



White Bluff News

November 2021

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

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November: A Season for Gratitude

National Gratitude Month is celebrated every November. It was declared the month of gratitude in 2015. We can take the time to remember all the things to be thankful for. We celebrate the change in the weather as the heat and light of summer recede, leaving us with cooler days and nights. Our physical beings register these changes and cause us to become more reflective as we head toward the Thanksgiving holidays and beyond.

The Oxford Dictionary defines the word grateful as “showing an appreciation of kindness.” Showing is the difference from the word “thanks”; being thankful is a feeling, and being grateful is an action.

It's easy for us to look around the Thanksgiving dinner table and say that we are thankful. Some are surrounded by family, friends, and food and in that moment in time, we're currently experiencing that warm, fuzzy feeling that comes with a holiday gathering; we're thankful for the moment. We may feel thankful for people's presence in our lives, and happy that everyone is well since the last gathering. However, gratitude goes much deeper than this. It is a state of being in which we feel a sense of appreciation that comes from deep within. We are at peace with the world and appreciate that state of affairs deep within. The feeling of calm these thoughts and emotions bring to mind we find fulfilling.

For what are you grateful? What gives you an inmost peace and satisfaction and provides you strength for each day?

Jesus' momma, Mary, tapped into a deep sense of gratitude when she realized that she would be the mother of our Savior. In Luke 1: 46-49 she says, “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me-holy is his name.” That is not only gratitude... that is an everlasting, deep-within-her-soul, gratitude than can only be found in Jesus!

Maybe you find yourself in conflict right now and feel that you cannot be grateful or thankful. In the middle of the Civil War, President Lincoln proclaimed, "I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." Notice that he set aside the day that every November would become our modern Thanksgiving in the United States. He also did it to the glory of God. During a time of turmoil and unbelievable hardship, he invited everyone to find gratitude and thanksgiving with God as the benefactor. I believe that God is inviting us to find a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving many times in spite of our circumstances. Maybe the larger message is to find the silver linings of life in the midst of everyday problems, no matter how big or small.

Take time to stop the busyness of your everyday life and to take inventory. Allow yourself many moments this month to cease doing more and start being in the presence of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. As you do, you will find gratitude... that sense of inner peace that is not just found in your head or heart, but that touches all the way down to the depths of your soul!

I am grateful to be in ministry with each one of you.

Blessings,

Barry

Rev. Barry Giddens, Senior Pastor, White Bluff United Methodist Church, Savannah, Georgia

Director of Modern Worship and Student Ministries

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Greetings White Bluff,

Information for the month of November:

Children's Ministries: Fall Celebration Festival November 21st right after church. We will be launching our new recreation area in the gym into full swing on this day! Come see our new area with our game tables. Don't worry, this won't interfere with coffee and doughnuts. :)

Youth Ministry: Sunday school is back in full swing as well! Every Sunday at 11 we will have youth Sunday School in the youth room. In addition to the youth room, it will also be in room 7 on some Sundays. While I rework the plans for other things like fellowship and Bible study, these will be the only youth meetings we will be having for the month of November as of now. That could change at any time though, so keep your ears and eyes open.

Modern Worship-Come check us out if you haven't already! We have been seeing gradual growth and building relationships there steadily.

Bobby

Stewardship Report

Attendance 10/03/21

9:00 am.....125
11:00 am.....15
Sunday School.....41
Online Views-Tradition..158
Online Views-Modern.....43

Attendance 10/10/2021

9:00 am.....100
11:00 am.....10
Sunday School.....42
Online Views Tradition..113
Online Views-Modern.....43

Attendance 10/17/2021

9:00 am.....132
11:00 am11
Sunday School.....33
Online views-Tradition...99
Online views.....43

Attendance 10/24/2021

9:00 am.....110
11:00 am12
Sunday School..... 38
Online views-Tradition..82
Online Views-Modern....17

Attendance 10/31/2021

9:00 am.....117
11:00 am12
Sunday School..... 40
Online View-Tradition..86
Online View-Modern....18



WHITE BLUFF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: COVID-19

UPDATE

Dear Church Family-

This letter is to notify everyone that the mask mandate has been lifted from our worship services and activities. The cases of Covid have decreased to a level where the need for mandatory mask wearing no longer exists. Please keep in mind that new variants may arise and cases may increase again in the future. If this occurs, the mask mandate will be reinstated. Also, this is not a recommendation to stop wearing a mask if you so desire. Wearing a mask may help prevent influenza outbreaks as well as other infections. Please feel free to wear a mask; it is totally your decision.

We ask that you continue to adhere to the following guidelines and wash hands frequently.

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 practice social distancing. If you are not comfortable with those around you, please feel free to move to a 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. Please remember on-line worship services are on YouTube, and Pastor Barry is putting his sermon on the website if you choose not to worship in person.

