

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
Nathan Shelton, organist

INVOCATION

Gracious and loving God, you are the God of every people and every nation, who gathers us from north and south, east and west, and calls us one family at your table. Today we hear the ancient prayer of your people: that our sons and daughters might flourish, that our homes might be places of safety and joy, that our fields might be fruitful, and that our communities might know abundance and peace. It is a vision we recognize. It is the future we long for— a world where children are safe, families have enough, neighbors care for one another, and all may live in peace. Gather us now as one body. Open our hearts to one another and to you, and teach us to become the people who help make your vision of peace and abundance real. In the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us all to the table, we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 432

Jesu, Jesu

*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 UMH No. 70

Glory be to the Father

OFFERTORY arr. Diane Bish

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Sally LeSage

At 8:30 service, children ages 5-10 may return to their seats or go with the leader to Kids’ Church. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary at the end of worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Amanda Wehner (8:30)

Psalms 144:12-15

Pew Bible Page 979 Roy Austin (11:00)

SERMON Pastor Scarlett Hester

Jesus is Not An Artichoke

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH Page 12

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF PARDON (insert)

LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken) UMH No. 895

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM UMH No. 620

One Bread, One Body
Chancel Choir

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 600

Wonderful Words of Life

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE arr. Gilbert Martin

In Christ There is No East or West

*Please stand if able.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing

Welcome Nathan Shelton to our BUMC Staff!
Welcome Beverly & Mason Neely to our BUMC Church Family!



We offer on-line giving. Easy, safe & secure.
Scan the QR code to visit the BUMC offering site.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Sarah Snow in memory of Jim Snow.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
September 27th offering – TOTAL - **\$5,673.**

Attendance – September 27th 8:30 AM – **75**, 11:00 AM – **103**, TOTAL **178**
Adult SS Count - **14**, Nursery - **2**

September 20th on-line reviews – **18**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED – Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line at
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x>
Join us on Facebook during the week for inspirational posts
<https://www.facebook.com/BlufftonUMC>

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

Sunday, Oct. 4: Communion Sunday Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Seeker’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids’ Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)

Monday, Oct. 5: Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Trustees 5:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Finance Committee 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Tuesday, Oct. 6: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
The Addison Planning Meeting 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
SPPRC 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Book Club 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, Oct. 7: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Oct. 8: Busy Bees 7:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Ministry at The Addison 10:00 AM (The Addison)
Little Conversations/Big Ideas 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Friday, Oct. 9: Disciple IV 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, Oct. 10: BUMM’s Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (F.H.)

Sunday, Oct. 11: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
2nd Sunday Fellowship & Missions Fair (F.H.)
Seeker’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Little Conversations/Big Ideas 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)



10/04 – Paula Johnson	10/05 – Jim & Carol Clelland
10/04 – Frieda Ellis	10/07 – Gary & Sharon McDonald
10/06 – Collin D’Antonio	
10/06 – Ansley Himes	
10/07 – Bob Newmarker	
10/08 – Barb Mainey	
10/10 – Tricia Westmoreland	



Start Reading Now! We are starting a book group for our BUMC Community. We will start reading now and meet the first week in October to start our first discussion. We have selected Books for the first few months and then will do book nominations and voting for future months. At our first meeting we will discuss general guidelines and principles for book suggestions, discussion leaders and consistent timing for meetings.

Our First Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Conference Room 2. Light snacks will be served but feel free to bring your dinner if you like. **October selection** - *Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman, 356 pages. Amazon: [Click Here](#). Hoopla audio book.

Please call the church office (843) 757-3351 or reach out to Fran Oblander at 912-856-8775 or fran@alien87.com to sign up.

2nd Sunday Fellowship and Missions Sunday – October 11th

Matthew 5:16 “*Let your light shine in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*”

Enjoy Second Sunday goodies then visit the various booths to learn about the different missions run by or supported by Bluffton UMC and find where you can let your light shine.



September’s Miracle Jar for **ASP totaled \$727.50, thank you!** The MIRACLE JAR donations in October will be used for our church’s PILLOW AND PILLOWCASE PROJECT. This ministry provides dozens of new pillows and handmade pillowcases to the women and children entering the Hopeful Horizons Shelter every year. Checks may be made to the church with “miracle jar” on the memo line.

