and leave it in the narthex. Thanks!!

**Bluffton United Methodist Church – 1853-2018 – 165 Years**

*“The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach.”*

**Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve – A “Stephen Ministry” Church**

Pastor – Joey McDonald; Associate Pastor – Becky McCorkendale, Director of Music – Ella W. Davis; Organist – Greg L. Hollinger, Office Administrator – Pat Simmons; Nursery Attendants – Millie Baughman, Alexis Bothe, Mike Grunder, Teil Huggins Nicole Jozic, Amara Niemczyk

**NURSERY CARE PROVIDED 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EVERY SUNDAY**

**Hearing assistance devices are available** in the narthex for your use during worship.

**LARGE PRINT hymnals are available** for your use during the worship service.

They are located on a table in the Narthex.

Worship Hours 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Children's Sunday School 10 a.m.

Church Office: 843.757.3351, Church Office E-mail – [blufftonumc@hargray.com](mailto:blufftonumc@hargray.com); Web Site – <http://www.blufftonumc.org>

Pastor's cell – 803.671.1691; email – [blufftonumc.past@hargray.com](mailto:blufftonumc.past@hargray.com); Pastor's address: 85 Calhoun St, Bluffton SC 29910

Office hours – Mon–Thurs 9:30a–2:30p Mail address: Bluffton UMC, PO Box 368, Bluffton, SC 29910

<b>General Budget</b> – Plate Offering Goal each week \$10,000 – Plate Offering \$13,832			
<b>Designated</b> – Ditch the Debt: \$18,525			
<b>Attendance</b> - 8:30: 147; 11:00: 153; Total: 300 Adult SS: 10 Nursery: (8:30) -3 (11:00) -8; Children's SS –			
Today 12/09	8:30 AM	Worship Service w/Children's program	Sanctuary
Today 12/09	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School	Conference room
Today 12/09	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Church Office
Today 12/09	9:30 - 11 AM	Church-wide breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Today 12/09	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School	Education Wing
Today 12/09	11:00 AM	Worship Service w/Children's program	Sanctuary
Today 12/09	4:00 PM	Bible Study on Revelation	Conference Room
Monday 12/10	6:00 PM	Education meeting	Conference Room
Tuesday 12/11	9:45 AM	UMW Exec Board meeting	Conference Room
Tuesday 12/11	1:30 – 4:00 PM	Stephen Minister interviews	Conference Room
Tuesday 12/11	7:30 PM	AA & Al-anon meetings	Fellowship & SS rms
Wednesday 12/12	10 – 12 PM	Evolution Big Band rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 12/12	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir Cantata rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 12/13	10:00 AM	Experiencing God Bible Study	(Class Full)
Thursday 12/13	11:00 AM	Youth room reserved	Youth room
Thursday 12/13	6:30 PM	AA Beginners Group	Fellowship Hall
Thursday 12/13	7:30 PM	AA & Al-anon meetings	Fellowship & SS rms
Saturday 12/15	9 – 11:30 AM	Cantata Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Saturday 12/15	11:30 AM	Set up for Chancel Choir breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 12/16	8:30 AM	Cantata – “The Glory of Christmas”	Sanctuary
Sunday 12/16	9:30 AM	Adult Sunday School	Conference room
Sunday 12/16	9:30 AM	Men's Bible Study	Church Office
Sunday 12/16	9:30 – 10:30 AM	Chancel Choir Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 12/16	10:00 AM	Children's Sunday School	Education Wing
Sunday 12/16	11:00 AM	Cantata– “The Glory of Christmas”	Sanctuary
Sunday 12/16	12:30 PM	Brunch Bunch at Moss Creek Club House	Moss Creek
Sunday 12/16	4:00 PM	Bible Study on Revelation	Conference Room

**CHARLESTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BRASS QUINTET HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Bluffton United Methodist Church will host this festive concert **MONDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Due to your overwhelming support, there are no tickets remaining for sale at our church. However tickets are available for sale at Markel's Card and Gift Shop, Kittie's Crossing. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Only cash and checks made payable to Charleston Symphony Orchestra (CSO) will be accepted. Thank you for your support!



**The Community Choir** will be presenting the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah **TODAY**, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island. The concert is FREE and open to the public!

The poinsettias decorating our church this Christmas season have been donated as listed below; in honor of and in memory of those who are special in our lives. (You may take your flower(s) home after the evening Candlelight service)

