

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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Our Music Ministries at BFUMC

I wish I could write today with happier news about our music ministries—or, to be more precise, the *leadership* of our music ministries—here at Bainbridge First United Methodist Church, but I can't. I hoped I could announce to you that we had hired a new Director of Music Ministries/Organist, but I can't. I hoped I could tell you that our 9:00 a.m. Worship musical leadership was stable, but I can't. All I can do at the moment is give you "the lay of the land" and solicit your prayers and your help as we face this time together.

Before I get too far into this, however, I need to acknowledge the leadership provided by Sheila Lane as our interim Chancel Choir Director; Dr. Doug West as our organist; Curtis Robinson leading the Handbell and the Youth Choirs; and Karen Forrester leading the Children's Music and Worship Arts. Without these people, the last few months would have been chaotic. Sheila has some obligations to fulfill, so she cannot continue in her position, but we are counting on the others to continue to help us in leading a huge part of our music ministries.

To share with you where we've been over the last several weeks: The Music Ministry Team, under the leadership of Wayne Lambert, reviewed the resumes of several applicants for the position of Director of Music Ministries/Organist. We sent preliminary questions to three applicants and interviewed one, whom we felt would be the best fit for our congregation. The Music Team then sent their recommendation to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (which is responsible for hiring and terminating non-clergy staff members), who agreed with the Music Team's endorsement, created a compensation package, and authorized me to communicate it to the candidate. We have heard nothing from this person, so we are assuming that s/he is not interested in our position.

Concerning our 9:00 a.m. Worship Service: We enjoyed very much the leadership that Griffin Sinclair provided for our Contemporary Service. At the beginning of December, however, Griffin encountered some personal issues and has since moved back home to Orlando. We were blessed to be able to call upon Tammy Brown to play the piano, with Curtis Robinson, Misty Barber Tice, and myself lending vocal leadership. Having "live" music has certainly improved the vitality of the service!

So where does that leave us? Here is where we need your prayers and your help. First of all, the prayers: Pray that God will send the people we need to us; and pray as well that we will have the spiritual sensitivity to recognize the people God is sending to us. Then, the help: For the 9:00 a.m. service, we have our "fall-back" position of singing with pre-recorded music, but we don't want to go back to that for any extended period of time. We do have, however, several people who are willing to provide *vocal* leadership if we can find an *instrumentalist* (guitarist or keyboardist). If you know of someone who might be willing to fill that role, send them our way!

As far as our musical leadership for Traditional Worship, I believe we are going to have to be creative, resourceful, and inventive. I plan to meet with the Chancel Choir soon to solicit their input and their help. We will use soloists and ensembles, as well as the Children's, Youth, and Handbell Choirs to provide musical offerings. We will also have more congregational singing (an extra hymn, congregational calls to worship, and congregational responses to the benediction). So we may not an "anthem" from the Chancel Choir, but we will have music as the worshipping community sings praises to God!

I see my role over the next few months as working with the music for the services and not so much with the process of trying to hire somebody (or somebodies). I believe we may have to re-think our job descriptions—what worked for us in the past may not work today. I believe the right people are out there—we need to ask God to help us get together!

One final note: It's a human tendency, in situations like this, to blame someone when things don't work according to plan or according to our hopes and dreams. Playing the "blame game," however, is generally counter-productive and only creates ill will and hurt feelings—and that's the last thing we need right now! I don't think there's anyone to blame here—I think everyone involved has done his or her best—we just missed the mark. But God has for us the leaders we need—we need to follow the Spirit to seek and find the people we need!

Mike

Calendar for January 9, 2019

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

12:00 PM-----Keenagers, J. O. Smith Building
3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor
5:30 PM-----Two Year Old Music Group, Circle Room
*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building
*6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room & Sanctuary
*6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room
*6:40 PM-----Youth Small Group Bible Study, Youth Basement
*6:40 PM-----Esther Bible Study, Esther Bible Study Room

Thursday, January 10, 2019

10:00 AM-----Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library

Sunday, January 13, 2019

7:30 AM-----UMM Breakfast, J.O. Smith Building
*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM-----Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*9:45 AM-----Confirmation Class, Library
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00 PM-----Mary Rosenbury UMW Circle, Simmons Parlor
5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building
5:30 PM-----Youth Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building
5:45 PM-----Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Handbell Room
6:00 PM-----1 Timothy 4:12 UMYF, Youth Basement