Little Conversations / Big Ideas

Starting **October 11 at 4:00 PM**, I invite you to join me for a series of **Little Conversations / Big Ideas**—small gatherings where we can listen, wonder, dream, and talk together about the future of BUMC. Each conversation will last **one hour** and will be limited to **15 participants** (plus me). Please call the church office to sign up! First come, first reserved! Our conversations will be useful for discerning what God has in store for our future as a community of faith.

October 8 • October 11 • November 15 • November 22 • November 29
4:00 PM, Conference Room 2

Little conversations can lead to big ideas.

I hope you’ll be part of the conversation! Pastor Scarlett



Africa Preschool Project

We are invited to help finish building a preschool for a Maasai Village in Amboseli, Kenya. The building is partially complete. It will take \$7,000 to complete. When finished. it will have 60 students: 50% boys and 50% girls. Donations are appreciated. If you have any questions about the project, contact Roy Austin

at 843-597-4826 or hroyaustin@gmail.com.

Honoring Our Veterans

This year, we will be adding to our Veteran's Day Celebration. Please send the following to Laurie.

- ❖ A picture of you or your loved one in Service Uniform.
- ❖ The name of the individual in the picture.
- ❖ The branch, service dates, and tour locations.

Please contact Josh Wall with any questions.



A New Ministry at The Addison

We have an opportunity to extend the love and care of our church into our community!

Beginning Thursday, October 8 at 10:00 AM, Bluffton United Methodist Church will begin offering a 30-minute worship service each Thursday at The Addison (formerly Benton House). The service will include prayer, Scripture, a brief message, and—hopefully—some good old-fashioned hymn singing. We also plan to celebrate Holy Communion at least once each month.

I’m looking for a few volunteers who would enjoy being part of this new ministry—helping with worship, serving as liturgists, offering music, or simply being present with our neighbors at The Addison.

I won’t be able to lead the service every week, so this will truly be a team effort. If you have an interest in helping, please join me Tuesday, October 6 at 1:00 PM in Conf. Rm. 1 as we gather to talk, dream, and make a plan.

You don’t have to be a musician or a worship leader to be part of this ministry. Sometimes the most important gift we can offer is simply our presence.

I hope you’ll consider joining us!
— Pastor Scarlett

🍁 Harvest Festival / GAME NIGHT IS COMING! 🍁

Join us for a fun-filled evening as we put a new twist on our Annual Harvest Festival! 🍁

📅 **October 25th** ⌚ **5:00–7:00 PM**

📍 **BUMC Fellowship Hall**

Enjoy a delicious **chili supper** and games for all ages, including **Sorry!**, **Jenga**, **UNO**, **LEGO**, and more! 🍌 🎲 🧱

👻 **Halloween costumes encouraged!** Each child/youth will receive a goodie bag, and prizes will be awarded to game winners! 🏆 🎁

There is **no charge** for the event, though donations to help cover food expenses are greatly appreciated. Any extra donations will go toward the **Live Nativity**.

📌 **RSVP is REQUIRED no later than October 18 to Sally LeSage**
blufftonumc.education@gmail.com! Please include the number of adults, youth, and children attending. Come enjoy great food, your favorite games, and a whole lot of fun! We can’t wait to see you there! 🍁 🍌 🎲

PRAYER CONCERNS – call (843) 757-3351 to add/delete names.

Rebecca Adler & Family	Jim Grim	Mackenzie Orth
Daniel Alba	Sue Hand	Mike Parrot
Rocky Austin	Vic Herbert	Michael Patterson
Bonnie Borgelt	Jane Johnson	Evelyn Reddish
Dave Brown	Jerry & Paula Johnson	Tori Rinehart
Jason Brown	Vera Jones	Russ & Joanne Rymer
Helen Claire Burich	Barbara Klekner	Ruth Schneid
Lynn Cleveland	Denny LaFaber	Linda Allen Smith
Pat Cleveland	Paul Laughlin	Jody Snow
Heidi Clevenger	Doug McGill	Sara Torres
Greg & Pat Crews	Marilyn Moore	Kris Wichmann
David De Paolis	James Morgan	
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Bob Newmarker	
Richard Falon		



Bluffton United Methodist Church

1853-2026, 173 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.”

October 4, 2026 - 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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