BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Scarlett Hester, Pastor
Ella W. Davis, Director of Music Ministry
Beth Corry, Organist
Laurel Karper, Director of Christian Education
July 19, 2020 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost – Color: Green

GATHERING
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY (The sound of the chimes announces the beginning of worship. During the Candle Lighting and Prelude, please keep silence to prepare for worship of God.)

CANDLE LIGHTING
PRELUDE  All Things Bright and Beautiful  Michael Burkhart, arranger
Beth Corry, Organist

INVOCATION – (See next page)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

PSALM 91 AND PASTORAL PRAYER
Rev. Scarlett Hester

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERTORY To Be Like Jesus  Dick and Melody Tunney
Greg Stutesman, Baritone
arr. Tom Fettke
Beth Corry, Accompanist

SCRIPTURE  Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON  Rev. Scarlett Hester

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Rondeau  Joseph Mouret, composer

Please call the church office 843.757.3351 with any updates on our Prayer Requests

Ministry of Encouragement – Let us remember with visits, cards and prayers...
Lou Cavanaugh, Indigo Pines, 110 Gardner Dr., Apt 201, Hilton Head 29926

TODAY, WE WELCOME GREG STUTESMAN, baritone – Greg was born and raised in Plano, TX and began studying voice at age 16. While living and working in Newark, OH, Greg sang in the Columbus Symphony Chorus and performed and sang solos with the Vintage Voices. After moving to Dallas, TX he sang in the St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church Chancel Choir. Recently Greg and his brother, Bill and sister-in-law, Kathy moved to Bluffton and joined BUMC after which Greg joined Chancel Choir.

A/V operator: John Kenyon

PLEASE NOTE: Email for Pastor Scarlett is: pastor@blufftonumc.org

REMINDER – MAIL IS NOT delivered to the church “street address.” When sending mail or giving out a mailing address for the church, please use PO BOX 368, Bluffton, SC 29910

Daniel Alba  Mike Kovacs  Jim Snow
Tim Alarie  Paul Laughlin  Parker Snow
Katie Allen  Caitlyn Lew  Ed Stanley
Melissa Allen  Judy McDonald  Bea Story
Marty Blaney  Mark McGilton  Tom Story
Lou Cavanaugh  Joan Morris  Kim Sturm
Peggy Chandler  Kyle Nance  Connie Thompson
Ansel Clark  Robert Newhart, Sr.  Alex Ulmer
Wayne Cimino  Chris Obras  Angie VanZuylen
Annette Conrad  Bill Owen  Judy Walden
Bill Droste  Les Parry  Linda Walker
Donna Fiero  Megan Phelphs  Dave Waugh
Karl Fiero  Jenny Ragan  Donna Williams
Connie Hornick  Mark Ratliff
Vera Jones  Tommy Rawl
Kaye Koltveit  Paul Reitz

Birthdays
07/19 – Lynn Cleveland
07/20 – Betty McKelvey
07/21 – Carson Bryant (child)
07/22 – Jackie Tuohig, Lib Wichmann
07/24 – Larry Budge, Liz Charms
07/25 – Finn Boyles (child), Daniel Schneid
07/27 – Sarah Atkins

Anniversaries
07/22 – Weima & Grat Horn
07/23 – Mary & Mark Ratliff
07/25 – Fran & Doug Oblander
07/25 – Sandy & Bill Starkey
07/27 – Cecil & Rich Corson
Laurel, our Director of Christian Education has organized an Outreach project to help assist fulfilling the needs to replenish health and hygiene products for our local community agencies, like Bluffton Self Help. This will be an “ongoing” project that can expand and serve other local agencies like Deep Well, Women’s Shelter, etc.

The donated items needed must be new, unopened and not “gender” specific.

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Hand towel
- Lotion
- Soap
- Razor
- Band-Aids
- Deodorant

Donations may be brought to the church and placed in the containers outside of the Fellowship Hall door on Water Street. Gift bags for families are being assembled with these items and a note of encouragement will be placed in the bags. If you would like us to purchase the items for you, please send your donation to the church,BUMC PO Box 368, Bluffton SC 29910. Write “Outreach” on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting this important project!

The July Miracle Jar will be for Hopeful Horizons. They provide an array of best-practice services to adult victims of sexual violence and to children and their families when there is a concern for child abuse or trauma exposure. This is provided at no cost to the families. Please write “Miracle Jar” on the memo line of your check.

NEW ADDRESS: Rev. & Mrs. Joey McDonald
175 Auld Brass Road
Walterboro, SC 29488

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“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.”

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Web Site – http://www.blufftonumc.org; Pa stor’s cell – 1.843.907.5389; email – pastor@blufftonumc.org
Pa stor’s address: 85 Calhoun St., Bluffton, SC 29910; Directory of Christian Ed: Laurel Karper 1.717.253.6461; email: blufftonumc.education@gmail.com; Office hours Mon–Thurs 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Mailing address: Bluffton UMC, PO Box 368, Bluffton, SC 29910

INVOCATION – Holy God who inhabits our world, within us, we need not look far to find you, we need only to look around: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of one another. We need not listen for a distant thunder to find you, God, we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children, the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship you, O God, who created and inhabits our world, and who lives in our hearts today! Amen.

Note from Pastor Scarlett: – This morning (Monday), I participated in a zoom gathering of the prayer ministry. It was so good to see people face to face and hear their voices without masks and knowing that our hearts were joined in prayer and faith. For now, zoom is providing a space and a way for us to meet safely. Like many of you, I have done zoom meetings and gatherings; I have done zoom Bible studies and will lead a zoom class for the UMW’s Mission u. It is not ideal, but it does keep us together. In fact, Wayne and I gathered with other couples to play trivia games. (Knowing when the Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade started gave us a huge win!)

It was good to meet and pray this morning, and I appreciate that the meeting is on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. It shapes the day and the week, and helps identify pastoral needs. If you would like to be a part of the Monday morning prayer ministry, please contact either Laurel at education@blufftonumc.org or me at pastor@blufftonumc.org and we will send you the zoom invitations.

Faithfully, Pastor Scarlett

STEPHEN MINISTRY – In any other summer, this would be a time to relax in the ocean or pool and bask in the sun or enjoy a round of golf or, perhaps, a few sets of tennis. This summer, we will have to do these things with great care. This relaxation does not mean to skim on prayer and neglect the Word. Otherwise, we become shallow, vulnerable to sin and lose interest in worship and the things of the Spirit. Instead, summer is a marvelous time to behold the natural beauty all around us and make it a special point to honor our Creator, our Savior – our God.

Some people may be struggling with a problem so much that they cannot enjoy the worship of God and also the fun of summer. If you are, or someone you know is, in this situation, please call Stephen Minister leader: Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852. A Stephen Minister can help by providing confidential Christian support for you.

Electronic Prayer Ministry – Our electronic prayer team is one part of this ministry consisting of about 40 members who are available 24/7 to immediately pray in response to emailed prayer requests. If there is prayer needed for a specific person or situation you can contact Jennie Smith, jensmith303@yahoo.com or text 843.816.0125. If Jennie is not available, contact Paula Johnson, pbkremers@hargray.com or 843.683.3865. We will contact the prayer team and prayers will flow.

Another part of the prayer ministry is the BUMC Prayer Initiative. Join us in our daily practice of corporately praying the Lord’s Prayer at noon...set your alarm and pray with us!