Monday, January 14, 2019

10:30 AM-----Clark-Morris UMW Circle, Simmons Parlor
6:00 PM-----Board of Trustees Meeting, Library

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
9:00 AM-----Cluster Clergy Meeting, Library
11:30 AM-----Church Staff Luncheon
6:00 PM-----Sistas Bible Study, Library
6:00 PM-----Cub Scout Pack #519 Meeting, Scout Hut

* denotes 'nursery provided'

Pastor Mike's Upcoming Sermons

January 13—"Water, Wind, and Fire"—Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
January 20—"Signs"—John 2:1-11
January 27—"The Agenda of the Kingdom"—Luke 4:14-21
February 3—"A More Excellent Way"— 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13
February 10—"I Yam What I Yam, and That's What I Yam"—1 Corinthians 15:1-11
February 17—"Roots"—Psalm 1
February 24—"The Unseen Hand"— Genesis 45:3-11, 15
March 3—"Tagged or Touched?"— Luke 9:28-36

United Methodist Men

United Methodist Men will have its first meeting of 2019 under the leadership of new president Lucas Reynolds on Sunday, January 13, at 7:30 a.m. in the J.O. Smith Building.

United Methodist Women's Circles

The Mary Rosenbury UMW Circle will meet Sunday, January 13, at 5:00 p.m. in Simmons Parlor.
The Clark-Morris Circle will meet Monday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m. in Simmons Parlor.
The Agape Circle will meet Wednesday, January 16, at 11:00 a.m. in Simmons Parlor.

Church Office Closures for the Holidays

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, for the Martin Luther King holiday..

Children's Christmas Photos

If you would like a copy of the photo of your child with Santa, e-mail Lauren or call the Church Office, and we will e-mail it to you or print it if you prefer.

Acolyte Training

We will start training our new Acolytes soon. Anyone in grades 2nd-5th grade is welcome to become an Acolyte. Call the Church Office at 229-246-1864 to sign up. Christi Murray, Meg Yarbrough, or Suzi Loeffler will contact you in January to schedule your training class.

2019 Confirmation/Church Membership Class

The 2019 Confirmation/Church Membership Class will begin this Sunday, January 13, during the Sunday School hour. We will meet in the Library. Confirmation/Church Membership Class is for youth in sixth grade and above and prepares these young people for making a profession of faith in Jesus as Savior, entering into the professing membership of the church, and embarking on a life of discipleship. The class will be received into membership on Sunday, April 28.

One of the highlights of the Confirmation/Church Membership Class is going to the Confirmation Retreat at Epworth By The Sea. This year the retreat will be March 1-3. Please contact Pastor Mike for more information and/or to get your student registered!

Connectional Ministries Leadership Tour

Leaders all across the South Georgia Conference have answered the call to serve in their local church setting. As a faithful member of your congregation, we know you want to serve and serve well! To help equip and empower you in your ministry role, the 2019 Leadership Tour will offer practical teaching and resources to both inspire you and help you lead with confidence. This free event is sponsored by the Office of Connectional Ministries. Our closest training will be January 20, 2019 at Tifton First UMC. To register early, go to: www.sgaumc.org/leadershiptour, or show up the day of.

Food Bank

Food Items Needed:

Peanut Butter (16 oz), Dried Beans (16 oz), Evaporated Milk (12 oz), Canned Soups (10.5 oz), Chunky Soups (18 oz), Canned Vegetables – Green Beans, Corn, Tomatoes, etc. (14.5-15 oz).

Still Waters

Still Waters is a nondenominational, faith-based, temporary residence for women and children. The ministry relies on volunteer help and donations of items. They are always in need of the following: Trash Bags (13 gal.), Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Kleenex Tissue, Dishwasher detergent, Dish detergent, Laundry detergent, Dryer Sheets, Vinegar, Bleach, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Soap, Deodorant, Towels (new), and Washrags (new). Contact Cheri Jaeger at Still Waters (229) 254-3877, or the Church Office for more information.

I will support my church with my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

January 6, 2019 Attendance: Sunday School:-----106
Contemporary Worship: 9:00 a.m.-----76
Traditional Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.-----113

Wednesday Night Menu

January 9, 2019: Meatloaf, Hashbrown Casserole, Candied Carrots, Salad, Dessert, and Drinks.

