



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 7, 2025 – purple

Second Sunday of Advent



*I do believe that if we all followed Jesus' teachings to love one another that –
"This one will be our peace."* Micah 5:5

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

Invitation To a Miracle

Joseph M. Martin

Based on Tunes:

Wexford Carol

Kommet Ihr Hirten

The Holly and The Ivy

Tempus Adest Floridum

Branle De L'Officiel

INVOCATION

This is a season of miracles and wonders; a time to celebrate the glorious impossible of God's magnificent gift of grace.

We celebrate Faith as God speaks His Living Word into the darkness and awakens the world to His promise of grace.

We celebrate Hope as God's glory bursts into darkness like a thousand stars of light.

We celebrate Peace as God speaks to a young girl who embraces the Divine with gentle obedience.

We celebrate Love as we gather to gaze into a humble manger.

We celebrate Joy as the hillsides echo with the voices of angels proclaiming good tidings to simple shepherds.

We celebrate Light as a sacred star shines silver promise on golden sand.

Let the darkness see and believe.

Let the shadows surrender into light.

Come celebrate Jesus!

Know the Wonder of Grace!

ADVENT WREATH

Josh Wall & Nancy Osgood

Reader: In a world of violence, conflict, division, and war, the prophet's words ring out:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

All: We long for peace in our world, our country, our community, our church, our homes.

Reader: The peace that transcends all human understanding (Philippians 4:7).

This is God's peace.

All: We long for peace in our hearts.

*OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH No. 220

*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

Invitation to a Miracle

Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir Josh Wall, director

A Processional of Hope

Joy Arising

Your Light Has Come

My Soul Rejoices in the Lord

OFFERTORY

A Celtic Cradle Carol

Alleluia! Christ Is Born!

Would I Miss the Miracle?

A Gloria Gathering

Congregational Singing

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and Life to all He brings: Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild, He lays His Glory By; Born that man no more may die

Born to raise us from the earth. Born to give us second birth.

Hark! The Herald angels sing,

"Glory to the newborn King!"

"Glory to the Newborn King!"

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able.

Orchestra

Flute: Julia Buzzard

Clarinet: Bob Adams

Trombone: Richard Bergman

Trumpet: Michelle Lindberg & Audrey LeSage

Percussion: Adam McCormick

Organ: Michael Cole

Narrators

Sally LeSage

Stan Kozlowski



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Rick & Nancy Humes in memory of loved ones and blessings received.

THIS WEEK AT BUMC

- Sunday, December 7: Cantata 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)
Kids’ Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Monday, December 8: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, December 9: Upper Room BUMM’s 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Live Nativity Final Meeting 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, December 10: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, December 11: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
- Friday, December 12: Disciple III 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
BMW Set-up 11:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Saturday, December 13: BMW Festive Potluck 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, December 14: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
2nd Sunday Fellowship between services (Fellowship Hall)
Women’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Men’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Live Nativity Rehearsal 4:00 PM (Music Suite)



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| 12/05 – Jim Babb | 12/12 – Larry & Connie Budge |
| 12/08 – Caryl Marshall | |
| 12/08 – Alan Edwards | |
| 12/12 – Mikey Hervochon | |
| 12/13 – Mark Reichert | |



MIRACLE JAR donations in **December** will go to our **PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY BENEVOLENCE FUND**. This is a reserve fund kept with the purpose of caring and providing for members of the community in need. This fund helps people pay for living expenses such as rent and utilities. Checks may be made to the church with “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!



ADVENT DEVOTIONALS NOW AVAILABLE

Devotional booklets are in the Narthex for those wishing to do daily devotionals during Advent.



We are still collecting Toys for Tots. The program seeks “to provide comfort, emotional relief and hope to families by distributing toys to their children.” Let’s make a difference in the lives of children by bringing new, unwrapped toys. Let’s fill up **several** boxes with toys for babies, toddlers, and older children.



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

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

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General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:
November 30th offering – **TOTAL - \$9,725.**

Miracle Jar an additional collected - **\$538.00**

Attendance: November 30th 8:30 AM – **93**; 11:00 AM – **101** – **TOTAL 194**
Adult SS – 16; Nursery - **1**
November 23rd on-line reviews: **14**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line
<https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x0000/>