Blessings,

Back to Church Team
10/20/21



Happy Birthday
Greetings extended
to:

David Barnhill, Sr.
On celebrating his
91st birthday
November 13th.

Corine Hall
On celebrating her
95th birthday
November 28th.

Tina Kiger
On celebrating her
96th birthday
November 30th.

Director of Music Ministry

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HYMNS ARE BORING, HUH?

We are unnecessarily combining the two components of hymns, the poem and the tune, although doing so often gives the hymn that long-beloved and time-treasured devotion. But have you noticed that we can rarely remember the second verse or certainly not the third and fourth. Is it possible the music gets in the way of the poem? The poet/pastor, Charles Wesley wrote 24 verses to the same poem in common meter (CM) but someone else wrote all the music that we know and love as the tune, Azmon. (O Thousand Tongues To Sing.) Hymns 57, 59, 422, 608.

Another hymn that has an even more interesting beginning uses the poem, "Wrestling Jacob" by Charles Wesley. Charles wrote 14 verses to this poem. It must have had great meaning to him. Shortly after his brother Charles' death, John Wesley tried to teach this poem and hymn, but broke down when he came to the line, "my company before is gone, And I am left alone with thee." Wrestling Jacob" is a poem and the hymn, "Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" #386 is a hymn on the nature of God. Read the poem and see if you can determine who the two actors are; one of which is the unknown traveler. Our hymnal is like another Bible companion, but written in music and prose similar to Psalms.

Rodney

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 Ages)

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



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Remember to set your clocks back
before you go to bed on Saturday
night, November 6, 2021.

GAME NIGHT

November 5th and 19th
7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall
Soft Drinks Provided
Bring a snack to share.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School
at 11:00 A.M.

Youth Rm or Rm 7



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light
snack to share.



TRUSTEE MEETING

November 9, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Room 21

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Richmond Hill United Methodist
Church

November 14, 2021

4:00 P.M.

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 wired 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 2:00 P.M. in the gym

Sponsored by The United Methodist Women

FINANCE MEETING

November 15, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Room 21

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

November 29, 2021

6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

LINE DANCING

When: Every Thursday

Time: 10A.M.-11A.M.

Where: White Bluff UMC-Gym

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

Instructor: Susan Morgan



SOCIAL SENIORS

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Wednesday, November 17, 2021

11:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a sack lunch. Soup, drink, dessert will be provided.

Christmas Party-planned for December 15th.



FALL CELEBRATION FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 21, 2021

12:00 Until 2:00 P.M.

Gym

Children and Youth
Come join the fun. We will have food, Foosball table, corn hole, etc.



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?

What is new at White Bluff United Methodist Church!
Exciting changes are going on.
Take a look at our new website:

www.whitebluffmethodist.org



**“Tis the Season for a Celebration”
Visit**

savannah.christmas



at White Bluff United Methodist Church

Volunteers-Sign up in the Narthex

United Methodist Men
&
United Methodist Women
Christmas Party
Monday, December 6, 2021
6:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall
See Lisa McGalliard



CHRISTMAS
Cantata

December 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

**Traditional Worship
Service**





POINSETTIAS

Red and White Poinsettias

\$12.50 each

Deadline is December 1, 2021



All Saints Day

November 7, 2021

9:30 a.m. Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall



On the first Sunday of November we will remember the saints in our lives, particularly those who have died over this past year. We will light one candle in their memory. Here are the names of the White Bluff Members:

Eunice J. Cook
 Fryn Hendrix Clark
 Ingrid Klug
 Betty Harriss
 Lois Crossley
 David Q. Smith
 James V. Hardbeck
 Detmer Stalker
 Tonya F. Riley
 Gerald Fields
 Jacqueline "Jacqui" Anderson
 Joseph "Joey" P. Jones
 Frank Auburn Mullis
 Anita Campbell
 Ann Chapman
 Joe Collins
 Marian Happy
 Andrew Young
 Dr. Eugene "Gene" C. Millard
 Ora Jean Kniphfer
 Robert Sendell



SKIDAWAY PARK PICNIC

Nice Park, beautiful day, great food, and loads of fun! For those of you who could not make it, we missed you. We'll see you at the next event!



November 21, 2021

12:00 Noon

(Immediately after modern Worship Service)

Pizza provided

Volunteers are needed

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WBUMC Mission Statement

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

Special Gifts

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

Maggie Emerson

The Emerson Family

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

Audrey Jones, on the death of her brother, Robert Carter, on October 5, 2021.

Lynne Ricord, on the death of her stepfather, Earle Seals, on October 11, 2021.

Sammy Strode, on the death of his mother, Erline Shearouse Strode, on October 19, 2021.



Office Closed

November 24, Closes at noon
November 25, Thanksgiving Day
November 26, Office Closed

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

November	Ampersand/Harmony
December	Journey with Friends
All classes are responsible for the entire month.	