



White Bluff News

October 2021

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

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Hello friends, welcome to October! I know, I know. Just saying “October” makes us realize how fast time really is flying. Two months until the holidays start. I believe that I will take the next two months (leading up to Thanksgiving anyway!) to continue my weight loss program and then to take a break for Thanksgiving and Christmas (all things in moderation, right?!). Also, with shipping being crazy this year, many news outlets are saying to do your shopping early.

This month, there are several items I would like to bring to your attention. We have much going on for which we can be thankful.

I have finished working through my first round of phone calls and visits! Your life stories about how you came to White Bluff and also being able to pray with you has been inspiring to me. Included in my contacts was a recognition that we have many people that claim White Bluff Methodist for which we do not have good contact information. Sometimes home phones are disconnected, people move, and emails change. The Church Council is working diligently to identify correct information. If you did not receive a contact from me yet, that is probably the reason. As your Shepherd, I want to know my flock and will continue to work hard to do so. Thanks for all who are helping me right now on this initiative.

October will be our stewardship education and commitment month at White Bluff. John Wesley used to preach a simple message in regards to stewardship, “Earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can.” His easy yet profound approach is largely credited with helping England stave off the revolutions that enveloped sister countries like France. It also brought a very poor people out of poverty to a more middle-class status. Our stewardship focus will be on the Sundays of October 17, 24, and 31. I will preach a sermon series on “Earn, Save, Give.” If you would like to pick up Jim Harnish’s book by the same title, please do so. Just Google “Jim Harnish, Earn, Save, Give” and it should be readily available for purchase. Sunday, October 24, will include a stewardship brunch at 10:30 am (between the services in the gym) for people to hear a report from Chuck Dixon, Finance Chair, and Malinda Smith, Finance Secretary. I appreciate their hard work on an ongoing basis and look forward to what they will present. October 31 will be our commitment Sunday; as Wesley encouraged people to “give”, we will seek to give of ourselves in a life of stewardship to God, not just our finances. I look forward to growing with you through this time of education and commitment.

The Church Council approved a children’s full-day preschool exploratory committee to develop a plan for what a fully licensed, fully day preschool might look like at White Bluff. We will begin the process of visioning shortly, so stay tuned! Our goal is to potentially build a vibrant preschool that can serve the community as we bring in young parents and their children to grow our church. Pray for this process as we seek to follow God’s leading every step of the way.

I love Christmas lights! So much so, that I have gathered a huge stockpile of lights and inflatables over the last ten-plus years. Since the parsonage is a great house but with a small yard, we will use December as a springboard to advertise our church through a drive-thru-Christmas-lights-experience at White Bluff. I will bring my lights/ inflatables to the church and invite you to do so as well (if you have ones you would like to share). The more, the merrier! We will need volunteers each night to assist with traffic and other items. Stay tuned for more information and get ready to advertise the one-of-a-kind White Bluff drive-thru-Christmas-lights-experience in every possible medium you can (sharing on Facebook, newsletters, phone calls, email, etc.)! Jesus is the reason for the season!

None of this would be possible without God: Yahweh- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Monday mornings, I will continue to text-out prayer challenges that invite us all to the foot of the cross as we surrender our lives to Him. If you want in on the texts, please text Delilah Meadows (912) 657-8051 and she'll put you in the group.

Thank you for pressing more deeply into your faith. I am excited to grow continually in Christ's love with you here at White Bluff. If you ever need me, I'm here to listen and pray.

Blessings,

Rev. Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor

Director of Modern Worship and Student Ministries

bfloyd@wbumc.org

A few updates for the congregation,

1: Children's Church- Volunteers; we will be meeting on October 6th at 7 p.m. to plan a few of the major events we have coming up together as well as have a small "training day." It'll be more like "here are a few tips day" but you get the idea. Also, the doors are open not just to the people who have been helping. If you'd like to see about offering a hand in this area, feel free to attend! Even if it is just for an event or two. October 6th at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Also, we are having Trunk or Treat this month! It will be from 3-5 on October 30th! So make sure you spread the word! We will be accepting candy donations this month as well. So if you get the urge and feel led to give some candy that we can give to our community, we'd love to take it off your hands.

2: Youth- We are still meeting every other week at 1:30 for Bible study. This month those dates will be the 10th and the 24th. There is a chance I will change this, and if I do there will be a very vocal announcement about it, but for now that is what we are sticking with. Be on the lookout for events this month too! I haven't precisely decided when, but I am looking at planning a fireside chat night and another movie night. This will likely be in the middle of the month.

3: Modern Service- we are looking at expanding our worship team for this service! So if you or anyone you know would like to sing or play an instrument, have them talk to me and I'd love to find a place for them.

