

The Newsletter of Bainbridge First United Methodist Church

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"Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen"

I've borrowed the title of my last words for the newsletter from the title of the final episode of my favorite television series, *M*A*S*H*. As the Korean War draws to a close, the staff of the 4077th, and particularly Hawkeye and B.J., struggle with the fact that they may never see each other again. Throughout the episode, Hawkeye gives B.J. a hard time about his inability to say goodbye. And B.J. never actually says it, but as Hawkeye's helicopter takes off for the last time, he looks out and sees the message his best friend has left for him in white-painted rocks: "Goodbye."

On June 12, you and I will come to a parting of the ways. I will assume the pastorate at Waycross First United Methodist Church, and Melissa Traver will be your new pastor. I know that you will extend to Melissa and her family every courtesy and kindness you extended to my family and me. Melissa is a fine pastor, and any minister our bishop sees fit to appoint here is instantly worthy of your respect. She will do a good job here if you don't let her fail.

No matter how many times I've moved, however, and no matter how much I've looked forward to the next appointment, it's always been difficult to say goodbye. In many ways, we have become more than pastor and congregation—we have become family. I count it an honor and privilege that you've allowed me to laugh and cry with you, that you've let me be a part of your joys and sorrows. Together we've welcomed new lives into the world and, through baptism, into the life of the family of God. Together we've commended members of this family of faith and loved ones who have gone on to the next life into the hands of the Almighty who is also the all-loving God. Together we've celebrated the highlights of our lives, and together we've prayed through and worked through the difficult moments. Now, like all families, we haven't always agreed, but somehow we've come through it, and hopefully, we've still been able to love each other and that we part as sisters and brothers in Jesus. In another appointment, a very wise man said to me, "While you're here, you're my pastor—when you leave, you're my friend." I hope we feel that way about each other.

Still, I struggle with the fact that I may not see some of you ever again in this life. It's not my practice to return to a past appointment—I do not come back to perform weddings or funerals, because I believe that's the job of the current pastor, not the former pastor. If you're over toward Waycross (or wherever else I may be) you are certainly welcome in our home and church—we'll always be there except when we're not. But, for a lot of you, our paths may never cross again. I hope you will pray for me as I will for you. And I hope that, if we do not see each other again in this life, we will surely see each other in the life to come.

And so, without using painted rocks, and as difficult as it is, I'll say it: Goodbye, farewell, and amen.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

Mike

Calendar for June 12, 2019

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

-----So. GA UMC Moving Day
-----Youth Music Camp, Florida
10:00 AM-----Children's Rest and Road Trips-Movie Day, BFUMC

Thursday, June 13, 2019

-----Youth Music Camp, Florida

Friday, June 14, 2019

-----Youth Music Camp, Florida

Sunday, June 16, 2019

*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building
*9:45-10:45 AM----- Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building
*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
5:30 PM-----Vacation Bible School, Sharp Building

Monday, June 17, 2019

5:30 PM-----Vacation Bible School, Sharp Building

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building
10:00 AM-----SW District Set-Up Meeting, Camilla UMC
5:30 PM-----Vacation Bible School, Sharp Building

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

5:30 PM-----Vacation Bible School, Sharp Building

Friday, June 21, 2019

TBA-----Youth Zip Line Trip, Tallahassee, FL

* denotes 'nursery provided.'

Welcome Our New Parsonage Family!

As Rev. Melissa Traver and her family—husband Chris and sons Xander and Grayson—prepare to come to Bainbridge, we want to make them welcome. The Travers will be here Wednesday afternoon.

Thank You from the Browns

Tammy, Michael, and I want to thank you, our sisters and brothers of Bainbridge FUMC, for the love offering honoring our four years of ministry here. We will remember you fondly in our hearts, and we will continue to pray for you as we hope you will pray for us.

Pastor Mike

Church-wide welcome party for the Travers

Please join your church family for a church-wide welcome party for Rev. Traver and her family on Sunday, June 23 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Bainbridge Country Club pool. Bring your swimsuit and towel, and we will provide the grilled hotdogs/hamburgers. Please bring a covered dish side, salad, or dessert to share. Please RSVP to the church office no later than Friday, June 21, so we will be sure to have enough food. We hope you will come and enjoy getting to know our new parsonage family during this fun event.

Vacation Bible School

Our Mission to Mars and Beyond begins on Sunday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m. We are doing things a little differently this year. We are going to have VBS at night. The dates are Sunday, June 16- Wednesday, June 19. Blast-off time is at 5:30 p.m. and our daily mission will be completed at 8:00 p.m. You can join in the mission if you are 3 years old to a rising 5th grader. Registration forms are available in the back of the Sanctuary, on the table by the Church Office, on the table outside Reynold's Chapel or on the welcome desk in the J. O. Smith Building.

