

WHITE BLUFF
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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White Bluff News

March 2022

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

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Hello friends! Barry here. I hope you are well today.

First, I would like to say a word about the war in the Ukraine. It is very unfortunate and grieves my heart (as I know it does yours!). I will continually ask people to pray for Ukraine. Join me in continually praying for God's Kingdom to come and God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Shifting gears a bit, let me say we are off to a great start with the season of Lent. Wednesday, March 2 featured our 11 am drive thru ashes and prayer, pasta bar, and evening worship service. Thanks to everyone who helped! In that stead, we began our Lenten Devotional, "Journey to the Cross" on yesterday. It is available on Amazon, so if you want to grab it, there is still time. Feel free to catch up (you can use Sundays as they are an "off day"), and then join with me throughout the season as we deepen our faith in Jesus together. Also, I will provide a weekly video devotional which will be available on www.Facebook.com/WhiteBluffMethodist

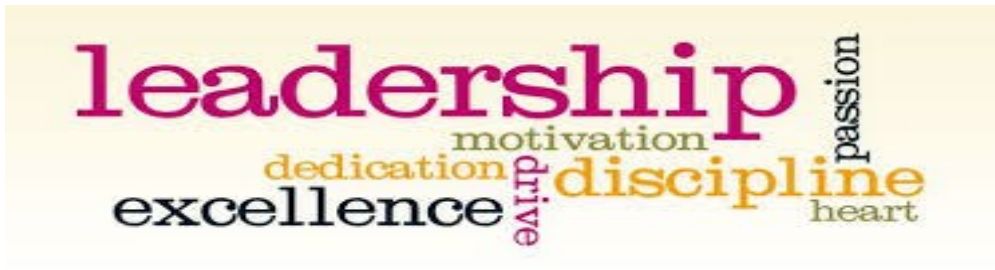
The parsonage Growth Group is off and running! It is a book study that will meet consecutively, almost every Sunday at 4 pm, for twelve weeks. The resource that the group chose was Elmer Town's "How God Answers Prayer." This is a drop-in study and all are welcome! My wife, Erin, and I had a great time with those assembled and we would love to have you. We meet in our air-conditioned, sand gnat-free living room, so come on!

Russell Duke will be providing leadership to our choir and will lead the hymns at the Sunday services through Easter. Thanks to Russell and Phyllis as they are already off to a fast start here at White Bluff!

I am grateful to be your Pastor. Thank you for the opportunity.

Blessings to all,

Barry



**Church Council Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall**

Agenda: Looking Ahead (April, May and June)

** Reminder to Council Members-so I can plan accordingly, if anyone needs to be added to the agenda with a specific report, please let me know ONE week prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Kay Williamson (912) 925-3723 or catlady1091@yahoo.com or text me (912) 656-2683**

Director of Modern Worship and Student Ministries

bfloyd@wbumc.org

Greetings White Bluff,

Easter is right around the corner and I hope you're excited to what's to come.

We need volunteers for our Easter egg hunt. If you are interested, please speak to Lisa McGalliard.

We need more volunteers for Sunday School/Children's Church. If you're interested, please speak to Harriet Cobb.

Open Table needs more worship leaders. Specifically those that can play instruments. If you're interested, talk to Barry.

Be on the lookout for news actively given about St. Patrick's day events.

Grace and peace,

Bobby

Stewardship Report

Attendance 02/06/2022

Online Views-
Pastors Devotional.....184

Attendance 02/13/2022

9:30 am.....114
11:00 am.....9
Sunday School.....64
Online Views -Tradition...118
Online Views-Modern.....31

Attendance 02/20/2022

9:30 am.....124
11:00 am.....10
Sunday School.....64
Online views-Tradition...161
Online views-Modern.....34

Attendance 02/27/2022

9:30 am.....140
11:00 am.....11
Sunday School.....46
Online views-Tradition...113
Online Views-Modern.....31

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Activity at the church is picking up. As individuals feel more comfortable being out in public after 2 years of restrictions, more and more outside groups are asking to utilize the church for their activities, from line dancing to after-school tutoring programs to AA meetings. If your circle, ministry, or group wishes to utilize a classroom, Horton Hall, or the gym, please complete a Building Usage Request Form as far in advance as possible to reserve the space.

Very shortly, you will start seeing a couple of improvements to the buildings. New LED light fixtures are on order for the offices, main hall, and room 21. These areas have the lights that are on the most and the cost savings should pay for the upgrade in a year or two.

We are in the process of obtaining updated estimates for the replacement of the ceiling tiles and lights in the choir room. The choir room has three different style ceiling tiles, and the older ones are so old, they can not be replaced. The choir room will also receive new LED lights that should greatly improve the lighting for our choir members.

