



# Bluffton United Methodist Church

1853-2025, 172 years

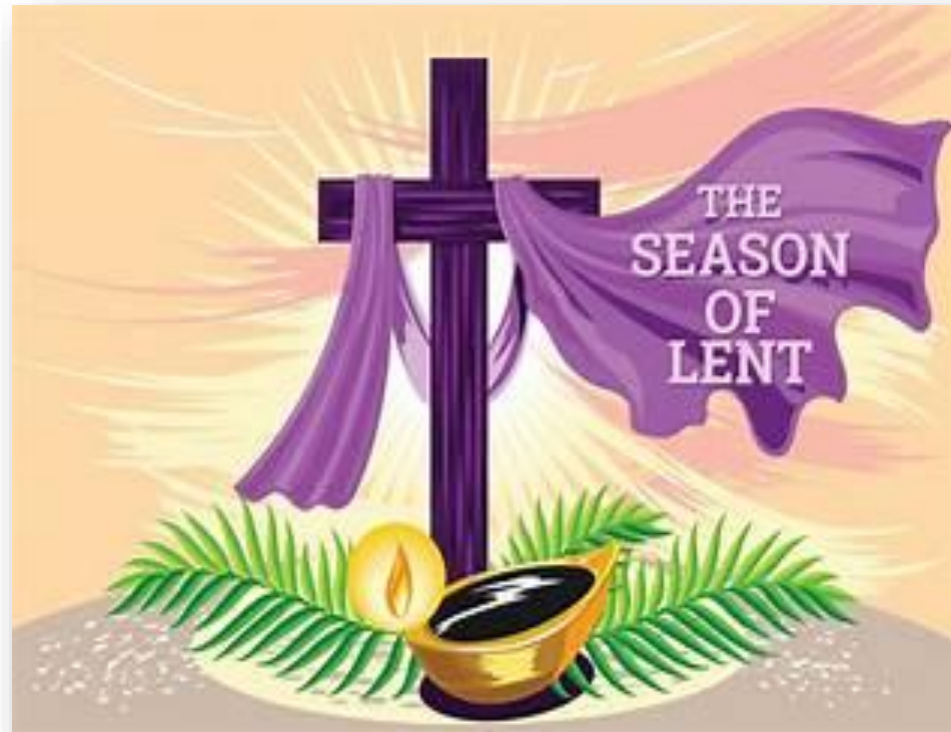
"The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our +actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach."

## March 16, 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

arr. Karen Thompson

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

### INVOCATION

UMH No. 259

Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

**God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?**

When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

**God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?**

When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

**Holy God, you are our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? We worship you, praise you and trust you in good days and bad. You hide us in days of trouble and conceal us together under the cover of the tent of Love. We rejoice in you! AMEN.**

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024. (adapted)

### \*OPENING HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

UMH No. 117

### \*PSALTER READING

Psalm 27

UMH No. 758

Sung response

### 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

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

arr. Michael Cole

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMN No. 95

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Diane Ciba

### SPECIAL MUSIC

arr. Cathy Moklebus

*Meditation on "Beautiful Savior"*

Wesley Ringers

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:31-35

Pew Bible Page 1623

Beth Newmarker (8:30 AM)

Joanne Davies (11:00 AM)

### SERMON

*Conceal Me*

Pastor Scarlett Hester

Today, what frightens you? In what circumstance in your life do you need to hear God say "Do not be afraid"? What situation are you in today which should make you seek shelter under God's wings? Are you trusting God or are you looking in other places for shelter and reward?

### \*CLOSING HYMN

*O Eagle's Wings*

UMH No. 143

Please join in singing the refrain

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Undique Gloria*

G. Elves

\*Please stand if able.

We are glad to welcome Ann Marie White to worship today from the Asbury Hills Camp & Retreat Center. You may find more information at

<https://www.asburyhills.org>



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



03/17 – Donald Parsons

03/13 – Garry & Sharon Chilson

03/19 – Denise McPheeters

03/19 – Melanie & Buck Hyler

03/20 – Jane Thornton

03/20 – Bill & Nancy Epps

03/20 – Becky Rees

03/21 – Seth & Brenda Moyer

03/21 – Elaine Blank

03/22 – Joan Morris

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

March 9<sup>th</sup> offering – TOTAL - **\$11,939.**

**Attendance** March 9<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – **67**; 11:00 AM – **115** – TOTAL **182**

Adult SS – **14**; Nursery - **0**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> on-line reviews: **17**

**WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED – Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line at**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x000>

**THIS WEEK AT BUMC!**

- 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)
  
