



Bluffton United Methodist Church

1853-2025, 172 years

"The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach."

December 28, 2025 – white



Sunday Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School: 9:45 AM

Nursery care for ages 6 weeks through 5 years available during each service.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Breath of Heaven

Grant/Eaton

Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins,
and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator,
to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH No. 246

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life
everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father

UMH No. 70

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Albert Malotte

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Emmanuel

Ruben Morgan

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lynn Newsom

SCRIPTURE

Titus 2:11-14

Janet LaMartina (8:30)

Pew Bible Pages 1856-1857

Mark Thomas (11:00)

SERMON

Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN

God of Grace, God of Glory

UMH No. 577

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Antioch"

Phil Lehenbauer

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Bladen Crockett in honor of Joe & Greta Crockett on their anniversary.

✠ ✠ Prayers are with the Helen Anderson family
after the recent passing of George Anderson. ✠ ✠

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:

December 21st offering – TOTAL - **\$41,994.**

Attendance: December 21st 8:30 AM – **81**; 11:00 AM – **126** – TOTAL **207**

Nursery - **4**

December 14th on-line reviews: **10**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x0000/>

THIS WEEK AT BUMC

Sunday, December 28: Sunday Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Women’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Men’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Monday, December 29: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)

Thursday, January 1: **Happy New Year! Church Office Closed.**

Sunday, January 4: Communion Sunday Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Women’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Men’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)



REMINDER – Donations received for 2025
must be received or postmarked by **December 31, 2025.**
Thank you! Joann Garner, Financial Secretary
843-757-3351.



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| 12/28 – Chris Davis | 12/28 – Sandy & Tommy Rhodes |
| 12/29 – Andrew Himes | |
| 12/30 – Pat Crews | |
| 12/31 – May Ann McMillan | |
| 01/01 – Debbie Kaulig | |
| 01/02 – Scott Harris | |
| 01/02 – Suellen Gainey | |
| 01/03 – Dylan Chilson | |



“miracle jar” on the memo line. If you give online, The Miracle Jar is listed under Designated Funds/Local Missions. Thank you in advance for your giving heart.

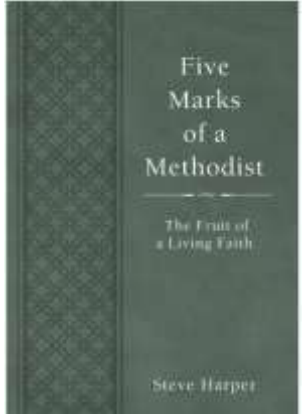
DECEMBER FOOD DONATIONS/REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

During the Season of Advent, please remember the Magi who brought gifts to baby Jesus and consider helping your church provide the gift of nourishment to people in our community. In the pews, you will find the **REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** which lists specific foods requested by local aid agencies. We will collect those items during the month of December and deliver them to the agencies after Christmas. Your donations will help stock their pantries after the busy Christmas season. Thank you for giving!



BIBLE STUDY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15 – 3:00 PM in the Music Suite.
Books - \$15 covers both books needed for this study
Email Sally LeSage to sign up:
blufftonumc.education@gmail.com
Five clear practices for anyone who identifies as a Christian. Five marks confirm our identity as genuine and fruitful followers of Christ:



1. A Methodist Loves God
2. A Methodist Rejoices in God
3. A Methodist Gives Thanks
4. A Methodist Prays Constantly
5. A Methodist Loves Others

This study provides a meditation on each of these characteristics. As United Methodists, these five marks will grant a greater knowledge and appreciation for why and how we follow Jesus.

PRAYER CONCERNS. Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to update.

Rebecca Adler & Family	Jane Grim	Mike Parrot
Daniel Alba	Sue Hand	Michael Patterson
Helen Anderson & Family	Vic Herbert	April Pinderski
Jennifer Anthony	Jane Johnson	Evelyn Reddish
Rocky Austin	Jerry & Paula Johnson	Edgar Rickard
Dave Brown	Vera Jones	Tori Rinehart
Jason Brown	Sam Kenyon	Joanne Rymer
Sharon Chilson	Barbara Klekner	Ruth Schneid
Lynn Cleveland	Paul Laughlin	Drinda Sipprell
Pat Cleveland	Ron McAbee	Linda Allen Smith
Heidi Clevenger	Doug McGill	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Greg & Pat Crews	Jennie Margaret McMurray	Sara Torres
David De Paolis	James Morgan	Kris Wichmann
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Marilyn Moore	
Richard Falon	Michelle O’Connor	
Janet Fay & Family	Mackenzie Orth	