

# BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Scarlett Hester, Pastor

Beth Corry, Interim Director of Music/Organist

Laurel Karper, Director of Christian Education

October 18, 2020 – 20<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**                      *Give Me A Clean Heart*                      Margaret Pleasant Douroux, composer  
Guest Artist: Lavon Stevens                      Albert Tessler & Nolan Williams, Jr. arr.

**INVOCATION** – Loving, living God, be among us now. Show us your ways. Guide our steps. Live in us, that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be a holy people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Scarlett Hester

**OFFERTORY**                      *I See the Lord*                      Paul Baloche, composer  
Guest Artist: Lavon Stevens                      Lavon Stevens, arr.

**A Rite for Commissioning Stephen Leaders**                      Mary Ellen Parks

### CHILDREN'S SERMON – Exodus

**SCRIPTURE**                      **Exodus 33:12-23**

**SERMON**                      Rev. Scarlett Hester  
with Larry Stocker

## BENEDICTION

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

**POSTLUDE**                      *Pisgah* (When I Can Read My Title Clear)                      Dale Wood, arranger  
American Folk tune written by J.C. Lowry that first appeared in *The Sacred Harp*.

### FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Christina & Joe Bryant** in honor & celebration of their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary! (10/16)

#### Birthdays

**10/18** – Russ Rymer, Ed Sweers  
**10/19** – Linda Shettel  
**10/20** – Cooper Simpson (child)  
**10/22** – Karen Wyld

#### Anniversaries

**10/19** – Kathy & Mike Dunigan  
**10/23** – Donna & Mitch Blalock  
**10/26** – Joyce & Stan Hall

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



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

**General Budget** – Plate Offering **Goal each week \$10,000**: Plate Offering: **\$9,331**.  
**Attendance - 8:30: 36; 11:00: 48; 5:30: 49; Total: 133**

Today 10/18	8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Today 10/18	11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Today 10/18	5:30 PM	Worship Service	Outdoor in TENT
Monday 10/19	2:00 PM	Handbell rehearsal	Sanctuary
Monday 10/19	6:30 PM	Church Council via Zoom	
Tuesday 10/20	9:30 AM	Stephen Ministry meeting	Outdoor in TENT
Tuesday 10/20	10:30 AM	Staff meeting	Conference Rm #2
Tuesday 10/20	6:30 PM	Mission Team meeting	Outdoor in TENT
Thursday 10/22	9 – 12 Noon	Busy Bees (church maintenance)	Outside/Inside
Sunday 10/25	8:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/25	11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/25	5:30 PM	Trunk or Treat Trivia Night	Outdoor in TENT
Monday 10/26	9:45 AM	Ruth Circle	Outdoor in TENT
Monday 10/26	2:00 PM	Handbell rehearsal	Sanctuary
Tuesday 10/27	9:45 AM	Esther & Anna Circles meeting	Outdoor in TENT

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

**UPDATED APARTMENT NUMBER for ELLA & MILT DAVIS**

Their new address is now: 23220 Chagrin Blvd., **Apt. 440**, Beachwood, OH 44122.

**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.



**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS** – Are available for you in the narthex. Or call the church office to arrange to pick one up. **843.757.3351**

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)

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



**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>  
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**Office hours Mon–Thurs 9:30 a.m. –2:30 p.m.**  
**Mailing address: Bluffton UMC, PO Box 368, Bluffton, SC 29910**



**On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** of each month we have an **Outdoor Worship Service at 5:30 PM.** This is **in addition** to our regular Sunday worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We request that you bring your own lawn chairs and wear a face covering.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY – A Time for Celebration**

“ ‘Come follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.” (Matthew 4: 19-20). Today we celebrate the commissioning of a caring member of our congregation, Larry

Stocker, who has heard the call of the Lord and left his net to follow Him. Larry has the spiritual gifts to be a Stephen Leader and he has participated in many hours of training, learning how to carry out this ministry for the Lord. Now he stands poised, as the apostles were on Pentecost, ready to begin this caring ministry in our midst. As we commission Larry and send him forth to minister, let us thank God for the love and generosity that inspired his response to God’s call and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry that we bring to our community.



**MISSION PROJECT EXTENDED**

– We will be collecting uniforms for Hardeeville School until Sunday **November 1<sup>st</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

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

**MIRACLE JARS** – The Miracle Jars for October will be for our **Special Needs** account. The



Mission committee has set up this account to help individuals in our Church Family and in those in the local community who may have severe financial difficulties like those due to extreme medical needs. This is a new program that we had set up this past year. We have helped several people this year with medical bills, and we do keep the names private. As always, your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**If you donate with a check, please write “Miracle Jar” on the memo line.**

**NEED A BOOK?** There are some available in the fellowship hall. You may stop by and find books that you would like to take home and keep.



**OUR CHARGE CONFERENCE** will be **Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7 PM.** Charge Conferences will be conducted by **Zoom.**

**WELCOME TO OUR GUEST ARTIST – Lavon Stevens** - A native of Savannah, GA, Lavon began singing and playing piano at the age of seven. He began performing in local groups across the Southeast at the age of thirteen. His first instrument was the violin. He later studied voice and piano at Dekalb College in Atlanta, GA, from 1979 to 1983. Lavon Stevens is one of the most versatile and talented artists in the music business. Lavon believes that the connection between the performers and audience is an intimate moment in time. Simply put Lavon works from this philosophy; “The greatest power in the world is Love, the second greatest power in the world is Music, I use the power of the Music to translate Love all over the world!

Lavon has traveled and performed all over the country including Aspen, CO, Atlanta, GA, Orlando, FL, and New York. The resort vacation destination of Hilton Head Island, SC has been his home since 1981. He is one of the premier entertainers in Hilton Head Island, SC.

He has served as a member of the Board of Directors for The Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra. He is currently the vice-chairman of The Mitchelville Preservation Project, and is one of the music event producers for (NIBCAA) The Native Island Gullah Festival. He is very active with The Junior Jazz Foundation. He served as minister of music at The Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church of Hilton Head for 15 years and is currently serving on staff at The First Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head as the music director for “The CrossRoads” an Informal worship experience.

His Musical Styles are: Soulful Jazz, Contemporary and Blues, Gospel.



# KILLINGSWORTH

transforming women

**THE SCCUMW SUPPORTS KILLINGSWORTH IN COLUMBIA.** Many of our members have visited Killingsworth and know how very important Killingsworth is to so many women in SC. At this time, they are especially in need of disinfecting spray, paper products (T.P., tissues and paper towels) and other cleaning supplies that are so limited to purchase now. As always, office supplies, postage stamps, rolls of quarters, first aid supplies are also needed. If you would like to help with this mission, please bring your donations to the narthex on Sunday or to fellowship hall. Thank you in advance for your donations. Go to [Killingsworth-home.com](http://Killingsworth-home.com) to learn more about this Methodist ministry.

**MESSAGE FROM JOEY MCDONALD** – My former church, Bluffton UMC built a church in Democratic Republic of Congo. It turned out really well! Here are some pictures from St. John UMC – Bishop Mande dedicated the sanctuary last Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the front shot of the church was taken before the painting was finished. They named it after my late father, St. John UMC. God is good. –Joey