Stay safe,

Bobby

Stewardship Report

Attendance 09/05/21

9:00 am.....96
11:00 am.....16
Sunday School.....36
Online Views.....146

Attendance 09/12/2021

9:00 am.....104
11:00 am.....12
Sunday School.....36
Online Views.....155

Attendance 09/19/2021

9:00 am.....109
11:00 am14
Sunday School.....38
Online views.....120

Attendance 09/26/2021

9:00 am.....106
11:00 am12
Sunday School..... 40
Online views
9:30.....111
11:00.....90



Welcome to Bishop David Graves,
Our New South Georgia
Episcopal Leader

“You are invited to meet the Bishop on October 20 or 21, 2021, both at 6pm. Wednesday, October 20, he will be at Gateway in Pooler. Thursday, October 21, he will be at College Place in Brunswick. All are invited.”

WHITE BLUFF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: COVID-19

REMINDER:

1. If feeling ill, please stay home and get tested for covid, regardless of vaccination status.
2. If exposed to covid positive patient, please get tested and stay home until you receive a negative test result.
3. If you have tested positive:
 - a) Please follow doctors instructions and contact church office staff including Pastor Barry, Rodney, or Bobby. You may also contact any member of the "Back to Church Team".
 - b) Please inform anyone who has had close contact with you of possible exposure. They will also need to be tested and stay home until negative results are verified.
4. During worship we ask that you wear a mask correctly and practice social distancing. If you are not comfortable with those around you, please feel free to move to different area of the church. By now, we all know how to social distance and we ask everyone to respect others when choosing an appropriate seat. We want our church to be as safe as possible for worship.
5. Pray for our church and for God's discernment as we move forward, and for those whose lives have been forever changed by this virus. We have all practiced these measures in the past and unfortunately must continue until this virus is eradicated. Please remember on-line worship services are on YouTube, website, and thru Constant Contact. Pastor Barry is putting his sermon on the website if you choose not to worship in person.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to do your part to end this pandemic.

Blessings,
Back to Church Team



WBUMC Mission Statement

The White Bluff United Methodist Church is called by God to **EMBRACE** their salvation in Christ, to be **TRANSFORMED** into His likeness, to be **EQUIPPED** to serve in ministry, as we **IMPACT** the world.

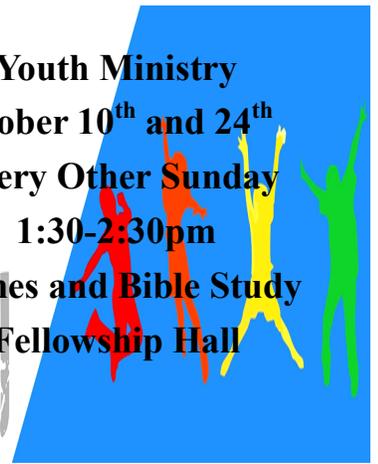
WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

- 9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M. Connection Café
(Coffee & Doughnuts-Gym)
- 11:00 A.M. Open Table Modern Worship
(Horton Hall)
- 11:00 A.M. Kids' Table (Room 9)
- 11:00 A.M. Sunday School Classes

All Sunday school classes will resume meeting in their classrooms. Seekers Sunday school class meets at 8:30 a.m. in room 6.



Youth Ministry
October 10th and 24th
Every Other Sunday
1:30-2:30pm
Games and Bible Study
Fellowship Hall



Game Night

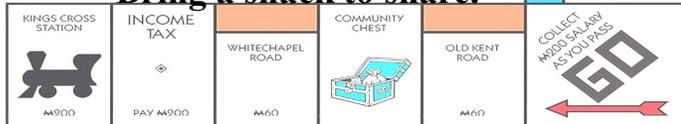
October 1st and 15th

7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Soft drinks provided.

Bring a snack to share.



TRUSTEE MEETING

October 12, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Room 21

DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

Come play Hand and Foot (Canasta), Hearts, Solitaire, Quiddler, etc.

October 4, 11, 18 and 25th
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.

White Bluff United Methodist Church

Church Wide Picnic

Sunday, October 17, 2021

2:00 P.M.

Skidaway Island State Park

The church will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs; bring a side or dessert to share.

Make your reservations now.

See Jane Gandy during Café Connection in the gym. 10:30 am. till 11:00 am.

\$5.00 parking fee may be applicable.



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAYS

EARN, GIVE, SAVE

OCTOBER 17, 2021

OCTOBER 24, 2021

Stewardship Brunch
Presentation

(Everyone is invited)

10:30-11:00

Gym

OCTOBER 31, 2021

Commitment Sunday

Women of the Bible

Devotion and Greeting Cards

We will have a short devotion highlighting two women in the Bible and make two cards for the upcoming holidays.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

**RSVP: by Friday, October 22nd to
Harriet Cobb**

Email: harrietcobb@comcast.net

(912) 927-3320

We will have a short devotion highlighting two women in the Bible and make two Christmas cards.

MEETINGS October 18, 2021

Finance Meeting

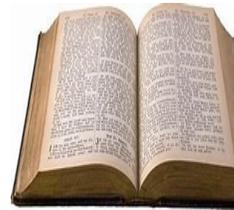
6:00 P.M.

Room 21

Church Council Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M.

Room 21

Everyone is welcome to
join us.



Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday October 17, 2021

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship

11:00 A.M. Modern Worship

It will be a "Pink" Sunday.
Please wear pink to observe the day!



Stay Connected!

Please call the church office if you have moved, changed your telephone number or have a new email address.

You would not want to miss out on the upcoming events at White Bluff UMC.

WHITE BLUFF UNITED
METHODIST

TRUNK OR TREAT

TIME: OCTOBER 30TH FROM 3-5 P.M.
PLACE: WHITE BLUFF'S PARKING LOT

**CANDY DONATIONS ARE OPEN
AND WELCOMED!**

ALSO, IF YOU HAVE ANY INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING,
CALL (912) 925-5924 OR EMAIL US AT
BOBBY.FLOYD1020@GMAIL.COM

COME PARK AND DECORATE YOUR CAR, WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUMES, AND
BRING YOUR FAVORITE CANDY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN FUN PRIZES!



When: Every Thursday

Time: 10am-11am

Where: White Bluff UMC-gym

Cost: Free (a small donation is requested for church utilities)

Instructor: Susan Morgan

Each class will begin with an easy dance or familiar dance and progress throughout the hour. Bring your own water and you can sit out a dance at anytime.

Attention leaders, event organizers, and activity point of contacts.

We want to let folks know what is happening at WBUMC. The goal is to create a video or series of videos that show the various activities WBUMC has to offer including non-church related events such as line dancing. Please use your cell phone to record 1-2 minutes of your activity/event and share the video with Rick Weeks at (478) 951-3161.

Please do not send video of anyone under 18 years old at this time. Also ensure those in the video approve of being filmed. Thank you for your help in sharing what we have to offer the community around us.

**Rick Weeks
Sound/Video Coordinator**

All Saints Day

November 7, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall

All Saints Sunday we remember those faithful members of White Bluff UMC and all those close to us (family, friends, etc.) who passed away over the last year. Join us at the 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service or 11:00 a.m. the Modern Worship Service. We will light one candle in their memory.



**Samaritan's Purse-Operation
Christmas Child**

**National Collection Week is
November 15-22, 2021**

The "official" shoe boxes and plastic containers and brochures have been ordered.

If you are interested please contact/See Harriet or Doug Cobb. (912) 927-3320 Boxes/containers will be collected on Sunday, November 7th and 14th.

This is an annual mission ministry that just makes you "feel good" to know you are helping a child somewhere in this world receive gifts that he/she will treasure. Samaritan's Purse collected over 2 million boxes last year. White Bluff has participated in this ministry for several years and has donated around 50 boxes each year. We can improve upon that, yes?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Nursery Workers

Kids Table at 11 am

Coffee and Doughnut servers

Where will you serve?

Call the church office (912) 925-5924



BOW MAKING

Lisa McGalliard will be holding a class on how to make beautiful bows and mailbox toppers to adorn your home for the holidays! You are welcome to create for any holiday or event.

Supplies provided will be: floral tape, wire, floral picks, wire cutters, hot glue guns, string ties and mailbox saddles.

Lisa will teach those present to make gorgeous bows.

Participants bring:

30 feet 2 1/2 inches wide ribbons, extra add on items for personalization (pine cones, ornaments etc.) and greenery (artificial or live from your home).

Cost \$5.00

Sign up at the church office 912-925-5924
Come have fun creating for the holidays.

November 13, 2021

At 2:00pm in the gym

Sponsored by The United Methodist Women



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Special Gifts

Gifts were given to White Bluff United Methodist Church in memory of:

Gene Millard

Mac and Patty Thompson
Suzanne Woodrum

Marian Happy

Madie Dickey and Donna Bailey
Kathryn Kiger
Shirley and Rick La Fleur
Suzanne Woodrum
Jane Anderson

David Woodrum

Suzanne Woodrum



CONFERENCE NEWS

The following names are church members with whom we have lost contact. If you have any contact information or know anything regarding their church membership, please contact our church office (912) 925-5924.

2021 SECOND Reading of Names and Removal by Charge Conference:

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| 1. Holly Abruzzio | 7. Katie Dubberly |
| 2. Jill Abruzzio | 8. Stephen Lenderman |
| 3. Stacie Abruzzio | 9. Orlando Malave |
| 4. Scott Dubberly | 10. Brain Ratcliff |
| 5. Susan Dubberly | 11. Craig Stusak |
| 6. Chris Dubberly | 12. Andrew Young |

2021 FIRST Reading of Names for Removal by Charge Conference:

1. Morgan Strode
2. Catherine Young
3. Ulysses Simpkins



Christian love and sympathy are extended to the following families and friends of White Bluff United Methodist Church.

Sherry Millard, on the death of her husband, Dr. Eugene "Gene" Calvin Millard, on September 6, 2021.

Judy Patterson, on the death of her mother, Ora Jean Kniphfer, on September 18, 2021.

Pam Cartright, on the death of her husband, Tom Cartright, on September 25, 2021.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

October	Wayfarers
November	Ampersand/Harmony
December	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.