

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021



1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

Bluffton United Methodist Church – 1853-2021 – 168 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.”*

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## BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Scarlett Hester, Pastor

Beth Corry, Interim Director of Music/Organist

Laurel Phipps, Director of Christian Education

January 10, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany – Color: White

Baptism of the Lord

### 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.)

### PRELUDE

*Baptized in Water* (Bunessan)

Robert J. Powell, arr.

Amelie Ratliff, violinist

Beth Corry, accompanist

**INVOCATION** – Almighty God, creator of us all, in the waters of baptism you have transformed us, marking us as your children, and recreating us through the work of your Son and the power of the Holy Spirit. Shower us once more with your grace that we might be renewed in your spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen

### PASSING OF THE PEACE

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Scarlett Hester

### OFFERTORY

*Allegretto*

S. Drummond Wolff, arr.

Amelie Ratliff, violinist

Beth Corry, accompanist

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*Elaine & Bill Blank* (11:00)

### INSTALLATION/RECOGNITION OF CHURCH LEADERS

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Rev. Scarlett Hester

**SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 1:4:11**

Pastor Scarlett (8:30)  
William Court (11:00)

**SERMON**

Rev. Scarlett Hester

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Robert Jackson, composer

**POSTLUDE**

***Processional of Joy***

Hal H. Hopson, arranger

(based on “Ode to Joy” from *Symphony No. 9*  
by Ludwig van Beethoven)

**FLOWERS**

The green plants that have been placed at the altar are given to the glory of God to celebrate and represent God's glorious creation.

*Birthdays*

**01/10** – Aidan Bryant (teen), Norman Fabiano,  
Rick Johnson, Jr.

**01/13** – Gary Gildner

**01/14** – Amelia Jones (child)

**01/15** – Sara Boyles, Marsha Ivans

**01/17** – Sarah Sweers, Alan Ulmer, Jr.

*Anniversaries*

**01/11** – Sandy & Jerry Reichert

**01/14** – Mary Ellen & Jay Parks

**01/18** – Cathy & John Kenyon

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

**WE WELCOME our Guest Violinist, Amelie Ratliff** – Amelie is a senior at May River High School and plans to enter the study of computer science upon high school graduation in 2021.

**PLEASE EXTEND A WARM “BUMC” WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS** – Elaine & Bill Blank. They come to us by Letter of Transfer from First United Methodist Church in Somerset, PA.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – Are you worn out from stress related to the COVID-19, the civil unrest and the political drama in our country and worry for your future? The stress, the unrest and the worry are real. It takes a toll on your body and mind. One of the best things you can do is to share your concerns with another person, one who will listen and empathize with you. During these very difficult times Stephen Ministers are available to listen and help. Right now, they are available to make phone calls and reach out to you. All you need to do is call Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852, or Larry Stocker, 949.838.6177 and they will connect you with a Stephen Minister via your phone. It may be just one phone conversation or it may be more; you decide. Go ahead, pick up the phone.



Our Miracle jars for **January** will be going to the ***Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country***, the only free prenatal medical clinic within 100 miles. This is a nondenominational, prolife clinic that supports pregnant women financially and emotionally through their 16<sup>th</sup> week of pregnancy. The center offers 22 free programs and assisted more than 4,000 individuals last year throughout Beaufort and Jasper counties. It costs approximately \$408 per person for ultrasounds, counseling, prenatal care and education, providing layettes and diapers. They ask all women to go to Bible study once a month. There is one building on Hilton Head and a mobile unit that covers Hardeeville, Bluffton and Ridgeland. This center has been in operation since 1989. <http://www.pregnancycenterhhi.org>

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

General Budget – Plate Offering Goal each week \$10,300:

**Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - Plate Offering: \$5,115.**

Attendance - 8:30: **43**; 11:00: **59**; Total: **102**

**Scheduled Meetings**

Monday 01/11	3:00 PM	Wesley Ringers rehearsal	Music Suite
Tuesday 01/12	10:30 AM	Staff meeting	Conf Rm #2
Tuesday 01/12	6:30 PM	Trustee meeting	Sanctuary
Thursday 01/14	9 AM – 12:00 PM	Busy Bees (maintenance)	



**WESLEY RINGERS** – If you are interested in joining the Wesley Ringers, please contact Nancy Osgood at the following email address: [nicosgood@gmail.com](mailto:nicosgood@gmail.com). Her email address was incorrect in the Music Ministry article found in the January newsletter. First rehearsal is 1/11 at 3pm in the Music Suite.

**FOOD DRIVE:** We are continuing the food drive for the mission through January.



The shelves are usually very low after a holiday. Any non-perishable food items and toiletries are needed. Microwave items are useful for those living in hotels, which do not have stoves. PET FOOD is also needed for dogs and cats. Large bags may be given, as they divide up the food into gallon bags. Items can be left in the Narthex or in the hall by the Water Street entrance. **Checks can be made out to the church, with Mercy Mission on the memo line.**

The Team would like to thank the congregation for the wonderful support during December.



**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2021** – The flower chart is now in the narthex. Please sign up for the date you would like. You may also email, [blufftonumc@gmail.com](mailto:blufftonumc@gmail.com) or call the office, 843.757.3351 to reserve the date you would like. A donation of \$50 to cover the cost of the flowers is greatly appreciated. In appreciation of your donation, we welcome you to take one or both arrangements home.

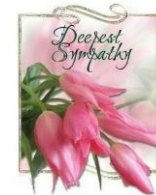
**Electronic Prayer Ministry** – Our **electronic prayer team** is one part of this ministry consisting of about 40 members who are available 24/7 to immediately pray in response to emailed prayer requests. If there is prayer needed for a specific person or situation you can contact Jennie Smith, [jensmith303@yahoo.com](mailto:jensmith303@yahoo.com) 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.



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| Katie Allen            | Lynne Knott         | Megan Phelps     |
| Melissa Allen          | Kaye Koltveit       | Jenny Ragan      |
| Marty Blaney           | Mike Kovacs         | Tommy Rawl       |
| Leslie Brannen         | Paul Laughlin       | Paul Reitz       |
| Lou Cavanaugh          | Caitlyn Lew         | Scott R          |
| Peggy Chandler         | Judy McDonald       | Jim Snow         |
| Roy Cheatham           | Mark McGilton       | Ed Stanley       |
| Ansel Clark            | Sylvia Miller       | Connie Thompson  |
| Annette Conrad         | Everett Miller      | Jackie Tuohig    |
| Ken Emch               | Joan Morris         | Angie van Zuylen |
| Donna Fiero            | Kyle Nance          | Judy Walden      |
| Karl Fiero             | Robert Newhart, Sr. | Linda Walker     |
| Natalie Giles          | Dean Norris         | Mark Warner      |
| Heather Houtz & family | Chris Obras         | Jeffrey Watkins  |
| Vera Jones             | Les Parry           | Dave Waugh       |
| Mike Karnoff           | Cindy & Jim Patton  | John Werner      |

Please call the church office 843.757.3351 **to remove or add** people on our Prayer List.

**Ministry of Encouragement** – Let us remember with visits, cards and prayers...  
**Betty McKelvey**, 19 Raymond Road, Bluffton SC 29909; Tel: 865.387.2117



Christian sympathy and prayers of the pastor and congregation are extended to **Mike Tate and family on the passing of his wife, Dot, December 31, 2020.**

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