Helen & George Anderson in honor of their children & grandchildren  
Helen & George Anderson in memory of their parents & siblings  
Mark & Shelley Anderson in honor of their parents  
Sharon Austin in memory of Frances & Bob Hager, her parents  
Murray & Ayers Baughman in memory of Julia T. Kerr  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in honor of Nell Vincent  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in memory of Bill & Lisa Harper  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in honor of Esther Sexson  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Bethea  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in memory of Mr. & Mrs. William Harper  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in memory of Marshall Harper Foster  
Bill & Paula Harper Bethea in memory of Charlie Vincent  
Bonnie Bogart & Joyce Hall in memory of Richie Herndon  
Lou Cavanaugh in memory of H.R. Cavanaugh  
Jim & Penny Chapman in memory of his parents, Matt & Loretta Chapman  
Jim & Penny Chapman in memory of her parents, Boyd & Agnes Newell  
Cecil & Rich Corson in honor of Cecil's mother, Louise Cimino  
Cecil & Rich Corson in memory of his parents, Carlton & Marjorie Corson & her father, Wayne Cimino  
Doug & Vivian Coupe in honor of his family  
Doug & Vivian Coupe in honor of her family  
Phillip & Annabel Court in honor of their grandfather, Fred Court  
Phillip & Annabel Court in honor of their grandmother, Jody Court  
Phillip & Annabel Court in honor of their grandfather, Larry Minnick  
Phillip & Annabel Court in honor of their grandmother, Marlana Minnick  
Diane & John Craig in honor of their great-grandchildren, Avery, Kennedy, Charleigh & Wiley  
Diane & John Craig in memory of their parents, Ada & Joseph Craig, Clara & Eugene Dietemann  
and brother, Ronald Dietemann  
Andy & Dyane De Paolis in memory of Lou & Helen De Paolis and Willis & Frances Clement  
David & Pamela Frederick in memory of Catherine Connelly  
Sam & Dian Gamble in honor of, Mildred Gutshall, their children & grandchildren  
Sam & Dian Gamble in memory of Dorothy & Guy Gamble, Merle Gutshall  
Sam & Dian Gamble in memory of Mike Rogers  
Joyce Hall & Bonnie Bogart in memory of Laura & Drane Shelley  
Roberta Harris in memory of her parents, Jack & Maxine Harris  
Robie & Cathy Hester in memory of Marge & Bob Hester  
Melanie & B.V. Hylar in memory of M.T. & Marie Young and C.S. Hylar & B.V. Hylar  
Gloria Johnson in memory of her wonderful husband, Charles  
Gloria Johnson in memory of parents, Robert & Adelaide Dulaney Ella Harvey  
Gloria Johnson in memory of daughter, Terri Lee  
Paula & Jerry Johnson in memory of Jane Johnson & Marshall Kremers  
Sue & Tucker Jones in memory of Lisa Evans  
Sue & Tucker Jones in memory of Scott Macomber  
Sue & Tucker Jones in memory of Hank Haase  
Sue & Tucker Jones in memory of June St. Andre  
Sue & Tucker Jones in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Sydney T. Jones, Jr.  
Sue & Tucker Jones in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. King



Debbie & Ron Kadzielewski in memory of John, Alice & Mary Emily Sowle  
Barbara & Jim Klekner in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Hartley  
Barbara & Jim Klekner in memory of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Klekner  
George & Kelley Krall in memory of Lois Krall  
George & Kelley Krall in memory of Ruth Martin  
Charles Lewis in memory of Carol Lewis  
Al & Dian Litster in memory of their parents, Mildred & Harold McNaughton and Gertrude & Henry Litster  
Nick & Karen Mandalas in memory of their parents  
Bill & Sally Mattingly in memory of his parents  
Bill & Sally Mattingly in memory of her parents  
Ron McAbee in honor of his son, Rick McAbee  
Ron McAbee in memory of his wife, Flora Ann McAbee  
Beth & Bob Newmarker in memory of her mother, Charlotte Driggs  
Lourri Norris & Autumn Waite in memory of a loving father and grandfather, James Tracey  
Don & Pat O'Conner in memory of Kay Battaglia  
Mike & Jo Parrott in memory of L.A. Parrott  
Mike & Jo Parrott in memory of Jean Clark  
Henry & Nancy Rosado in memory of Thomas & Rose Wong  
Henry & Nancy Rosado in memory of Juan & Aida Rosado  
Larry & Sonja Russell in memory of their mothers, Freda Russell & Eloise Huebner  
Jack & Bebe Samuels in memory of Shirley Samuels  
Jack & Bebe Samuels in memory of Katie Bain  
Esther Sexson in honor of Bill & Paula Harper Bethea  
Esther Sexson in memory of Ed & Mary Frances Cone  
Linda Shettel in memory of her parents, Dave & Thelma Shettel  
Linda Shettel in memory of her sister, Patricia Bennett  
Linda Shettel in memory of her aunt, Mae Long  
Linda Shettel in memory of her niece, Nancy Ickes  
Dick & Jennie Smith in honor of their daughter, Marnie and her husband, Jay  
and their grandchildren, Wiggins, Jennie Margaret and Davidson McMurray  
Dick & Jennie Smith in honor of their son, Brian and his wife, Amy  
and their grandchildren, Laney, Isabelle, Harrison and Brinkley Smith  
L.H. Smith & W.P. Golson Families in memory of Martha T. Crapse  
L.H. Smith & W.P. Golson Families in memory of Julia T. Kerr  
James E. Snow family in honor of Walda Letson  
James E. Snow family in honor of Linda Greenwood  
Ed & Penny Stanley in honor of Cathy & John Kenyon  
Ed & Penny Stanley in memory of their parents  
Linda & Jim Stevens in honor of their families  
Ed & Sarah Sweers in memory of Ronald Watkins, Sr.  
Ed & Sarah Sweers in memory of Marilyn Sweers  
Jean & Bill Walker in memory of John & Rachael Poirier and Robert Walker  
Dave & Linda Waugh in memory of his parents, Murray & Jessie Waugh  
Dave & Linda Waugh in memory of her parents, Peter & Lily Langeman  
Donna & Jeff Williams in memory of Jennifer Williams  
Donna & Jeff Williams in memory of Chuck Wallace

