



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."

February 22, 2026 – purple

1st Sunday of Lent



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

Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

Holy God,
Listening is always easier said than done.
We shuffle into this space and try to quiet our minds,
but the list of distractions is long.
We need your help to listen.
So today we ask that you would
marinate us in your Word.
Dust the cobwebs from our ears.
Stir our souls awake.
Crack open our hearts to make room for you.
Scoop us up. Put us in your pocket.
Carry us with you wherever you go.
We want to hear you,
really hear you,
so speak to us now.
With hope we pray,
Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *O God Our Help in Ages Past* UMH No. 117

*PSALTER Psalm 32 (sung response) UMH No. 766

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Pew Bible Pages 4-5 Pastor Scarlett Hester

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) UMH No. 895

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us; 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 *A Lenten Prayer* Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir
Josh Wall, director

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Sally LeSage

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible Pages 1503-1504

Cynthia Hoke (8:30)

William Court (11:00)

SERMON *Who Do You Listen To?* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* UMH No. 359

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

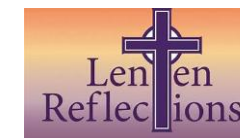
Michael Cole, organist

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Debbie Nelson in honor of grandchildren, Timmy & Rose's birthdays.



During the season of Lent, we are invited to slow down, reflect, and examine our hearts more intentionally. By speaking the Lord's Prayer rather than singing it, we create space to attend more closely to each word Jesus taught us to pray. The reverence of the Lord's Prayer stems from its opening, which teaches us to approach God with awe, intimacy, and worship—recognizing His holiness and transcendent power while also His personal care as a Father. Speaking the prayer allows us to hear its petitions clearly—confession, dependence, forgiveness, and trust—without the rhythm or melody carrying us along too quickly. Lent calls us to a posture of humility and attentiveness, and spoken prayer invites us to be fully present to what we are saying and why we are saying it. As we journey toward Easter, may these spoken words draw us into deeper repentance, trust, and renewed devotion.



There will be a Quiet Hour Open Prayer in the Sanctuary during Lent starting Thursday, February 26th through Thursday, March 26th.

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, February 22: 1st Sunday of Lent 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)
Bible Study 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed Office)
- Monday, February 23: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
Ruth Circle 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
Altar Guild Gathering 3:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Disciple V 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Hannah Ulmer Circle 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Tuesday, February 24: Esther Circle 9:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Missions Meeting 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Discipleship Meeting 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, February 25: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Alzheimer’s & Dementia 1:00 PM (Bluffton Library)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, February 26: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
J.O.Y. Trip
Quiet Hour 12-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Sunday, March 1: 2nd Sunday of Lent & Communion 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)
Bible Study 3:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)



- 02/22 – Christian Chandler

02/24 – Roy Austin

02/24 – Bud Mingledorff

02/24 – Jay Sprouse

02/24 – Kathryn Stutesman

02/27 – Jim Clelland

02/28 – Dick Smith
- 02/25 – Bill & Kathryn Stutesman

02/26 – Jim & Kathy Griebel

LENT AT BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –
Steadfast Love of God

- ✚ **Lenten Lunches (light lunch & worship), Wednesdays:** March 4th noon at Church of the Palms, March 11th at St. Luke’s UMC, March 18th St. Andrews by the Sea and **March 25th at BUMC.**
- ✚ **Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM and Lenten Experience and kids egg hunt 4:00 PM.**
- ✚ **Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary.**
- ✚ **Good Friday - April 3, 12-1:00 PM. Quiet reflection in the Sanctuary.**
- ✚ **Easter Sunday - April 5, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Glorious Easter Worship.**



Safe Sanctuaries Training
March 3, 2026 - 6 PM
BUMC Sanctuary

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

We are fortunate to have Rev. Lisa Way, our South Carolina UMC Walterboro District’s Safe Sanctuaries trainer, coming HERE to offer this important training for our congregation!

Everyone in the congregation is **encouraged** to attend, but it is **imperative** for anyone who works with children, youth, vulnerable adults, safety team, and other worship leaders. (Think: VBS volunteers, Children’s program volunteers, Youth program volunteers, Disciple group leaders, Stephen Ministers, etc.)

We are ALL responsible for the safety of each other, and should ALL be informed of our denomination’s policies and procedures for safety in our churches.



February’s Miracle Jar is for CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association.) “CAPA exists to break the destructive cycle of child abuse and neglect by equipping parents, children, and their caregivers with necessary skills, knowledge, and values.” Checks may be made to the church with “miracle jar” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your giving heart.



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, March 29, 2026.** Your choice of Easter Flower(s) may be taken home after the 11:00 Easter service on a first-come basis **FOR THOSE WHO DONATED.** The Easter Flowers will be available in Fellowship Hall for pick-up through Wednesday, April 8th. Remaining flowers will then be available for anyone who wants them if not taken by the donor. Extra flowers will be planted on the church property or taken to folks who are shut in.

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



The Libraries for Kids, Int’l World Book Day celebration is April 25th. Like last year, we are looking for donated items to auction off, like artwork, gift certificates, etc. Here is a link for

more information about the event and some of the types of auction items. <https://dreamsunderserengeti.org/>. The auction isn’t live yet so no items are currently listed.



The first 2026 Missions Team meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 24 at 10:00am in the Music Suite.** We are looking for new members and encourage anyone interested in joining to please attend. For more information please contact Cheri O’Rourke - [302-545-7133](tel:302-545-7133) or Mark Thomas [607-206-8862](tel:607-206-8862).

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

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

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
February 15th offering – TOTAL - **\$14,173.**

Attendance - February 15th – 8:30 AM – **66**; 11:00 AM – **117** – TOTAL **183**
Adult SS – **5** (no men’s report); Nursery **0**

February 8th On-line services - **15**

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>