

BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scarlett Hester, Pastor

Ella W. Davis, Director of Music Ministry

Beth Corry, Organist

Laurel Karper, Director of Christian Education

September 20, 2020 – 16th 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

Morning Has Broken
(from the Gaelic Melody Bunesan)
Beth Corry, organist

Dale Wood, arranger

INVOCATION – Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* (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

You Raise Me Up
Dave Atwood, tenor
Beth Corry, accompanist

Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham

CHILDREN'S SERMON – Exodus

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON

Rev. Scarlett Hester

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin, arranger

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on *Built on the Rock*

Gilbert M. Martin, arranger

FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by *Sarah & Jim Snow family* in *memory of Sarah & Jack Cubbedge.*

Birthdays

09/21 – Whitney Knopf

09/22 – Jim Matta, Dave Waugh

09/23 – Molly Reichert (child)

09/24 – Richard Bex

09/25 – Mike Reich

09/26 – Audrey Atkins (teen)

09/28 – Sally Mattingly, Fran Oblander, Bob Wilson

Anniversaries

09/20 – Runell & Allen Connell

09/26 – Becky & Jason Wells

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

Les Parry

Cindy & Jim Patton

Megan Phelps

Jenny Ragan

Tommy Rawl

Paul Reitz

Jim Snow

Parker Snow

Carol 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.

Ministry of Encouragement – Let us remember with visits, cards and prayers...
Betty McKelvey, 19 Raymond Road, Bluffton SC 29909; Tel: 843.705.5486



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. Today, we will have our first outdoor, under the “tent” worship service with communion. We request that you bring your own lawn chairs and wear a face covering.



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 4th. 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
- 1st and 4th, HUNTER GREEN, sizes 6-7, and 10-12; 3rd, WHITE, sizes 8-10;
- 2nd and 5th, ORANGE, sizes 8-10, and 12-14

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



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. 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. For more info or to volunteer call 843.689.8334. **If you donate with a check, please write on the memo line, “Miracle Jar”.**

OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE will be ***Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7 PM.*** Charge Conferences will be conducted either by zoom or limited to only 10 persons in attendance, per Conference instruction. We will let you know as soon as we know. Thank you for preparing your reports.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is ***October 4, 2020.*** Celebrated the first Sunday in October, this Special Sunday with offering focuses our attention on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. We look forward to this celebration annually when we partake of Holy Communion together and share our gifts to support racial-ethnic students and others in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church.

The offering facilitates the educational preparation and training of United Methodists from around the world and bolsters recruitment, training and retention of racial-ethnic people for leadership positions at every level of the church. Please make your **check** donations payable to **BUMC** with **“World Communion”** on the memo line. If donating with cash and you would like credit on your giving statement, please use an envelope with your name on it.

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!

General Budget – Plate Offering Goal each week \$10,000: Plate Offering: \$11,030.			
Designated – Epworth Annual Workday: \$1,295. - Attendance - 8:30: 32; 11:00: 46 Total: 78			
Today 09/20	8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Today 09/20	11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Today 09/20	5:30 PM	Evening Worship w/communion	Outdoor in TENT
Monday 09/21	1:00 PM	Advent meeting	Outdoor in TENT
Tuesday 09/22	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting	Conference Rm #2
Tuesday 09/22	7:00 PM	S/PPRC via Zoom	
Wednesday 09/23	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir via Zoom	
Thursday 09/24	9 – 12 Noon	Busy Bees (church maintenance)	Outside/Inside
Saturday 09/26	10:00 AM	UMW Unit meeting	Outdoor in TENT
Sunday 09/27	8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 09/27	11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Monday 09/28	9:45 AM	Ruth Circle meeting	Outdoor in TENT
Tuesday 09/29	6:30 PM	Trustee meeting	Outdoor in TENT

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE EPWORTH CHILDREN’S HOME. We will send our offerings in at the end of the month, so if you did not get a chance to participate and would like to do so, please send to BUMC, PO Box 368, Bluffton SC 29910.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO SCHEDULE YOUR MEETINGS/EVENTS FOR THE TENT. 843.757.3351.

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

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

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



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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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 Pastor’s address: 85 Calhoun St, Bluffton, SC 29910;
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