Recently we had a major water leak that required the water to be turned off to the entire church complex for the better part of two days due to galvanic corrosion (dissimilar-metal corrosion). It looked like the plumbers were going to have to tear into a cinder block wall to find and repair the leak. But Alan Williamson came to the rescue and not only saved the day and wall but saved the church thousands of dollars by recognizing the possible cause and coming up with the repair. Also, a special thanks to Scott, Vernon, Lewis, Audrey, Bob, and Carolyn for helping limit the damage and cleaning up the mess.

We also appear to have a mystery water issue in the sanctuary behind the choir. Last summer when it seemed to be raining every day, several times the area was found with large amounts of standing water on the floor. (It always appeared to be clean water.) Trustees have investigated everything we can think of and can't find anything wrong. The sanctuary is still on a septic system, so we know the city sewer is not backing up. A plumber has removed the toilet and inserted a camera through the lines towards the septic tank and could not find anything out of the ordinary. After several months of no issues, the mystery continues with both restrooms and the hall flooding again without a trace of the source of the water on a warm sunny day, when we haven't had any rain for a week.

Our buildings are starting to show their age and we have major concerns with the roof, plumbing, and the fire sprinkler system. We ask that if you see any leaks or water on the floor, please let staff or one of the Trustees know as soon as possible. For other maintenance items, please take a minute to complete a Maintenance Request Form so your concern can be looked at.

Joe Drescher



Happy Birthday
Greetings extended
to:

Bill Briggs
On celebrating his
92nd birthday
March 17.

Joan Herbster
On celebrating her
93rd birthday
March 26.

WORSHIP SERVICE

- 9:30 A.M.** Traditional Worship
(Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M.** Connection Café
(Coffee & Doughnuts-Gym)
- 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 now meets at 11:00 a.m. in room 6.

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.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 1, 2022
5:45 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

Join us for this time of Fellowship. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 Adults and Kids. Come join us; the fellowship is great. Reservation forms will be in the Narthex or call the church office at (912) 925-5924.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 2, 2022

11-12 P.M. Drive thru Impartation of the Ashes and Prayer

5:45 P.M. Dinner: **Salad Bar**
Fellowship Hall

7:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

Salad Bar Items:

Chicken Salad	Potato Salad
Tuna Salad	Spring Mix
Egg Salad	Caesar Salad
Shrimp Salad	Pistachio Salad
Congeaed Salads	Chicken nuggets for kids
Egg Salad	
Much, Much More.	All your favorites.

Cost: Adults \$10.00 per person
Children \$5.00 (10 and under)
No Family Maximum

Reservation forms will be in the Narthex or call the church office at (912) 925-5924.



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

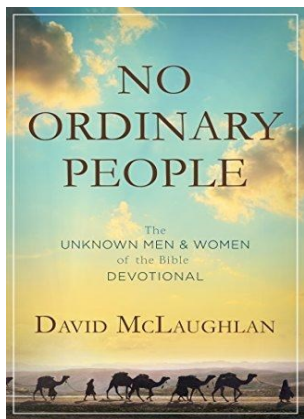
Come play Hand and Foot (Canasta),
Hearts, Solitaire, Quiddler, etc.

March 7, 14, 21, 28
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light
snack to share.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
10:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome to
join us.



Book Study
No Ordinary People
 by David McLaughlan
Tuesdays
March 8 thru 29

11-12 noon
 Room 21

Special people in the Bible that have
 no name

Order your copy now (\$10)

Contact Harriet Cobb
 (912) 927-3320

South Georgia Conference United Methodist Women
Spiritual Growth Retreat
March 25-27, 2022
Epworth-By-The-Sea
DEADLINE: March 11, 2021

IMPORTANT: Registration Information

Conference Fee: \$25.00 per person.

Online: www.sgaumc.org/umw or contact: Elaine Shierling
 (478) 919-7845 or email: laineemarie@yahoo.com

Lodging:

Register online at: epworthbythesea.org/events/
 or contact: Stephanie Sims (912) 638-8688 or
 email: ssims@epworthbythesea.org

Note: Nursery and child care available.



“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”
Proverbs 27:17 NKJV

United Methodist Men Fellowship Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2022
6:00 PM
Horton Hall

Dinner and Program

“A Hospital Without Reliable Electricity?”

Gerrard MacLeod, M.D. – Semi-retired Physician

Definition of a problem? How about this: Providing healthcare in a hospital without regular electrical power. Can you imagine if someone in your family needed emergency care and the hospital’s electrical power was out?

Ibanda, Uganda has a hospital, but it did not have reliable electrical power. Uganda is a country of 45 million people, the size of Oregon, located in East Africa. Ibanda is a town of 30,000 people, located in southwest Uganda, 50 miles from the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dr. MacLeod, veteran of medical mission trips, decided to up his game, put together a team, and fix this problem.

Hear this fascinating story of perseverance and how Dr. MacLeod and his Savanda Project team helped the people of Ibanda. Please join us for fellowship and dinner - and bring a friend with you.

All men, both members and non-members, invited.

Jerry Thomas
 President
 WBUMC United Methodist Men

SOCIAL SENIORS
Luncheon

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish.

Meat and drink provided.