- Monday, March 17: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)  
BUMC Staff Meeting 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Lenten Bible Study 5:00 PM (Music Suite)
  
- Tuesday, March 18: Disciple I 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)  
Back Pack Buddies 11:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
History Committee Meeting 2:00 M (Conf. Rm. 1)  
Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
  
- Wednesday, March 19: Back Pack Buddies 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
Directory Photo Shoot 10:00 AM (Music Suite)  
Disciple III 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Worship & Light Lunch 12:00 Noon (Sanctuary/FH)  
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)  
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Music Suite)  
Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
  
- Thursday, March 20: Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
Stephen Ministry Training 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
  
- Saturday, March 22: St. Simons Island Trip 9 AM (Meet at Church)
  
- Sunday, March 23: 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)



**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.



**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 lowcountry, 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: [spcr@blufftonumc.org](mailto:spcr@blufftonumc.org)

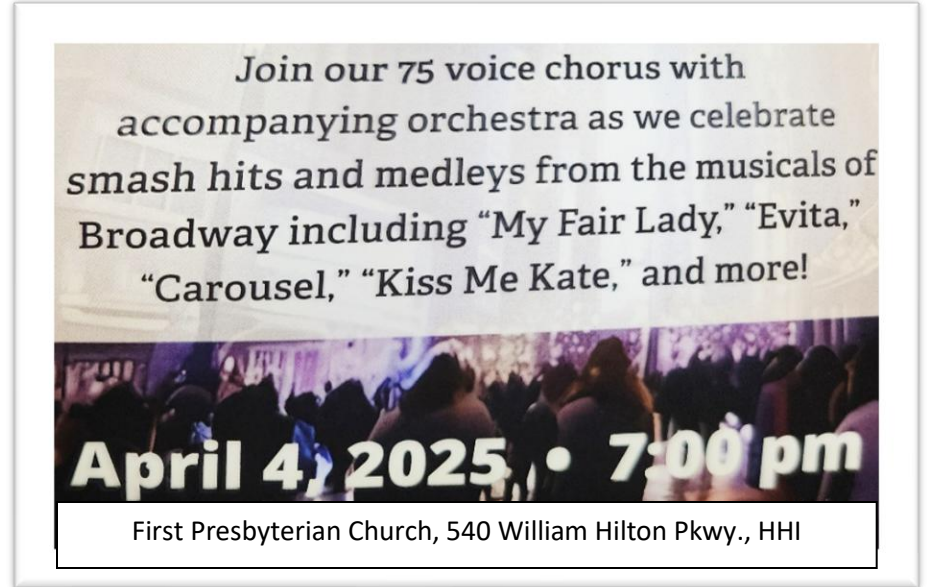


**EASTER FLOWERS** – If you would like to put flowers in the church for Easter in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate along with your check. (Write "Easter Flower" on the memo line). The cost is \$15.00 per plant. **The deadline is Sunday, April 6, 2025.** Your choice of Easter Flower(s) may be taken home after the 11:00 Easter service on a first-come basis. The Easter Flowers will be available in Fellowship Hall for pick-up through Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Remaining flowers will be planted on the church property or taken to folks who are shut in.

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_



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



Libraries for Kids International is looking for silent auction items for our **World Book Day Celebration April 6, 2025**. Golf packages, gift baskets and artwork are popular items. If you would like to donate something, please contact Roy Austin at [roy.austin@libraries4kids.org](mailto:roy.austin@libraries4kids.org) or call (843) 597-4826.

**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              | Vera Jones                                | Edgar Rickard       |
| Bob Bobko & Family       | Sam Kenyon                                | Tori Rinehart       |
| Bonnie Borgelt           | Barbara Klekner                           | Connie Roberts      |
| Bob & Jenny Brannen      | Paul Laughlin                             | Joanne Rymer        |
| Jason Brown              | Nick Maxim                                | Drinda Sipprell     |
| Lynn Cleveland           | Ron McAbee                                | Linda Allen Smith   |
| Pat Cleveland            | Judy McDonald                             | Jennie Smith Family |
| Heidi Clevenger          | Doug McGill                               | Jeanne VanBuskirk   |
| Greg & Pat Crews         | James Morgan                              | Judy Walden         |
| David De Paolis          | Marilyn Moore                             | Joe Walter          |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan |                                           | Wortman Family      |

*We look forward to welcoming our District Superintendent, the Rev. Terry Fleming, to Bluffton UMC on March 23, 2025. He will preach at both services.*

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

- ✠ **Mondays through April 14<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 St. Luke's UMC & April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Church of the Palms.
- ✠ **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.