

WHITE BLUFF
UNITED
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CHURCH

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White Bluff News

July 2022

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

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Hello White Bluff! I hope you are enjoying your summer and things are going well. The Giddens family is good. Erin is finishing work at the Akin, SC ER and heading to another shortly to be a travel nurse elsewhere. The boys had a great time at Vacation Bible School with many of you and have just a few more weeks before they return to Calvary. I do not know who is more excited about them returning to school... us or them! Maddux will begin 7th grade, Paxton 5th grade, and Lennox 2nd. My, how time flies! Until school starts, we anticipate swimming and summer activities to fill their days as Erin and I desire for them to have the best summer experience possible.

Please save the date of Sunday, August 21, 2022 at 5 pm. It will be a churchwide dinner meeting sponsored by your White Bluff South Georgia Annual Conference delegation. At Annual Conference this year, Jerry Wilson represented you as your Annual Conference delegate, Bob Whitemarsh was your Coastal District United Methodist Men's President, and Debbie Hudgins was your Coastal District Lay Leader. I am truly grateful for all three of these leaders as they served you very well at Annual Conference and even took one for the team! Conference saw its fair share of COVID, and several of your delegation received COVID there. Thankfully, they are now fully recovered and "back in the saddle," so to speak.

The purpose of August 21 will be for your delegation (Jerry, Bob, and Debbie) to bring you the White Bluff Annual Conference Delegation Report and Current State of the UMC. As many of you are aware, much is happening in United Methodism, and it is time for our church to be informed by the delegation of where we stand and receive your questions in a town hall forum. At different paces, every UMC congregation is learning about current developments in Methodism and determining next steps.

Let me be clear, August 21 will not be an opportunity to vote, but your attendance is critically important. We desire for as many members as possible to attend, learn, and offer questions that you would like answered. We do reserve the right to say, if we do not know the answer, "Let us research the answer and get back to you." It is the delegation's belief that this meeting is the beginning of a process and not a once-and-for-all solution. The District Superintendent is aware of our process and offering guidance as we proceed.

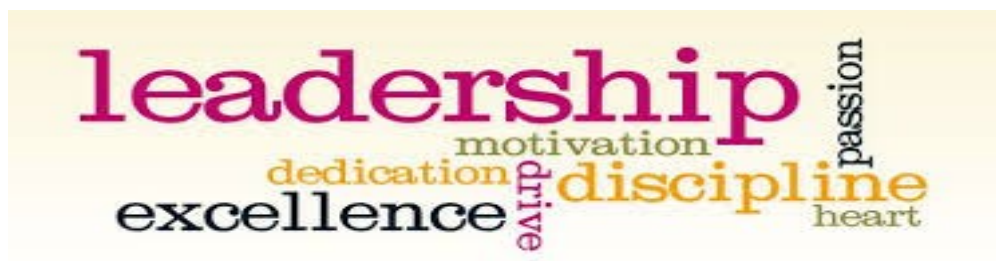
I am honored to be your pastor. I view my job in this process as two fold. First, I will continue to be your pastor... to show you Jesus as I care for and love you. Second, I will help White Bluff to get where it needs to go. I do have many passionate beliefs, chief of which is a belief in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and seeing His Kingdom come here on this earth. This is the one belief that is non-negotiable to me. Even so, I believe that in this process, listening to and hearing what one another is saying, even if we disagree, is paramount to a peaceful and amicable process.

I ask that you pray for God's will as we move White Bluff forward together. Above all, may White Bluff always be a place where people can know and share Jesus as we show others Christ by how we live each day.

Prayerfully and with Godspeed,

Rev. Barry Giddens

Senior Pastor, White Bluff United Methodist Church



Church Council Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022
7:00 P.M.
Fellowship Hall

** 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. **

Also, come prepared to share with the council any upcoming ministries you may be planning, so we can all be well informed so that we, in turn, can better communicate to our fellow church members.

Thank You,

Kay Williamson
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Stewardship Report

Attendance 06/05/2022

9:30 am.....127
Sunday School.....64
Online Views -Tradition ..245

Attendance 06/12/2022

9:30 am.....139
Sunday School.....66
Online Views -Tradition...92

Attendance 06/19/2022

9:30 am.....125
11:00 am.....50
Online views-Tradition....82

Attendance 06/26/2022

9:30 am.....150
Sunday School.....81
Online views-Tradition....84



EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

July 3, 2022

Children will share their VBS songs in 9:30 A.M.
Worship service before heading to Children's Church.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Please give one Sunday of your time.

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

Pre-School thru 5th Grade

At Children's Church we will continue to share communion together in the chapel on the first Sunday. We'll continue to explore our Sanctuary. We will learn about how our Sanctuary was built and the religious symbolism in the shape of the church, the windows and much more.

Sunday School 11:00 A.M.

Children will continue to study the Bible.

Volunteers are always needed to teach our K-2, 3-6, Jr. High children. If you would like to volunteer, please call Harriet Cobb (912) 927-3320.



Happy Birthday
Greetings extended
to:

Elmyra Fields
On celebrating her
93rd birthday
July 13th.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

- 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 are meeting in their classrooms. Journey with Friends moved to Room 28.