Members Who Minister

Ushers for January 2019: Johnny Reynolds, David Holt, Kevin Lewis, Jim Rentz

Greeters for January 13, 2019: 9:00 AM Dorinda & Rich Cox
11:00 AM Ansley Yarbrough

Contemporary Worship Leader for January 13, 2019: Joe Livingston

Services of Worship

January 13, 2018

First Sunday after the Epiphany-Baptism of the Lord

9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

SCRIPTURE -----Luke 3:15-17, 21-22----- Rev. Mike Brown
SERMON-----"Water, Wind, and Fire"-----Rev. Mike Brown

Music Notes

Children's Music and Arts Ministries: Our Preschool Music and Arts and Children's Worship Arts are happening! Join us on Wednesday afternoon/evenings!

Two Year Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): will start back this Wednesday, January 9, in the Circle Room from 5:30 to 5:55 p.m. We welcome all our little ones in joining us for developmentally appropriate music activities, including: singing, playing instruments, movement, and social interaction.

Preschool Music and Arts (PreK 3-4): will start back this Wednesday, January 9, in the Circle Room at 6:25 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities and then move to the Arts and Crafts Room for Bible stories and art from 7:00 to 7:25 p.m.

Children's Worship Arts (Grades K-5): will start back this Wednesday, January 9, from 6:25-7:25 p.m. in the Drama Room. We will be starting on our spring musical, which will be presented Sunday, March 24.

Chancel Choir: will meet not this Wednesday, January 9.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): started back on Sunday, January 6, at 4:30 p.m. Come for rehearsals as future performances will increase!

Handbell Choir: started back on Sunday, January 6, at 5:45 p.m. Come for rehearsals as future performances will increase!

Children's Chat

Our first movie night is coming up next week on Friday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. Pick up time is 9:30 p.m. We will be watching "Small Foot". I am limiting the number of kids to 15, so make sure you sign up early.

We will have Children's Fellowship at our regular time this Sunday!! I hope to see everyone there!

Youth News

Our Sunday and Wednesday activities have started back. Come and join us!!!

1 Timothy 4:12 Youth Group Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday Night:

5:30-6:00 pm--Snack Supper (J.O. Smith Building)

6:00-7:00 pm—1 Timothy 4:12 UMYF (Youth Basement)

Wednesday Night:

6:00-6:40 pm--Christian Fellowship Dinner (J.O. Smith Building)

6:40-7:30 pm--Small Group Bible Study (Youth Basement)

Members to Visit, Call or Send a Card

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William & Peggy Wildhagen	1104 Douglas Court, Bainbridge, GA 39819	229-248-0817

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Kathy Malone	Bainbridge Health & Rehab, 1155 W. College Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819
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Memorials

General Fund

In Memory of:

Gene Miller
 Linda Dubay
 Geraldine "Gerry" Mizelle
 Mary Ruth Gilliam
 Pat Reynolds
 Robin Musgrove Vickers
 Pat Reynolds
 Bruce Kirbo, Sr.
 Bruce Kirbo, Sr.
 Pat Reynolds
 Bruce Kirbo, Sr.
 Bruce Kirbo, Sr.
 Gloria Covert

By:

Edward, Jenny, Charlotte, Vivian, Ben and Ruby Cochran
 Mike & Joyce Horne
 Charles & Mary Burch
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 Wayne & Sandra Haines
 Sally Bates
 Jason & Christy Murray
 Lauren Turner
 Lauren Turner
 Glenn & Ann Gunsallus
 John & Joan Beers

In Honor of:

All Employees of FUMC

By:

Charles & Mary Burch

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Bill Holt
 Linda Dubay
 Bill Holt

By:

Mary Pat & Paul Moore
 Sally Bates
 Mary Nell Lovering

Food Bank

In Memory of:

John Edward Dazet
 Bruce Kirbo, Sr.

By:

Sally Bates
 Henry & Peggy Metcalf

Music Fund

In Memory of:

Gene Miller, Sr.

By:

Gene Miller, Jr. & Lisa Miller

Roof Fund

In Memory of:

Mary Ruth Gilliam

By:

Wayne & Martha Mathis

Children's Ministry

In Memory of:

Linda Dubay

By:

Jack & Gena Brinson