

WHITE BLUFF
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

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White Bluff News

April 2022

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Hello, White Bluff! Barry here. Holy Week and Easter are always a special time of year as we come to the reality of our human condition and the gratitude which we express to God (Yahweh- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in His death on the cross for our sins and resurrection from the dead on the third day. As He has new life, we can have new life when we believe in Him.

I am also excited to announce our sermon plans for the Easter Season. Easter is not just one day! It begins an entire season that runs through to Pentecost Sunday (the first Sunday of June this year.) Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022, I will preach on one of my favorite passages, John 20:1-18. Our sermon title will be "The Easter Challenge: The Power of the Resurrection." You will not want to miss it! "The Easter Challenge" will continue for five weeks and will focus on deepening our belief in God through Christian community, living in the truth of God, following the mission, and taking Him with us on the journey.

People continually share with me how grateful they are for our prayer times, so let's take time for prayer. Stop what you're doing and join me in a conversation with Jesus. Allow the distractions of life to fade away. Work on a balanced prayer time that takes into account all of the attributes of prayer (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication— Google the "ACTS method of prayer for more!). Take some or all of the follow cues and spend time with your Lord, not just now, but throughout the coming days:

"Jesus, this week I'm grateful and thankful for..."

"Jesus, I worship you because..."

"I confess my sins to you and ask for your forgiveness. Hear my prayer as I confess..."

"Lord, show me how to be kind and to love with your love this week."

"Show me daily whom You want me to share my faith with, and give me the boldness to do so!"

"I pray for my church that it may continually grow... both in those who come to Christ and in its members falling more in love with Jesus each day. Show me how to support my church and my pastor continually."

"I pray for..."

There is so much for which we can pray! Take time each day to spend with God, and know that He loves you!

I appreciate the opportunity to serve in ministry with you at White Bluff. Invite a friend to church!

Blessings,

Barry

April 11-15, 2022 Schedule:

Monday- Friday:

12 PM Worship in the Sanctuary
12:30 PM Soup & Sandwich lunch
in Horton Hall

Maundy Thursday:

6:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary
with Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK 2022

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Speakers Include:

Rev. Jin Won Park
Savannah Korean UMC

Rev. Sue Jackson
Trinity Chapel, Tybee

Lt. Torrance Garvin
Savannah PD

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top, the words "HAPPY Easter" are written in a playful, bubbly font. Below this, the text "EASTER EGG HUNT" is written in a bold, purple font, followed by "April 16, 2022" and "2:00 P.M." in a bold, purple font. The poster features two white rabbits on either side of a large, yellow, oval-shaped frame. Inside the frame, there are colorful balloons and a hot air balloon. At the bottom of the frame, there are three large, colorful Easter eggs (pink, blue, and purple) with polka dots. The background is a light blue sky with clouds and a green grassy field with small white flowers. The overall theme is festive and cheerful.

**HAPPY
Easter**

EASTER EGG HUNT
April 16, 2022
2:00 P.M.

We will have cookie or cupcake decorating, crafts, games, movie, barrel rides, pictures with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt.

Come join the fun.

We'd love to know if you are coming, please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex.

Volunteers Needed: Call Lisa at (912) 658-7556 or Harriet Cobb (912) 927-3320

Donations Needed:
Monetary donations can be marked Easter Egg Hunt.
Juice Drinks Vanilla Icing
Candy (no chocolate) for eggs Easter Eggs
Prizes for games and small prizes to fit in the Easter Eggs.

Stewardship Report

Attendance 03/06/2022

9:30 am.....142
Sunday School.....65
Online Views -Tradition...119

Attendance 03/13/2022

9:30 am.....109
Sunday School.....68
Online Views -Tradition...137

Attendance 03/20/2022

9:30 am.....130
Sunday School.....65
Online views-Tradition...100

Attendance 03/27/2022

9:30 am.....149
Sunday School.....66
Online views-Tradition...49



Happy Birthday
Greetings extended
to:

Dorothy Banks
On celebrating her
95th birthday
April 6.

Margaret Legler
On celebrating her
97th birthday
April 8.

Neal Veale
On celebrating her
90th birthday
April 10.

Leita Stevens
On celebrating her
95th birthday
April 16.

Sara Chilton
On celebrating her
90th birthday
April 25.

Easter Sunday is April 17

Traditional Worship Times:
9:30 and 11 am

He is Risen

Matthew 28:6



**EXCITING THINGS ARE
HAPPENING!**



Children's Church 9:30 A.M.

We will be studying how our church works. Children's church will meet every Sunday except for Easter Sunday.

Our children will learn all the responses we recite in church, take communion, and discover what it's like to participate in "big" church.

Sunday School 11:00 A.M.

We've got a new curriculum coming in April. Look forward to a new class and studies. If you would like to volunteer, please call Harriet Cobb (912) 927-3320.



GAME NIGHT

(First and Third Fridays)

April 1 and 22

7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Soft drinks provided

Bring a snack to share

SOCIAL SENIORS

Luncheon

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish to share.

Meat and drink provided.

