



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."

May 31, 2026 – red



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 *See What a Morning* arr. McDonald & Shackley
Karri Kearns, piano
Josh Wall, organ

INVOCATION

Gracious and loving God,
At midnight, when Paul and Silas sat in chains, they lifted their voices in prayer and praise, and You were present with them in the darkness. As we gather in worship today, meet us wherever we are — in joy or worry, confidence or uncertainty, freedom or struggle.

Shake loose the chains that bind us: fear, bitterness, despair, and sin. Open the doors of our hearts to Your mercy and grace. Give us the courage to sing even on difficult nights, the compassion to care for those around us, and the faith to trust that You are always at work, even when we cannot yet see the dawn.

May our worship bear witness to Your love, just as the songs of Paul and Silas echoed through the prison long ago. And may all who enter this place hear the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* UMH No. 715

*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/THE 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 *My Eternal King* Jane Marshall
Chancel Choir
Josh Wall, director

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lynn Newsom

HYMN OF PREPARATION *I Know Whom I have Believed* UMH No. 714

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 16:25-34 Sally Mattingly (8:30)
Pew Bible Page 1720 William Court (11:00)

SERMON RISE AND SING! Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.</p> <p>2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.</p> | <p>3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.</p> <p>4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.</p> |
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



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THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, May 31: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Seeker's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Tea with Pastor Scarlett 3:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
- Monday, June 1: Finance Meeting 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, June 2: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, June 3: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Thursday, June 4: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
AGO Concert 12:00-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Saturday, June 6: BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (F.H.)
- Sunday, June 7: Communion Sunday Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Seeker's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Annual Conference 4:30 PM (Greenville, SC)

TODAY!

- **Tea Party with Pastor Scarlett** - Are you new to BUMC? Have you been attending a while and want to know more? **TODAY - Sunday, May 31 at 3 PM**, we will host tea with the Pastor. Iced tea, lemonade and conversation are on the menu!



- 05/30 – Tamara Davis 05/31 – Bill & Sally Mattingly
- 05/30 – Trey Snow
- 06/02 – Stan Kozlowski



Our miracle jar funds for the last 2 Sundays in May are designated to the "Rise Against Hunger" initiative of the SC Annual Conference of the UMC. At our annual Conference in June, our delegates will spend an evening packing 125,000 meals. Bishop Fairley has asked each church in the Conference to contribute \$100 to this mission that will provide meals to persons who simply do not have money or access to food. You can learn more at advocatesc.org.

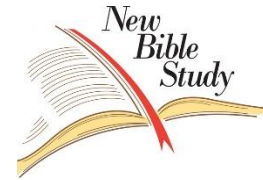
SAVE THE DATE! "I Still Do" Vow renewal ceremony & reception will be Saturday, **June 20th at 4 PM, Sanctuary**. Tickets are \$30/couple. **June 7th is last day to purchase tickets**. Light refreshments, music & dancing. **Tickets on sale starting this Sunday! Submit or email your wedding picture to the church office too! More information on the tickets.**



Are you using your God given talents, skills and gifts to serve God? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Join Fran Oblander and me (Pastor Scarlett) on **Tuesday, June 16th at 5:30 PM** for Pizza and Spiritual Gifts in our Fellowship Hall. Please call or email the church office and RSVP so we will have sufficient pizza!

New Summer Bible Study — "Dear Diary"

Join a new home-based Bible study exploring **Dear Diary**, a creative look at biblical characters like Hannah, Lydia, and Nicodemus through imagined journal entries. Each week we'll reflect on their experiences and consider how their stories speak into our own lives today. **The study will begin June 19th, meeting from 11–1, with hosting in individual homes shared among participants.** Books are available on Amazon for \$9.99 (free with Kindle Unlimited). Let Judy Hardie, judyhardie218@gmail.com, know if you're interested.



Kids and Volunteers needed! VBS July 13-17, 5:30 - 8 PM. \$15 per child (Payment due no later than **June 26** for your child to be registered and receive a tee shirt).

CELEBRATION & Cook Out Friday, July 17 5:30 – 8 PM

- All participants, families and volunteers are invited to a presentation by the kids of songs, stories and more!

Register at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1-vQ99KC-qyrZsayZMNbHhJQOGIqL5KTJPZeryjLBDg>

Or scan the QR code below



SENIOR CARING/PURPOSE – are you interested in joining a support group so you can share your experiences with difficulties that can help other people in the group who are going through the same thing? This is a support group that Russ russellymer16@gmail.com; (843) 298-6566 or Tom Burich hcburich@gmail.com; (859) 221-0629.

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

Rebecca Adler & Family	Jane Grim	Mackenzie Orth
Daniel Alba	Sue Hand	Mike Parrot
Kay Atkinson	Vic Herbert	Michael Patterson
Rocky Austin	Jane Johnson	Evelyn Reddish
Dave Brown	Jerry & Paula Johnson	Tori Rinehart
Jason Brown	Vera Jones	Joanne Rymer
Lynn Cleveland	Barbara Klekner	Ruth Schneid
Pat Cleveland	Paul Laughlin	Linda Allen Smith
Heidi Clevenger	Doug McGill	Jody Snow
Greg & Pat Crews	Marilyn Moore	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
David De Paolis	James Morgan	Sara Torres
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Bob Newmarker	Kris Wichmann
Richard Falon	Michelle O'Connor	

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
May 24th offering – TOTAL - **\$10,846.**

Attendance – May 24th – 8:30 AM – **83**; 11:00 AM – **126** – TOTAL **209**
Adult SS count - **13**, Nursery – **1**

May 17th On-line services - **13**

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
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