(Donations accepted to defray the cost
 of the meat)

RSVP to the church office by Monday,
 March 14th



Trustees Committee Meeting

March 9, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Room 20



Daylight Savings Time

Set your clocks ahead one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday, March 12, 2022

Don't forget to change the batteries in
your smoke detectors.

FINANCE MEETING

March 21, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Room 21

ART BASH

Saturday, March 26, 2022

2:00 P.M.

\$35.00

Gym

Come join the fun!

LINE DANCING



When: (Thursdays) March 3, 10, 24, 31

Note: will not meet March 17, Saint Patrick's Day

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

Where: White Bluff UMC-Gym

Cost: Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

Instructor: Susan Morgan



EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Place flowers in the Sanctuary for
Easter in memory of a loved one or
in honor of someone special.

Azaleas \$15.00

Hydrangeas \$15.00

Kalanchoe \$12.50

Lilies \$10.00

Please complete a order form
located in the Narthex or call the church office.

(912) 925-5924

Order Deadline is April 3, 2022.

COMING SOON EASTER EGG HUNT

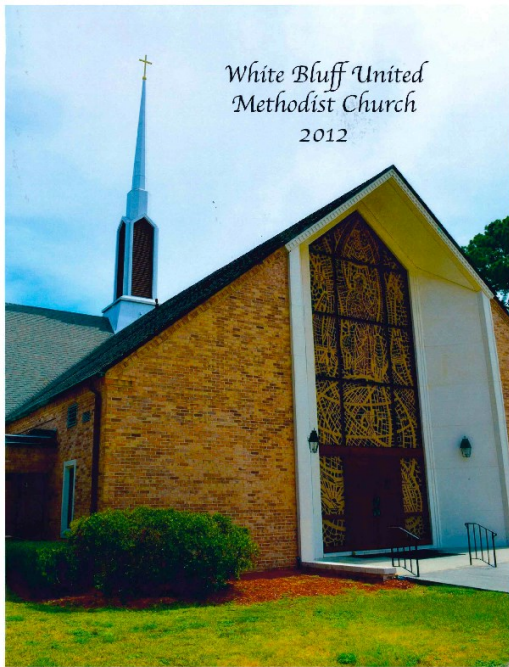
April 16, 2022

Donations needed.

Need candy or trinkets to fill the Easter
eggs. **No chocolates.**

Items can be brought to the office or the
Narthex.





New Pictorial Directory!

Sign up for your family portrait today!

You can sign up on the website. www.whitebluffmethodist.org, click on **upcoming events** at the top right corner to make an appointment or see Lisa in the gym during Connection Café.

Everyone who participates will receive a complimentary 8×10 professional family portrait, one printed directory, smart phone app, and online directory. All appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make your appointment today. We need everyone to participate to help make this directory complete. Additional quality family portraits will be offered at competitive prices. Thank you for your participation!

Quick Tip for your photos: Please avoid wearing green, as we will be using Green Screen Technology to photograph (Like what they use in action and superhero movies!)

The dates that we are currently scheduling are:

Fri Mar 18-Tue Mar 22, 2022.

Note: Photographs will be taken in rooms 11 and 16.

Please use the back door near the Sunday school wing.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER

Needed for the month of April (9:00-12:00)
April 3rd, 10th, 17th or 24th

Choose a Sunday and spend time with our youngest members.

**Call Sarah McGalliard (912) 658-6773 or
the church office at (912) 925-5924.**



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

at 11:00 A.M.

Youth Room or Room 7



DRIVER NEEDED

To drive the bus one Sunday
a month to pick up and
transport individuals home.

See Lisa McGalliard for
more details.



What is new at White Bluff United Methodist Church!?

Exciting changes are going on.

Take a look at our new website:

www.whitebluffmethodist.org



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Special Gifts

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

Neta Faye Fortenberry Lawrence

Alan and Kay Williamson
Sarah Cooper
Barry and Rebecca Cole

Brenda Luckey Van Fossan

Jane Anderson
Barry and Rebecca Cole
Suzanne Woodrum
Bob Lawrence
Carolyn Bienenbos
Jon and Margie Fares
Michael and Jill Flynn
Abigail Circle-White Bluff UMW

Rev. Dr. Remer "Brad" Logan Brady III

Mary Hoover
Wayne and Robin Hoover
Mike and Karen Hoover



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

Debbie Jones, on the death of her mother, Molly Ryon on January 6, 2022.

Beth Mozingo, on the death of her brother, and Sarah Mozingo, on the death of her uncle, Rev. Dr. Remer "Brad" Logan Brady III on, January 7, 2022.

Jim Van Fossan, on the death of his wife, Brenda Luckey Van Fossan, on February 10, 2022.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

January	Ampersand/Harmony
February	Journey with Friends
March	Seekers
April	Covenant
May	Wayfarers
June	Ampersand/Harmony
July	Journey with Friends
August	Seekers
September	Covenant
October	Wayfarers
November	Ampersand/Harmony
December	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.