

# BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scarlett Hester, Pastor

Ella W. Davis, Director of Music Ministry

Beth Corry, Organist

Laurel Karper, Director of Christian Education

September 13, 2020 – 15<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** *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)* Alan Viner, arranger  
Beth Corry, organist

**INVOCATION** – O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

(from *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Waving)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881**

**PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Scarlett Hester

**OFFERTORY** *Yes, Jesus Loves Me*  
Lourri Norris, soprano  
Beth Corry, accompanist

Mary McDonald, arranger

**CHILDREN'S SERMON – Exodus**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 18:21-35

**SERMON**

Rev. Scarlett Hester

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *God Be With You* William G. Tomer, composer

## POSTLUDE

*The Kingsfold Trumpet*

Alfred V. Fedak, arranger

## FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by *Sara & BJ Jenkins* in *honor of their daughter, granddaughters and great granddaughter!*

## Birthdays

09/13 – Linda McCarron

09/14 – Leandra Allen

09/15 – Malinda Blackshaw

09/17 – Grat Horn

09/18 – Brent VanBuskirk

09/19 – Betsy Epply, Bill Mattingly, Cindy Sprouse

09/21 – Whitney Knopf

09/22 – Jim Matta, Dave Waugh

09/23 – Molly Reichert (child)

09/24 – Richard Bex

## Anniversaries

09/15 – Leslie & Trip Hunter, III

09/16 – Kathlena & Trip Sloan

09/20 – Runell & Allen Connell

## PRAYER CONCERNS



Daniel Alba

Tim Alarie

Katie Allen

Melissa Allen

Marty Blaney

Leslie Brannen

Lou Cavanaugh

Peggy Chandler

Ansel Clark

Wayne Cimino

Annette Conrad

Donna Fiero

Karl Fiero

Vera Jones

Kaye Koltveit

Mike Kovacs

Paul Laughlin

Caitlyn Lew

Judy McDonald

Mark McGilton

Joan Morris

Kyle Nance

Robert Newhart, Sr.

Chris Obras

Bill Owen

Les Parry

Cindy & Jim Patton

Megan Phelps

Jenny Ragan

Tommy Rawl

Paul Reitz

Jim Snow

Parker Snow

Dennis Snyder

Ed Stanley

Bea Story

Tom Story

Kim Sturm

Connie Thompson

Alex Ulmer

Angie VanZuylen

Judy Walden

Linda Walker

Jeffrey Watkins

Dave Waugh

Donna Williams

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



**OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE** – In addition to our regular Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., we will have an early evening worship service on the ***first & third Sundays of the***

***month at 5:30 p.m.*** On ***Sept 20<sup>th</sup>*** we will have our first outdoor, under the “tent” worship service with communion. We require that you bring your own lawn chairs and a face covering.

**TO RESERVE THE TENT FOR A MEETING,** please call the church office, 843.757.3351.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – With God’s helping hand, we may be seeing improvement in the pandemic situation that has wreaked havoc throughout our world. Our ongoing prayers and faith in the Lord will continue this trend.

We all go through times in our life 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 to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, encourage and provide weekly support for 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.



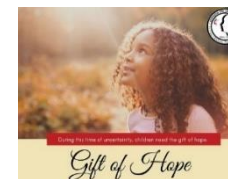
**MISSION PROJECT** – We will be collecting uniforms for Hardeeville School until Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will have a bin in the Narthex and also by the Water Street entrance.

There are about 200 families that are needy. Shirt colors are by grades, but bottoms can be Navy or Tan. Socks, belts, and underwear are also needed.

If you cannot get out to shop, you can make out a Check to BUMC, with ***Hardeeville*** on the memo line. Currently school is online, but that is to be determined every two weeks. We will hold the clothing until children are in class.

- SHIRTS: – CD and KINDERGARTEN, LIGHT BLUE, sizes 4-5
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, HUNTER GREEN, sizes 6-7, and 10-12; 3<sup>rd</sup>, WHITE, sizes 8-10;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, ORANGE, sizes 8-10, and 12-14

**EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME** – TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church’s ministry to God’s children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org). Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Please give generously. Checks should be made payable to BUMC with “Epworth” on the memo line. BUMC sends one check which includes all donations.



**MIRACLE JARS** – The Miracle Jars for September will be for ***Meals-on-Wheels, Bluffton-Hilton Head, Inc.*** This is a local 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to providing their clients with one nutritious meal a day in their own home on a temporary or long-term basis. Clients, a social worker, a family member or friend may sign up an individual. Volunteer drivers are always needed to deliver the meals a few mornings per month – Monday-to-Friday. A typical route includes about a dozen homes in the area. Drivers use their own automobiles and provide coolers to keep meals warm and beverages cool. Volunteers gather at Hilton Head, with the coolers, and receive a roster of the names for the routes for Hilton Head and Bluffton. For more info or to volunteer call 843.689.8334. **If you donate with a check, please write on the memo line, “Miracle Jar”.**

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE** will meet ***tomorrow at Truffles, 1:00 p.m.***

**SPPRC** will meet via Zoom on ***Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.***

**UMW UNIT MEETING** scheduled for ***Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the tent.***

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet on ***Monday, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the tent***

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

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

A/V operator: Christina Bryant (8:30), Wayne Hester (11:00)

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



## 2021 BUDGET REMINDER...

### “The Ides of Finance” – It’s 2021 Budget Time!

Church leaders in charge of various areas of the budget have received an envelope. The contents includes the detail of expenses from 2019 and year to date in 2020 and the budgeted amounts for years 2019 and 2020. We are bringing as many people as possible into our budgeting process to discern and plan for the year 2021. If anyone on any committee has an idea about what is needed for next year, now is the time to contact your “Chair” and express them.

We are asking that all requests be returned to the Finance Committee by September 30, 2020. The Chair of Finance is Bob Batelli (robertbatelli04@gmail.com, 1.845.551.0227, the Treasurer is Tim Wyld (twyldt@gmail.com, 1.518.813.7199). Feel free to contact them if you have any questions or concerns about the information you receive and share with your committees! May God Bless all of us as we embark on a new and exciting year at Bluffton United Methodist Church.

**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, 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!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Transcripts of the sermon are available; please contact Pastor Scarlett to receive a copy. Email: [pastor@blufftonumc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonumc.org)



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.

**OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be **Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7 PM.**



At a recent meeting, our district superintendent, Rev. Joey McDonald, informed clergy that Charge Conferences will be conducted either by zoom or limited to only 10 persons in attendance, and a decision about which we will do will be shared as we draw closer to the date. In preparation for Charge Conference, committees, boards, and groups will need to prepare reports.

For now,

1. Please schedule your meeting times and let me know. Remember that we either need to be outside and socially distanced or on zoom. Brian Osgood, Laurel Karper or I can help you set up a zoom meeting.
2. Please have your reports ready by **November 16<sup>th</sup>** so that I may turn them in ahead of Charge Conference as requested.

Pastor Scarlett

### **Bluffton United Methodist Church – 1853-2020 – 167 Years**

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