GAME NIGHT

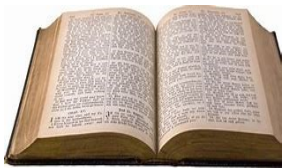
(First and Third Fridays)

July 1st and 15th
7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall
Soft drinks provided
Bring a snack to share

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.



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



TUESDAY MOVIES

JULY 5, 2022

10:30 –12:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Title: JONAH

Sight & Sound Theater Biblically based musical productions

School Age Children Welcome to attend with an adult.

Bring a chair cushion for comfort.



OFFICE CLOSED



Trustees Committee Meeting

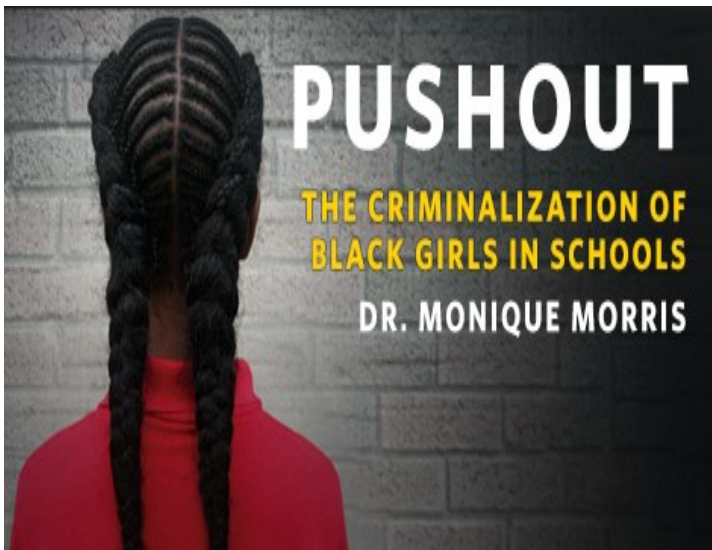
July 13, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Room 21



White Bluff is a Community-oriented, Bible-believing church family serving the southside of Savannah, Georgia where the Truman ends and faith begins.



**COASTAL DISTRICT UMW
WOMEN OF FAITH
MISSION STUDY
JULY 9, 2022
Led by Tara Jones,
President, South Georgia
Conference UMW/Women of
Faith**

Please join us at:

WHITE BLUFF UMC
11911 WHITE BLUFF RD
SAVANNAH, GA 31419
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Registration 9:30 A.M.

Lunch provided by the
White Bluff UMW

Welcome to the first "in person" Mission Study of 2022! Plan to join the women of the Coastal District UMW/Women of Faith for a timely and powerful exploration of the documentary, PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools, by Dr. Monique W. Morris.

Monique W. Morris is President/CEO of Grantmakers for Girls of Color, and co-founder of the National Black Women's Justice Institute. She is an award-winning author, filmmaker, and social justice scholar-advocate. The book, PUSHOUT: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools (print and Kindle versions) is available at Amazon, as well as other book retailers.



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

**July 11th, 18th, and 25th
Room 21**

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

LINE DANCE



**Line Dance Class will not meet
July 7th and July 14th**

Class will resume on Thursday, July 21st.

Time: 10-11 A.M.

Where: White Bluff UMC-Gym

Cost: Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

Instructor: Susan Morgan



BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

July 31, 2022

9:30-12:00 Noon

Gym

4-years old thru 5th grade

Join the Children's Committee in the Gym for games and fun. Back to school prizes, inflatables and more.



We would like to welcome our newest Members to White Bluff United Methodist Church

Gene Carden Profession of Restoration
Carolyn Davenport UMC Transfer



YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday School

at 11:00 A.M.

Room 7



Fun for Seniors

REMINDER

Social Seniors

Will not meet July and August.

We will resume September 21, 2022



2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you for your willingness to serve children during 2022 Vacation Bible School. Each day, your timeless dedication and Christlike example helped the children see Jesus at work in our world.

THANK YOU!

Sarah McGalliard

VBS Director

Vacation Bible school was a meaningful experience and successful adventure for our church. We had an incredible time at the VBS Food Truck Party-On a Roll with God. Children were invited to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11. "Give us this day our daily bread." We are reminded that everything we have comes from God. VBS opens kids' eyes to help build on the practice of using daily prayer to turn to God for their needs.. and also to serve as the hands of God in ensuring that the needs of others are met.

Here is a glance at some of the things we did at Vacation Bible School.



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Special Gifts

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

Barbara Anderson

Dorothy L. Thrasher

Jewel Gilbert

Boots Penfield

Tommy McGalliard

Mac and Patty Thompson

Michael Wilson

Suzanne Woodrum
Mac and Patty Thompson
Rose M. Donnelly
Jane Anderson



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

Carlton Kemp, on the death of his brother, Alton Kemp, June 10, 2022.

Carlton Kemp, on the death of his brother-in-law, William Bruner, on June 12, 2022.

Jerry and Ann Wilson, on the death of their son, Michael "Mike" Herrin Wilson, on May 14, 2022.

Ruth Smith, on the death of her Sister-in-law, Linda Dianne Youmans, on June 18, 2022.

Susan S. Wood, on the death of her son, Jeffrey "Jeff" Lynn Wood, on June 21, 2022.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

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.