

 **Bluffton United Methodist Church**  
**1853-2025, 172 years**

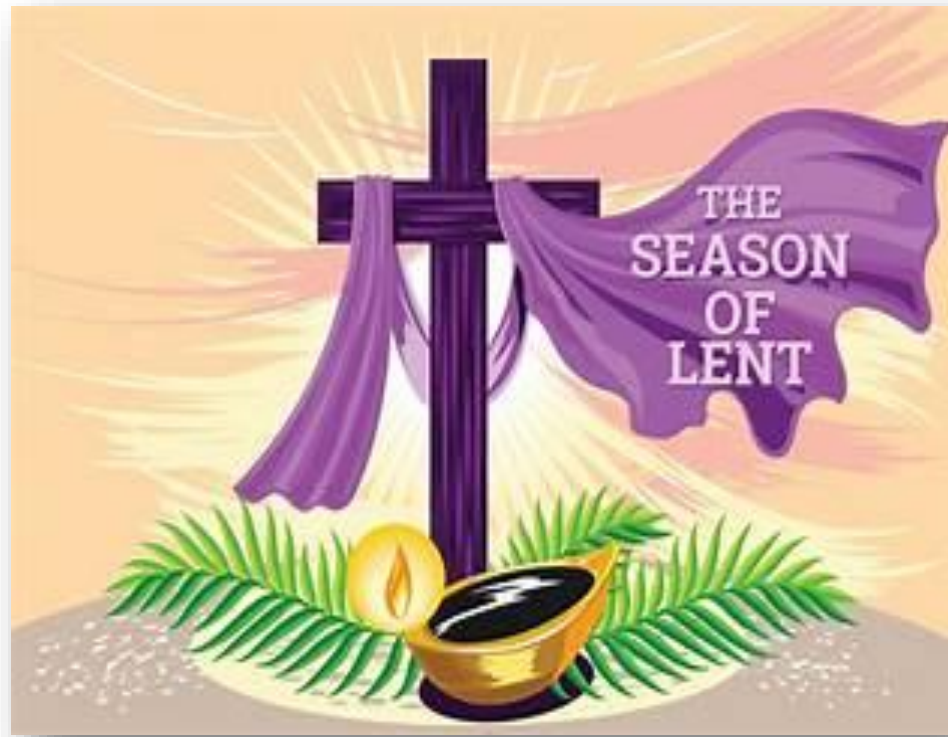
*"The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our +actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach."*

**March 9, 2025 - purple**

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

Good morning and welcome to Bluffton United Methodist Church. We're so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Our ushers and greeters are available to assist you and answer questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & ACOLYTE

Thomas J. Williams

*Once to Every Man and Nation-Ebenezer*

Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

UMH No. 259

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

**God, rescue us in the wilderness!**

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

**God, rescue us within the wilderness!**

Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

**God, rescue us through the wilderness!**

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

**When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.*

\*OPENING HYMN

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

UMH No. 110

PSALM 91 (sung response)

UMH No. 810

\*SPECIAL MUSIC

*He Will Hold Me Fast*

Keith & Kristin Getty

Keeley DiMartino

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

*Still, My Soul, Be Still*

Getty/Townend

Michael Cole, organist

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMN No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Keeley DiMartino

SPECIAL MUSIC

*A Lenten Prayer*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

Pew Bible Page 1598

Peter Minnaar (8:30 AM)

Judy Hardie (11:00 AM)

SERMON

*Rescue Me*

Pastor Scarlett Hester

*Where in your life are you calling out for rescue and how might God be calling you to reach out in love to others? Have you ever told God no?*

\*CLOSING HYMN

*God Will Take Care of You*

UMH No. 130

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

arr. Michael Cole

*To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord (Kingsfold)*



Altar Flowers

\*Please stand if able.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



03/10 – Denny LaFaber

03/10 – Charlie & Annette Fields

03/10 – Karen Wehner

03/10 – Jeff Shafer

03/13 – Joanne Dahl

03/13 – Danny Jett

03/14 – Merrick Downey

**General Budget** – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:

March 2<sup>nd</sup> offering – TOTAL - **\$12,084.**

**Attendance** March 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 AM – **86**; 11:00 AM – **132** – TOTAL **218**

Adult SS – **18**; Nursery - **2**

February 23<sup>rd</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/x0000>

**THIS WEEK AT BUMC!**

- Sunday, March 9: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Second Sunday Fellowship between services (FH)  
Women’s 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)
- Monday, March 10: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)  
Lenten Bible Study 5:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, March 11: BUMM’s Upper Room 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)  
Disciple I 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)  
BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
BUMC Staff Meeting 11:15 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, March 12: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)  
Quilter’s Set-up 3:30 PM  
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Music Suite)  
Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, March 13: Quilters 8:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
Blessing Bags 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Stephen Ministry Training 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, March 14: Disciple II Class 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Saturday, March 15: BMW Fellowship Meeting 10:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, March 16: 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 Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)



**SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP – TODAY, March 9,** hosted by the Bluffton Methodist Women. Please help them by bringing something to share after the service you attend. Thank you!



**BMW Fellowship Meeting** is on Saturday, March 15 at 10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall. There will be a guest speaker, Erica Downey, talking about Women’s health. All women are welcome!