Mother's Morning Out

Our Mother's Morning Out program will also be having far out space themes during their summer sessions. Week 1 will run from June 24 through June 28. Week 2 will run from July 8 through July 12. Classes are filling up fast! Contact the Church Office or Cindee Madding for more information.

Wesley Glen Offering

Wesley Glen Ministries is a private, not-for-profit agency of the South Georgia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church, dedicated to serving adults with developmental disabilities. Headquartered in Macon but with homes in other parts of our Annual Conference, Wesley Glen provides comfortable, secure homes with round-the-clock care, nutritious meals, safe and reliable transportation, and support for daily living. Our week day program, Cornerstone, allows participants to learn, grow, and socialize with each other.

The annual special offering for Wesley Glen will be Father's Day, June 16. You are invited to be generous to this ministry by making a check payable to BFUMC and marking it for Wesley Glen. Thank you for being in ministry to these very special people!

Join Our Music Groups!

If you want to serve the Lord through music, we invite you to join in our Church music groups: Chancel Choir, Handbells Choir, Handchimes Choir, and Youth Choir. If you can play any instrument, we invite you to play during services. If you know music grammar, that is great, but if you don't, we will teach you all that is necessary. Each person is gifted and loved by the Lord. Contact Music Director Yuliia Billa (billayuliia@gmail.com) for additional information.

Summer Camp for Adults at Epworth

Remember summer camp? It may have been scout camp, music camp, art camp, church camp or camp camp. Wasn't it the best?! Have you ever had richer camaraderie? Wasn't it flat out FUN?!

Why should kids have all this physically challenging, authentic social bonding emprise brought through an outdoor experiential learning environment? It's just not fair! Right?!

Agreed, so... Epworth By The Sea invites you to have some OUTDOOR ADVENTURES with our fearless leader, Andy Offutt Irwin! Grown-Up Summer Camp: Outdoor Adventures will be at Epworth By The Sea on beautiful St. Simons Island, GA, June 21-23, 2019.

Enjoy a Hoe Down Square Dance, learning about sharks and some "hairless creatures," take a shrimp boat cruise; have story time under the stars; a sing-a-long around the campfire and, of course, make s'mores! Plenty of time for you to enjoy ocean activities and the history of St. Simons Island as you wish.

Be a summer camper again with professional award-winning Andy Offutt Irwin as your camp counselor. For more information and registration, visit <https://epworthbythesea.org/events/>.

Summer Camps at Epworth By The Sea

Don't miss out on the opportunity for your child to spend a week away from normal everyday life in the beauty of God's creation with people who seek to share Christ in the everyday. Register today for Camp Connect, the camping ministry of the South Georgia Conference.

With an "Upside Down" theme this summer, a week at Camp Connect will teach campers how to turn the world upside down for Jesus. Diving into scripture and sharing life stories will show them they can make an impact for Christ in their own schools and communities.

"My prayer, as each camper registration comes through, is that everyone will have the opportunity to encounter Christ in a powerful, life-changing way during their week at camp," said Suzanne Akins, Camp Director. "There is something so rare and unique about shutting down technology, looking eye to eye with people, sharing meals, laughing, playing, and worshipping together day after day, night after night."

Each morning at camp begins with a Morning Show, an interactive, high-energy gathering with music, skits, and announcements for the day. From there, each team's day is filled with swimming, marsh walks, trips to the beach, fishing, Bible studies, art, and indoor/outdoor games. Each evening is a camp-wide activity bringing out the best of competitions. Camp closes each night with a worship service of meaningful skits, powerful music, testimonies, and relevant speakers.

College students who are committed to serving Christ through working with children and youth during the summer are the full-time camp counselors. Each staff member has been interviewed by the Camp Ministry Team, passed a background check, attended 10 days of training, and is supervised by Camp Director Suzanne Akins.

Each week of summer camp costs \$315. Here are the dates for this year's camps:

Elementary Camps for students entering grade 4-5
Session 1: July 8-12 (registration deadline June 24)
Session 2: July 15-19 (registration deadline July 1)

For more information or to register, visit www.campconnectumc.org or call 912-638-8626.

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.

