

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION

Gracious God,
we give You thanks for the gift of Christ, in whom we live and
move and find our true purpose. As we gather in worship,
remind us that our circumstances do not define us—Christ does.
Fill us with gratitude for one another, courage in every
circumstance, and joy in the good news of the gospel.
Teach us to live fully and faithfully in Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 545

The Church’s One Foundation

*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

OFFERTORY Getty, Getty & Papa

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Sally LeSage

SCRIPTURE READING *Philippians 1:3-6, 12-14, 27-28*
Pew Bible Pages 1822-1824 Sally Mattingly (8:30)
Roy Austin (11:00)

SERMON *Our Life is in Christ* Paster Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH Page 12

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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING HYMN

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee UMH No. 430

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Linda & Jim Stevens in memory of Jim’s brother, Sam Stevens.



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

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

Sunday, Sept. 6: Communion Sunday Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM
(Sanctuary)
Seeker’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Kids’ Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)

Monday, Sept. 7: Labor Day Holiday, church office closed.

Tuesday, Sept. 8: Upper Room BUMM’s 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
BMW Exec. Meeting 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Evangelism 3:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, Sept. 9: Bereavement Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Sept. 10: Busy Bees 7:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Music Suite)
UWF 9:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Saturday, Sept. 12: BUMM’s Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (F.H.)

Sunday, Sept. 13: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
2nd Sunday Fellowship between services (F.H.)
Seeker’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids’ Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)



- 09/06 – Ken Emch
- 09/06 – Nancy Czaja
- 09/06 – Scarlett Hester
- 09/07 – Geri Burr
- 09/10 – Tony Mitchell
- 09/10 – Charlie Fields
- 09/10 – Joe Bryant
- 09/09 – Brian & Nancy Osgood



SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP IS BACK! – Sunday, September 13th, hosted by the Bluffton Methodist Women. Please help them by bringing something to share after the service you attend. Thank you!



Serving Through our Spiritual Gifts

Have you ever wondered about why you love reading but dislike speaking in front of a group, working on a mission project but not teaching vacation bible school, leading a project but not hanging out in a coffee klatch? These are my questions but regardless of your wondering, it's time to answer that "I Wonder" question.

We are offering a Spiritual Gifts Workshop where you will have an opportunity to identify your spiritual gifts and how to apply these gifts to your personal faith journey and effectively support our church community.

September 15, 2026

5:30 PM for pizza and salad

6:00 -8:00 PM a time for reflection and learning.

Reserve your spot with Fran Oblander at fran@alien87.com or Laurie Palmer in the church office 843-757-3351.



Together Sunday's Miracle Jar for **the Live Nativity totaled \$505.00**, thank you! September's Miracle Jar will be for the Appalachia Service Project. It is a Christian ministry, open to all people that inspires

hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in central Appalachia. Help Brenda Armstrong by donating to this good cause.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
August 30th offering – TOTAL - **\$105,505.**

Attendance – August 30th Together Sunday – 10:00 AM – TOTAL **151**
Adult SS count - **7**, Nursery - **3**

August 23rd On-line services - **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>

Financial Administrator (Part-Time)

We are seeking a detail-oriented and trustworthy Financial Administrator to support the financial ministry of our church. This role is responsible for maintaining accurate financial records, managing confidential financial information, and helping ensure the church's financial operations run smoothly. The Financial Administrator works closely with the Church Treasurer, Senior Pastor, and Administrative Assistant as part of a collaborative team. This is a year-round, part-time salaried exempt position without benefits. Workdays and hours are flexible and will be arranged with the Senior Pastor.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Accounting with at least five years of accounting experience, or equivalent experience demonstrating the knowledge and skills needed for the position.
- Experience with budget preparation, designated funds, and financial reporting.
- Proficiency in, or willingness to learn, Church Windows, Microsoft Office (especially Excel), VANCO Online Giving, Gusto Payroll, Aatrix
- E-file, and Gmail and any other necessary software.

Requirements:

- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and handle sensitive financial information with integrity.
- Completion of Safe Sanctuary Training.
- Successful background and credit check

For more information, email spcr@blufftonumc.org

PRAYER CONCERNS. Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names.

Rebecca Adler & Family
Daniel Alba
Rocky Austin
Bonnie Borgelt
Dave Brown
Jason Brown
Lynn Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Heidi Clevenger
Greg & Pat Crews
David De Paolis
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan
Richard Falon
Jim Grim

Sue Hand
Vic Herbert
Jane Johnson
Jerry & Paula Johnson
Vera Jones
Barbara Klekner
Denny LaFaber
Paul Laughlin
Doug McGill
Marilyn Moore
James Morgan
Bob Newmarker
Michelle O'Connor

Mackenzie Orth
Mike Parrot
Michael Patterson
Evelyn Reddish
Tori Rinehart
Russ & Joanne Rymer
Ruth Schneid
Linda Allen Smith
Jody Snow
Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Sara Torres
Kris Wichmann



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."

September 6, 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.

Rev. Scarlett Hester, Pastor - pastor@blufftonumc.org

Sally LeSage, Director of Christian Education - blufftonumc.education@gmail.com

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