

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Paul Manz
Nathan Shelton, organist

INVOCATION
**Gracious God, meet us here in honesty and truth.
Speak in and through our words, our music, and our hearts.
Give us integrity in our worship and courage to face the ways we have hurt one another.
May all that we say and do today be offered to you with sincerity and open hearts.
In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *O Worship the King* UMH No. 73

*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 arr. Mark Hayes
There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lynn Newsom
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 *Genesis 37:17b-36* Seth Moyer (8:30)
Pew Bible Pages 61-62 Judy Hardie (11:00)

SERMON *Games People Play: SORRY* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* UMH No. 451

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Don Hustad

*Please stand if able.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing



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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Laura Reid in memory of Brent VanBuskirk

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

Rebecca Adler & Family	Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Mackenzie Orth
Daniel Alba	Jim Grim	Mike Parrot
Rocky Austin	Sue Hand	Michael Patterson
Bonnie Borgelt	Vic Herbert	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	Paul Laughlin	Linda Allen Smith
Pat Cleveland	Doug McGill	Jody Snow
Heidi Clevenger	Marilyn Moore	Sara Torres
Greg & Pat Crews	James Morgan	Kris Wichmann
David De Paolis	Bob Newmarker	

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
October 4th offering – TOTAL - **\$12,944.**

Attendance – October 4th 8:30 AM – **83**, 11:00 AM – **111**, TOTAL **194**
Adult SS Seekers count – **9**, Nursery – **2**

September 27th on-line reviews – **14**

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

Monday, Oct. 12: **Columbus Day – Banks Closed**
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Evangelism 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Church Council 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Tuesday, Oct. 13: Upper Room BUMM’s 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)
BMW Exec. Meeting 9:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Live Nativity Meeting 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, Oct. 14: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Oct. 15: Busy Bees 7:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Music Suite)
Blessing Bags 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Ministry at The Addison 10:00 AM (formerly Benton House)
Rummage Sale 12-4:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, Oct. 16: Disciple IV 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, Oct. 17: Rummage Sale 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Bluffton’s Art & Seafood Festival (Downtown Bluffton)

Sunday, Oct. 18: Worship 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)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed Office)

TODAY - 2nd Sunday Fellowship and Missions Sunday
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.



10/12 – Evelyn Reddish	10/14 – Russ & Joanne Rymer
10/12 – Matt Ansel	10/14 – Bob & Shirley Newhart
	10/15 – Matt & Stacie Sapochak
	10/16 – Joe & Christina Bryant



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

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 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

Last Sunday, Roy Austin invited us to support the construction of a preschool for 60 students in a Maasi community in Kenya. You responded most generously, thank you! The entire project will take \$7000. If you would

like to be a part of this blessing, please make your checks out to BUMC with "Africa Preschool" in the memo line or you may make an online donation. If you have any questions, please 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.



Keep Reading!

We have started a book group for our BUMC Community with 8 excited readers and there is still room to join us. Our next meeting is in November. Call or email Fran Oblander with questions: fran@alien87.com or 912-856-8775. We meet in Conference Room 2.

Tuesday, November 10th, 6:30 pm - The Day Jesus Moved Next Door. by Sean Elliot Russell (Author). A small city becomes the focal point for a spiritual war when Jesus of Nazareth moves into an old farmhouse on Summit Avenue.

A New Ministry at The Addison

We have begun a weekly 30-minute worship ministry at the Addison. It is our joy as a church to reach out into the world with the good news of Jesus, to witness to our faith and make friends in Christ. We need volunteers to help lead the worship as musicians and song leaders, as speakers and liturgists and as friends of the congregation. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact 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, 5-7 PM, 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!

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!



All Saints' Sunday is November 1, 2025. On that day, we will remember in worship the saints who have gone on to the Church Triumphant, but whose influence, example and faith live on in our lives. In the back of the sanctuary, there will be a table with our All Saints Book. Please print the full name(s) of those persons whose names you would like to be read as we remember the Saints at both services on November 1st. If needed, you may email or call the Church office to have a person's name added to the book. **Due date for names is Sunday, October 25th.**



BLUFFTON METHODIST WOMEN
BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Join us for our annual

BROWSE
BUY
REPEAT!!

RUMMAGE
SALE

INSIDE
EVENT
Rain or
Shine

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH – 12PM-4PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th – 8AM-12PM

Items you wish to donate for the sale may be brought to Fellowship Hall 10:00am-1:00pm, Monday Oct. 12th thru Wednesday Oct. 14th.

Your generosity is appreciated. Proceeds go toward support of the local missions for women, children and youth.

Please note: We are unable to accept clothing, electronics/computers, or yard equipment.



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 11, 2026 - green

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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