**MIRACLE JAR** donations in March will go to **SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE.** This is an outreach of the South Carolina Conference Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is an opportunity for high school and college youth to engage in summer work camps to improve the lives of families whose homes are in disrepair. Donations are needed to help purchase construction supplies. Checks may be written to the church with “miracle jar” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



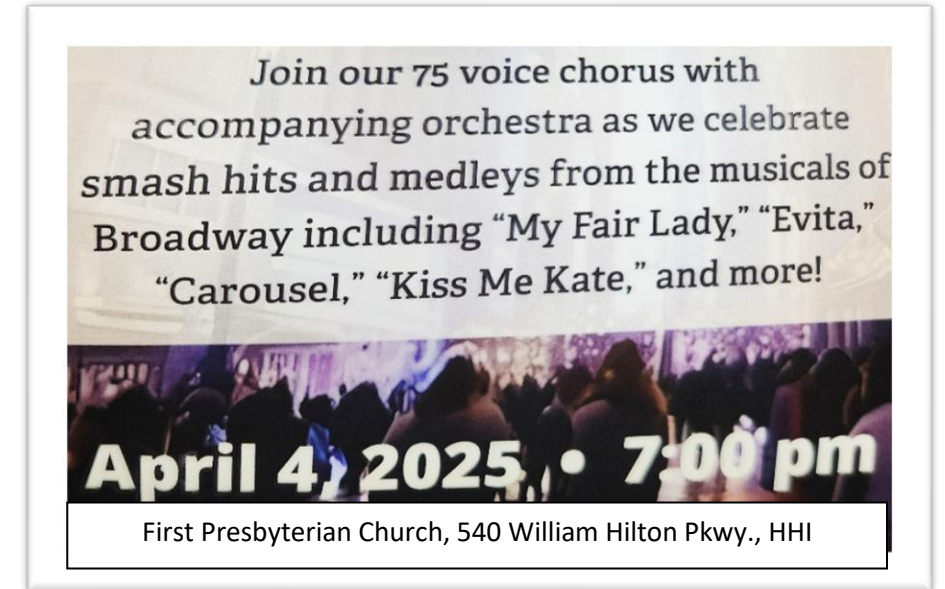
For those who have experienced heartache such as loss of a loved one, loss of a job, or worsening health issues, this time can be very difficult and lonely. If you wish to confidentially talk with someone, contact one of our Stephen Leaders today. They are: Janet LaMartina (208) 409-0476, Mary Ellen Parks (843) 368-1852 or Bill Stutesman (214) 435-0243.



**A new GriefShare started and meets every Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, for 13 weeks.** The best part of GriefShare is meeting people who are dealing with the same issues. Friendships develop as the weeks go by. The class meets in the music suite and is led by trained Stephen Ministers and past participants. Contact the church office or Mary Ellen Parks for more information. You do not need to register, just show up. We look forward to meeting you and supporting you on your grief journey. Mary Ellen Parks, Stephen Leader (843) 368-1852, [maryellen.parks22@gmail.com](mailto:maryellen.parks22@gmail.com)



**Director of Music Ministry**  
Bluffton United Methodist Church, in the beautiful low country, is seeking a Director of Music Ministry to oversee music for our dynamic, traditional worship. Primary responsibilities include helping plan worship, directing our adult choir and finding ways for all ages and skill levels to utilize their musical talents. This is a part-time, year-round position. For more information, contact us at: [sprc@blufftonumc.org](mailto:sprc@blufftonumc.org)



To reserve your tickets, visit <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/hiltonheadchoralsociety/4914>



**PHOTO SHOOT FOR DIRECTORY** – there will be another photo shoot for the new BUMC directory on **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:00 AM** in the Music Suite. Active visitors are welcome! Contact the church office if you have any questions (843) 757-3351.

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

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Rebecca Adler & Family   | Harriet Edwards & her sister Glenda Lyons | Barbara O’Connor    |
| Daniel Alba              | Richard Falon                             | Michelle O’Connor   |
| Helen & George Anderson  | Donna & Kari Fiero                        | Mackenzie Orth      |
| Mark Anderson            | Alex Flugel                               | Michael Patterson   |
| Sarah Atkins             | Mark Flugel                               | Megan Phelps        |
| Leon Atkinson            | Warren Graves                             | April Pinderski     |
| Rocky Austin             | Jane Grim                                 | Evelyn Reddish      |
| Lois Barton              | David Harper                              | Edgar Rickard       |
| Bob Bobko & Family       | Vera Jones                                | Tori Rinehart       |
| Bonnie Borgelt           | Sam Kenyon                                | Connie Roberts      |
| Bob & Jenny Brannen      | Barbara Klekner                           | Joanne Rymer        |
| Jason Brown              | Paul Laughlin                             | Drinda Sipprell     |
| Paul Bucklin             | Nick Maxim                                | Linda Allen Smith   |
| Lynn Cleveland           | Ron McAbee                                | Jennie Smith Family |
| Pat Cleveland            | Judy McDonald                             | Jeanne VanBuskirk   |
| Heidi Clevenger          | Doug McGill                               | Judy Walden         |
| Greg & Pat Crews         | James Morgan                              | Joe Walter          |
| David De Paolis          | Marilyn Moore                             | Wortman Family      |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan |                                           |                     |

**LENT at Bluffton United Methodist Church – Steadfast Love of God**

- ✠ **Mondays beginning March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Bible study based on Sunday’s text, 5 PM in the Music Suite.
- ✠ **Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> noon – light lunch & worship at BUMC.** March 26<sup>th</sup> at Church of the Palms & April 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Luke’s UMC.
- ✠ **Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** – children’s parade of Palms & experience the Passion Lenten Experience 4 PM.
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM** – Worship in BUMC sanctuary.
- ✠ **Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>,** quiet hour 12-1:00 PM, BUMC sanctuary.
- ✠ **Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>,** 8:30 & 11:00 AM services.