



**Bluffton United Methodist Church**  
**1853-2024, 171 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."*

**Sunday, August 11, 2024 - 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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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

*The Call of Wisdom*  
 Michael Cole, organist

William Todd

INVOCATION

Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?

**Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world.**

God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?

**Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.**

God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?

**Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.**

Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!

**Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Seek Ye First*

UMH No. 405

\*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

*Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me*

Thomas T. Lynch

Michael Cole, organist

\*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - BACK TO SCHOOL

Sally LeSage

SPECIAL MUSIC

*His Eye Is On the Sparrow*

Soloist: Venus Mendoza

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

Linda Stevens (8:30)

Pew Bible Pages 517 & 519-520

Judy Hardie (11:00)

SERMON

Pastor Scarlett Hester

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH No. 451

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Be Glad in the Lord, and Rejoice*

Russell Pascoe

Michael Cole, organist

\*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
**Alan & Harriet Edwards in memory of Betty J. Lyons and  
 Betty E. Schmid**

**The single rose is given by Jim & Linda Stevens in celebration of the birth  
 of their grandson, Weston Oliver Brunsman born 7/24/2024.**

**General Budget** – Plate offering goal each week \$11,837:

August 4<sup>th</sup> offering – TOTAL - **\$12,406.**

**Attendance** August 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – **67**; 11:00 AM – **113** – TOTAL **180**

Adult SS – **7**, Nursery - **2**

July 28<sup>th</sup> on-line reviews - **16**

**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, August 11: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Kick Off High School Youth Fellowship 5:30-7:30 PM  
 (Music Suite)

Monday, August 12: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
 Lay Leadership 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Tuesday, August 13: BMW Exec. Meeting 10:00 AM (Music Suite)

Thursday, August 15: Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
 Blood Drive 12-5:00 PM  
 Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Sunday, August 18: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Kids' Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)  
 Kick Off Middle School Youth Fellowship 5:30-7:30 PM  
 (Music Suite)

**Making a difference, together!**



**Youth Fellowship Begins TODAY!**  
**High School Kick Off - 5:30 – 7:30 Music Suite**  
 Praise, service, and fellowship all in one meeting!  
 ➤ **Middle School** meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
 ➤ **High School** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, full group fellowship outing/meal  
 IF YOU WISH TO PROVIDE A MEAL, PLEASE EMAIL

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08/16 – Ralph Lemmon  
 08/17 – Christina Bryant

08/11 – Pat & Paula Kirkland  
 08/13 – Warren & Jay Graves  
 08/17 – Gary & Patti Taylor



**MIRACLE JAR** donations in July for **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF THE LOWCOUNTRY** amounted to **\$589.00**. Thank you! The **MIRACLE JAR** for August will be for the **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BLUFFTON**. "For 25 years the Boys & Girls Club of Bluffton has played a critical role in the lives of young people. We know that trusted, caring adults and a safe place to go after school can transform lives." Checks may be written 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.



**Kids Praise Club**

Calling ALL kids, Kindergarten - 5th grade!  
 Join us this fall as we creatively explore the young heroes of the Old Testament. Meetings resume **Sunday, August 18, 4:30-5:30 PM in the Music Suite**



**CRAFT GROUP**

**Friday August 23, 9:30-11:30 AM – Fellowship Hall**

We will be making easy, but beautiful, "Glue and Go" cards. Each card will feature embossing, embellishments, etc. If you join us, you can also take home cards for your own use that say, "Happy Birthday," "Thinking of You," "Get Well," "With Sympathy," etc. If you have questions, please call or text: Sharon Chilson: 828-736-2839 [sharonkchilson@outlook.com](mailto:sharonkchilson@outlook.com) or Paula Kirkland: 843-295-2065 [paulakirkland36@gmail.com](mailto:paulakirkland36@gmail.com)

**Please let Sharon or Paula know if you plan to attend**



It's the most wonderful time of the year! No, not the holidays. It's back to school time! Our church will be collecting school supplies. Some will be used by Epworth Children's home, and others will be shared with teachers in our congregation and local schools.

**Bins will be set up Sunday 7/28 - Sunday 8/11.** If you would like to contribute, some requested items include:

- ❖ Boxes 24 crayons
- ❖ Large eraser
- ❖ Pencil packages
- ❖ Elmer's glue and glue sticks
- ❖ Ball point pens (Black/Blue/Red)
- ❖ Colored pencils
- ❖ Highlighters (different colors)
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Expo markers
- ❖ 2-pocket folders
- ❖ Spiral notebooks (1 subject/wide-ruled)
- ❖ 3 & 5 subject notebooks
- ❖ Scotch tape

For questions, contact Cheri O'Rourke at (302) 545-7133 or email [orourkecheri@yahoo.com](mailto:orourkecheri@yahoo.com).

**Bluffton Walk for Water, September 21, Wright Family Park, check-in 8 am, walk at 9 am**



Bluffton Walk for Water is a fundraiser for the Water Mission, a Christian engineering nonprofit that builds sustainable safe water solutions for people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas. Since 2001, Water Mission has served more than 8 million people in 60 countries, sharing safe water and the message of God's love. Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top four-star rating for 15 years. To learn more, visit [watermission.org](http://watermission.org).

**To REGISTER:** Start at [walkforwater.com/beaufort](http://walkforwater.com/beaufort), scroll down to **Top Teams** and click on **View All**. Our team's name is **Wade in the Water Walkers** and will appear on the list. On the far right, click on the **head silhouettes** and **JOIN** will appear. There is a \$25 contribution to join the walk.

If you are the owner or manager of a business, please consider being a sponsor for this event. Contact Lynn Newsom at [lynewsom@gmail.com](mailto:lynewsom@gmail.com) for information. You may also contribute by writing a check to:

Water Mission  
 1150 Molly Greene Way Bldg. 1605  
 North Charleston, SC 29405

Please put Team Wade in the Water Walkers in the "For" line. **We hope you can join us in our efforts to raise funds and awareness to fight the global water crisis! For questions, contact Lynn Newsom at [lynewsom@gmail.com](mailto:lynewsom@gmail.com).**



Virtual Lay School, an opportunity for Lay persons to learn and serve, will be starting August 24-25, 2024. There are a variety of courses available. Please see the poster in the Narthex for more information.

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

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|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rebecca Adler & Family | David De Paolis          | Barbara O'Connor          |
| Daniel Alba            | Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michelle O'Connor         |
| Mark Anderson          | Richard Falon            | Mackenzie Orth            |
| Lana Armstrong         | Donna & Kari Fiero       | Megan Phelps              |
| Rocky Austin           | Dian & Sam Gamble        | Evelyn Reddish            |
| Bill Baker             | Jane Grim                | Tori Rinehart             |
| Lois Barton            | David Harper             | Linda Allen Smith         |
| Rita Bobko             | Meredith Inglis          | Drinda Sipprell           |
| Ashton Borgelt         | Vera Jones               | Betty Thraikill           |
| Jenny & Bobby Brannen  | Barbara Klekner          | Brent & Jeanne VanBuskirk |
| Jason Brown            | Paul Laughlin            | Steve VanHorn             |
| Krystal Buck           | Sally LeSage             | Judy Walden               |
| Paul Bucklin           | Ruth Markiewicz          | Joe Walter                |
| Tony Cellini           | Nick Maxim               | Lib Wichmann & Family     |
| Lynn Cleveland         | Ron McAbee               | Joan Wortman              |
| Pat Cleveland          | Judy McDonald            |                           |
| Greg & Pat Crews       | Marilyn Moore            |                           |