

# BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scarlett Hester, Pastor

Ella W. Davis, Director of Music Ministry

Beth Corry, Organist

Laurel Karper, Director of Christian Education

August 9, 2020 – 10<sup>th</sup> 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

*In Thee Is Gladness*  
(based on the tune *In Dir Ist Freude*)  
Beth Corry, organist

Dale Wood, arranger

**INVOCATION –** Glorious are you, most wonder-full God,  
we come to you with loving awe.  
Glorious are you, most beauty-full God,  
we come to you with loving adoration.  
Glorious are you, most love-full God,  
we come to you with loving praise.  
By your Holy Spirit inspire us beyond our expectations,  
and enlarge our faith beyond our understanding.  
Through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen!**

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

### PSALM 91 AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Scarlett Hester

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY

*In Christ Alone with Cornerstone*  
Bryanna Keith and Lourri Norris, sopranos  
Beth Corry, accompanist

Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend, Eric Liljero  
Reuben Morgan, Jonas Myrin  
Joel Raney, arranger

### SCRIPTURE

**Matthew 14: 22-33**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Rev. Scarlett Hester

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, Catherine & Mike Herzog (8:30)**

Reception into Membership

*The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Mike & Catherine with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons (Mike & Catherine) to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter C. Lutkin

#### POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*

Robert A. Hobby, arranger

#### Birthdays

08/10 – Phillip Court (teen)

08/10 – Sydney Snow (child)

08/10 – Jeanne VanBuskirk

08/12 – Allen Connell

08/13 – Joy Schubert, Sandy Wooster

08/16 – Ralph Lemmon

08/17 – Christina Bryant

#### Anniversaries

08/09 – Pat & Greg Crews

08/09 – Jen & Dick Smith

08/11 – Paula & Pat Kirkland

08/12 – Beth & Josh Simpson

08/14 – Pam & Terry Hannock



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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

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...  
**Lois Barton, 199 Stratford Village Way, Bluffton SC 29909**

**FLOWERS**

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
***the Court family in celebration & honor of Annabel & Phillip's birthdays.***

A/V operator: John Kenyon (8:30), Wayne Hester (11:00)

PLEASE NOTE: Email for Pastor Scarlett is: [pastor@blufftonumc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonumc.org)

**NEW MEMBERS** – Joining BUMC today at the 8:30 worship service are ***Catherine and Mike Herzog***. Catherine comes to us by Letter of Transfer from Wilmington Island UMC in Savannah. Mike is joining by Profession of Faith. Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members.



For the past 2 weeks, I have enjoyed sharing watermelon on Wednesday evenings with a few of you at the time. I have LOVED getting to know you, hearing your stories and I am deeply touched by the ways you care for the church and each other. If you have not signed up, please do so. We are keeping the numbers low to facilitate conversation and provide social distancing, so you will need to sign up in advance. To Sign up... email: [education@blufftonumc.org](mailto:education@blufftonumc.org) or call 843.757.3351.

Also, I wanted to let you know about Wednesday mornings **10 at 10**, a Facebook live event. I talk a little about the text for the coming Sunday, share a little devotional word, and generally say hello. You can join me live on Facebook on Wednesday mornings at 10 or go to the church's Facebook page and watch anytime.

Finally, please join me in praying for our teachers, students, parents, administrators and school support staffs as we go back into the school year. In person or virtual, it will not be the same. There are many challenges, and prayers are needed.

Faithfully, Pastor Scarlett

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – As the weeks of the most unforgettable summer of our lives continue to pass by, we lower our heads in prayer to God, our Father All Mighty, in thanks for his blessings that our church family is nearly untouched by the Coronavirus. However, we all go through times in our lives when we need a little extra care. Attention and support. That's what Stephen Ministers are for.



Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have been trained to provide confidential, one-on-one, Christian care for people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, encourage and provide weekly support for you as long as you desire.

If you would like to find out more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone you know, talk with our Stephen Minister leader: Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852.



**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](mailto:jensmith303@yahoo.com) or text 843.816.0125. If Jennie is not available, contact Paula Johnson, [pbkremers7@gmail.com](mailto:pbkremers7@gmail.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!



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. This will be an “ongoing” project that can expand and serve local agencies like Bluffton Self Help, 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!

**August Miracle jars** will be for **The Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry**. The Club's programs focus on five core areas: Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts & Sports, and Fitness & Recreation. This is a safe and fun place for children to interact with friends, classmates and staff while they enjoy a wide variety of educational, recreational, cultural and social activities. Please write “Miracle Jar” on the memo line of your check.



**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** – Are available for you. Call the church office to make arrangements to pick one up. 843.757.3351



*Our Church Staff*

Each Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. the church staff will be meeting to discuss and schedule church events. Please respect this hour and come by or call later.

**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

**WELLNESS FOOD PANTRY**

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

**CANNED AND BOXED POTATOES  
PANCAKE SYRUP  
TACO KITS  
HEALTHY CEREAL  
CONDIMENTS AND COOKING OILS  
RICE- BOX OR POUCH  
SPAGHETTI SAUCE  
JELLY/JAM  
PEANUT BUTTER  
HAMBURGER HELPER**

**DROP OFF DONATIONS TO BUMC  
FELLOWSHIP HALL DOOR**

 **Bluffton Self Help** 39 SHERIDAN PARK CIR  
BLUFFTON, SC 29910  
843-757-8000

We will be collecting items listed on this Bluffton Self Help flyer. If you would like to participate, please bring your donations to the church on Sunday or during the week. There will be a bin outside the Fellowship Hall door. Laurel or Pastor Scarlett will make a regular run to deliver the collected items.

**Bluffton United Methodist Church – 1853-2020 – 167 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**  
 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 – 1.843. 907-5389; email– [pastor@blufftonumc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonumc.org)  
 Pastor’s address: 85 Calhoun St, Bluffton, SC 29910;  
 Director of Christian Ed: Laurel Karper 1.717.253.6461; email: [blufftonumc.education@gmail.com](mailto: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