(Donations accepted)

RSVP to the church office by Monday,

April 18th



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

April 4, 11, 18, 25

Room 21

**Bring your own drink and a light
snack to share.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S

Circle Meetings

SARAH CIRCLE MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

11:00 A.M.

UMW Room

Note: We will have a short meeting for those that would like to attend the Holy Week Service that day.

ABIGAIL CIRCLE MEETING

April 21, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Room 21

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

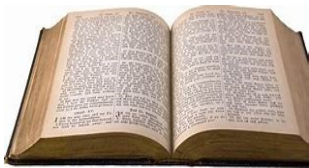
Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Guest Speaker: Karen Prevatt

Guest Soloist: Huxsie Scott

Join the ladies in the United Women of Faith in Horton Hall for Fellowship time. Special treats will be shared by each circle.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

**Everyone is welcome to
join us.**

Trustees Committee Meeting

April 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



United Methodist Men Update

“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”

Proverbs 27:17 NKJV

Fellowship Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2022

6:00 PM

Horton Hall

Dinner and Program

“Are You Concerned About Gangs and Gang Activity?”

Mike McCann – Chatham County Legislative Gang Prevention and Intervention Commission

How many gang members are in Savannah and Chatham County? Our community? Our schools? Your neighborhood? WBUMC's neighborhood?

What do gangs do? Their crimes? Their ages? Their reach?

What can be done, and what is being done about our gang problem? Mike McCann is a member of a commission whose specific purpose is to keep our young people out of gangs.

Find out what Mike and his colleagues are doing to reduce our gang problem and save our young people from a criminal life. 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



Graduation Sunday

May 1, 2022

9:30 A.M.

Recognition of High School and College graduates.

There will be a reception in Horton Hall during Fellowship time to honor our graduates.

If you are graduating this year, please let the church office know (912) 925-5924.



All Daughters Banquet (All the ladies)

May 7, 2022

**12:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall**

Tickets-\$15.00 each for Adults and
\$10.00 for Children

Ticket Sales will begin April 10th
Lunch, Entertainment, Door Prizes and
a Silent Auction.



Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

Special recognition of the babies born since last Mother's Day to our church members.



Congratulations

to

John and Sinday Cassiday
on the birth of their daughter

JoAnn C. Cassiday
February 11, 2022

Grandparents:

Michael and Elizabeth Cassiday



Church Directory

If you are interested in a picture make up day, please let the church know. (912) 925-5924. If we can get 35 people to sign up, we can schedule another day.

COMING SOON

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

White Bluff United Methodists Presents:



June 26th thru 30th

5:30-7:30 P.M.

Dinner, Fun, Crafts, Songs and more
3 year old thru 5th grade

Register on-line at www.whitebluffmethodist.org
or call the Church Office at (912) 925-5924 or
Lisa McGalliard at (912) 658-7556

Volunteers needed: Call Sarah McGalliard
(912) 658-6773

Donations Needed:

- * Juice Drinks
- * Monetary donations can be marked VBS and given to the church or placed in the offering plate.

LINE DANCING



When: (Thursdays) April 7, 14, 21, and 28

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

Where: White Bluff UMC-Gym

Cost: Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

Instructor: Susan Morgan

Social distancing will be observed.

Masks will be required for all participants.



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.

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DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN PERSON

Sunday, April 24, 2022
GATEWAY CHURCH
1702 Pine Barren Rd.
Bloomington, GA 31302

Please join us for a District Worship Celebration. Pastors, please bring a group from your church—they will be blessed by our gathering. This will be a special time of worship. We will have a brief time of business and a great time of worship centered around Hebrews 12—fixing our eyes on Jesus. We'll grapple together with our struggle in life where we often find ourselves saying: "But it wasn't supposed to be this way!"

Rev. David Thompson, District Superintendent

The financial gifts of White Bluff UMC are at work blessing others in our country and in our world! Over \$5,300.00 has been given to UMCOR by our congregation over the last 6 months to support relief efforts as a result of the damage created by Hurricane Ida, the devastation resulting from the tornadoes in Kentucky, the resettlement of refugees fleeing Afghanistan, and the humanitarian crisis created from the current war in Ukraine. If you want to learn more about UMCOR's work around the world, visit www.umcor.org. Thank you for your generosity as we continue to support those in need with our gifts.

Support the humanitarian response in Ukraine **Give Now**

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need help 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



If you are interested in having a name tag made. Contact the church office at (912) 925-5924.



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

Tommy and Kathy Swinford
Doug and Harriet Cobb

Brenda Luckey Van Fossan

Tommy and Kathy Swinford
Harriet and Doug Cobb
Greg and Pat Crews

Rev. Dr. Remer "Brad" Logan Brady III

Tommy and Kathy Swinford



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

Craig McGalliard, on the death of his brother, John Thomas McGalliard, on March 19, 2022.

Rev. John Haney, on the death of his mother, Susie Grace Haney, on January 29, 2022.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

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.

COMING SOON!

SHRED DAY

May 21, 2022

More details are on the way.



Book Study

April 2022-No Book Study

May 2022- Book TBD



Coming this summer:

TUESDAY MOVIE
Sight & Sound Theater Series