June 9, 2019 Attendance: Sunday School:----- 63
Contemporary Worship: 9:00 a.m.----- 46
Traditional Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.----- 79

Members Who Minister – June 16, 2019

Ushers for June 2019: Steve Reynolds, Lucas Reynolds, Bert Parker, Tommy Rogers, Brent Loeffler

Greeters for June 16, 2019: 9:00 AM Jerry Maxwell
11:00 AM Marilyn & Al Collins

Contemporary 9:00 AM Worship Leader for June 16, 2019: Steve Reynolds

Traditional 11:00 AM Worship Leader for June 16, 2019: Steve Reynolds

Acolytes for Traditional Worship, June 16, 2019: Jacey Murray, Ruth Yarbrough

Monthly Mission Focus

June 2019: Wesley Glen

Services of Worship

June 16, 2018

Trinity Sunday

9:00 AM – Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 AM – Traditional Worship Service

ANTHEM-----“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”-----Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE-----Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Revelation 21:1-7
SERMON-----Rev. Melissa Traver

Music Notes

Children’s Music and Arts Ministries: Our Preschool Music and Arts and Children’s Worship Arts have concluded for the Spring. We will resume this Fall for great fun and learning on Wednesday afternoons and evenings!

Two-Year-Old Music Group (for ages 18 months-2 years old): will meet again in the fall on Wednesdays from 5:30-5:55 p.m. in the Circle Room for developmentally appropriate music activities: singing, instrument playing, and movement.

Preschool Music and Arts (PreK 3-4): will meet on Wednesdays in the Circle Room from 6:25-7:25 p.m. for developmentally appropriate music activities and Bible stories and crafts beginning again this fall.

Children’s Worship Arts (Grades K-5): will meet on Wednesdays in the Drama Room from 6:25 to 7:25 p.m. beginning again this fall.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12): has finished rehearsals for the season. We will resume in the fall.

Chancel Choir: rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m., with warm-up for Sunday Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room. Come and be a part of the musical legacy of our church family!

Sanctuary Organ: Remember when... On October 2, 1986, the following was posted in our bulletin: Our New Organ is being built by Visser-Rowland Associates in Houston, Texas. It will have mechanical key action (as opposed to electric). This type of action is also referred to as tracker action. When a key is depressed, a long "attachment" (the tracker) pulls the valve open and the pipes for that key sound. The only electricity used in the process is that which is required to run the blower for the wind.

Children's Chat

It's time for Vacation Bible School!! This year we are going to discover how awesomely huge God's creation truly is. Come join us as we blast off to explore God's word. We will travel through the universe and time. Hope you come along on this marvelous adventure. Registration forms are located in the J. O. Smith Building, the table by the Chapel, and the back tables in the Sanctuary.

Children's Rest and Road Trips are having a Movie Day at the Church on June 12 from 10:00 a.m.-2:30 pm. Let Ms. Ida know if you are coming.

Dates to remember- Vacation Bible School, June 16 through June 19.

Rest and Road Trips – Summer 2019

- June 26 - XTream Air in Dothan, AL
- July 10 - All American Fun Park in Albany, GA
- July 17 - Craft Day at the Church
- July 24 - "Lion King" Movie in Tallahassee, FL
- July 31 - Water World in Dothan, AL

Youth News

We are planning a Zipline and Urban Air dinner trip to Tallahassee on June 21. RSVP to Ridge Harper to let him know if you are coming. He needs a final count to make the reservations.

Regular Youth Group activities have concluded until the Fall. Individual events will be planned during the summer. Look for more information to come.

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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Helen Tillman	Riverside Place, Room #113, 1151 W. College Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819	
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Memorials

General Fund

In Memory of:

Kathy Malone
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Kathy Malone

By:

John & Sissy McCown
Buster & Carroll Bolton
Fields & Kathy Varner
Phyllis Armistead
Mr. & Mrs. B. Thomas Conger

Building Fund

In Memory of:

Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone
Kathy Malone

By:

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Hines
James J. Thomasson, Jr. M.D.
Mr. & Mrs. Kim Rentz
Youmans & Gardner, LLC
Tom & Mary Conway
Keith & Linda Kerper
Ted & Carolyn Mauldin
Jack & Joyce Leverett
Frank & Suzy Loeffler

Music Fund

In Memory of:

Kathy Malone

By:

Anna "Sis" Cook

Stained Glass Window Fund

In Memory of:

Kathy Malone

By:

Maston & Ann Griffin

Missions Fund

In Memory of:

Gene Miller, Sr.

By:

Edward, Jenny, Charlotte, Vivian, Ben, and Ruby Cochran

In Honor of:

Dr. J. Sydney & Carol Cochran

By:

Edward, Jenny, Charlotte, Vivian, Ben, and Ruby Cochran