



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."

January 12, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord, 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.



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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & ACOLYTE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Chorale Partita
Beth Corry, organist

INVOCATION

Holy God of glory and majesty, you have called us by name. We pray in this moment for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of rebirth in the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH No. 383

*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.

INSTALLATION OF 2025 LEADERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

John & Caryl Marshall (8:30 AM) Page 35

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts arr. Gregg Sewell
Beth Corry, organist

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sally LeSage

SPECIAL MUSIC

Peace Like a River arr. Jean Anne Shafferman
(Kum Ba Yah)
Joanne Davies & Nancy Osgood

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Pew Bible Pages 1596-1597 Beth Newmarker (8:30 AM)
Judy Hardie (11:00 AM)

SERMON

Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair UMH No. 258

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

If You But Trust in God to Guide You arr. John A. Behnke
(*Wer nur den lieben Gott*)
Beth Corry, organist

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Jay & Mary Ellen Parks in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary.



01/15 – Serena Chandler 01/14 – Jay & Mary Ellen Parks
01/15 – Sara Boyles
01/17 – Alan Ulmer Jr.
01/17 – Sarah Sweers

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,200: January 5th offering –
TOTAL - \$7,123.

Final 2024 offering 12/31/2024 - \$12,115.

Attendance - January 5th 8:30 AM – 77; 11:00 AM – 114 – TOTAL 191
Adult SS – 17; Nursery – 3
December 29th 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, January 12: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
2nd Sunday Fellowship between services (FH)
Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Kids Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
- Monday, January 13: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, January 14: Upper Room (BUMM's) 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)
BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
Back Pack Delivery 11:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)
BUMC Staff Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
History Committee 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, January 15: Back Pack Buddies Packing 8:00 AM (FH)
Disciple III Class 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Missions 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Youth Fellowship 5-6 PM (Christian Ed. Office)
Women's Choir Practice 6:00 PM (Music Suite)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, January 16: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Stephen Ministry Training 2:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, January 17: Disciple II 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Sunday, January 19: Worship & BMW Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Pastor's Report on 7 Churches of the Revelation Trip
2:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Kids Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)



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



CALLING ALL WOMEN!
Singers needed for our special **Women's Choir** for Bluffton Methodist Women Sunday on January 19. Rehearsal will be **Wednesday, January 15, 6:00-7:00 pm** (Chancel Choir 7-8 PM). RSVP to Keeley to reserve your chair!

Second Sunday Blessing Cards – Watch for our new **Blessing Cards** mission. Homemade cards made to raise money to benefit The Fisher House for veterans. Treat your family, friends and business associates with a custom card for their birthday, anniversary, Valentine's day or any special occasion. **We can make custom cards for you advance notice.** The Blessings Card rack will be filled with beautiful cards on 2nd Sundays. The \$2.00 donation is done by the honor system and there is no way to make changes. Please bring your dollar bills. If you have questions, please call, text or email Sharon Chilson (828) 736-2839 sharonkchilson@outlook.com.



Men's Sunday School – Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in Conference Room 2. All are welcome!
Current Study: *Ten Men of the Bible* by Max Lucado. Updated Edition. How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World. Books are available in the class and cost \$18.

For more information, contact Jimmy Gainey (770) 377-6658 or email jimmysueellen@bellsouth.net.

MIRACLE JAR donations in January will go to a local **Kairos Prison Ministry** at the Ridgeland Correctional Institution. "This is a Christian faith-based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families." The funds will be used for lodging, meals and supplies to assist the volunteers who spend two, four-day weekends each year at the prison. Checks may be made to the church with "miracle jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2025 is now posted on the wall in the narthex. Reserve your flowers and indicate whether it's in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is \$50 for both arrangements. You may take your flowers to enjoy or donate them to be shared with others.



The BMW will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon on **February 9th after the second service.** The soups will be cream of broccoli soup, beef vegetable soup, vegetarian soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts. Please enjoy fellowship and food with one another. Containers of soup will be on sale after the 2nd service. **Donated cans of soup will be very much appreciated and will go to Bluffton Self Help.**



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 class begins every Thursday, January 15, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, for 13 weeks. It is a Christ-based program. Each class focuses on identifying the different aspects of grief and how to cope with them. Learn strategies, suggestions and awareness of triggers that occurred. 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
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PRAYER CONCERNS. Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names.

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| Rebecca Adler & Family | Richard Falon | April Pinderski |
| Daniel Alba | Donna & Kari Fiero | Evelyn Reddish |
| Helen Anderson | Warren Graves | Edgar Rickard |
| Mark Anderson | Jane Grim | Tori Rinehart |
| Sarah Atkins | David Harper | Connie Roberts |
| Rocky Austin | Meredith Inglis | Joanne Rymer |
| Bill Baker | Vera Jones | Drinda Sipprell |
| Lois Barton | Barbara Klekner | Linda Allen Smith |
| Rita Bobko | Paul Laughlin | Julee Thomas |
| Bonnie Borgelt | Sally LeSage | Jeanne VanBuskirk |
| Bob & Jenny Brannen | Nick Maxim | Steve VanHorn |
| Jason Brown | Judy McDonald | Judy Walden |
| Paul Bucklin | Doug McGill | Joe Walter |
| Lynn Cleveland | Marilyn Moore | Rick Wortman |
| Pat Cleveland | Barbara O'Connor | |
| Heidi Clevenger | Mackenzie Orth | |
| Greg & Pat Crews | Michelle O'Connor | |
| David De Paolis | Michael Patterson | |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Megan Phelps | |