

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION
Merciful God,
Your love reaches farther than our imagination, your grace extends beyond our expectations, and your mercy welcomes all who seek you. We come before you today not because we deserve your favor, but because your compassion never fails. Like the woman who refused to let go of hope, teach us to cling to your promises with humble confidence. Break down every barrier that keeps us from you or from one another, and fill us anew with the joy of your boundless grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose mercy is for all people. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 374
Standing on the Promises

*PSALTER Psalm 133 UMH No. 850

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 arr. Mark Patterson
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Chancel Choir

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lynn Newsom

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:21-28
Pew Bible Page 1526 Linda Stevens (8:30)
Judy Hardie (11:00)

SERMON Jesus is Merciful Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN
Rock of Ages, Cleft For Me UMH No. 361

*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 by



Peter Minnaar in memory of his father.

We keep these families and their friends in our prayers as they prepare for memorial services.

- ✝ A memorial service for Jane LaFaber will be held at BUMC on Wednesday, August 26 at 11 AM.
- ✝ A memorial service for Brad Terhune will be held in Kentucky at a later date.



We offer on-line giving. Easy, safe & secure.
Scan the QR code to visit the BUMC offering site.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
August 9th offering – TOTAL - **\$13,538.**

Attendance – August 9th – 8:30 AM – **81**; 11:00 AM – **102** – TOTAL **183**
Adult SS count - **11**, Nursery - **2**
August 2nd On-line services - **11**

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, August 16: 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)

Monday, August 17: Bible Study 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Church Council 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Tuesday, August 18: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
History Committee 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
SPPRC 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, August 19: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, August 20: Busy Bees 7:00 AM
Blessing Bags 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Music Suite)
Early Dining 5:00 PM (Crazy Crab Jarvis Creek)

Sunday, August 23: 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)



- 08/16 – Ralph Lemmon

08/17 – Gary & Patti Taylor
- 08/17 – Christina Bryant

08/18 – Lane Cloaninger

08/19 – Ayers Baughman

08/19 – Seth Moyer



Early Dining will be on **Thursday, August 20, 5:00 PM at Crazy Crab Jarvis Creek.** Thanks to Warren & Jay Graves for hosting. Please respond to Judy Hardie, judyhardie218@gmail.com, by Tuesday, August 18th if you plan to join us.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

One church service on
Sunday, August 30th at 10:00 AM.
**The Miracle Jar collection will
go towards our
Live Nativity!**

**Please bring something to
share: A-L: Side Dish
 M-Z: Dessert**



August's Miracle Jar will be for the
**Bluffton Walk for Water, October 3,
Wright Family Park, check-in 8 am, walk
at 9 am.**



J.O.Y TRIP - Charlie Brown Christmas
showing on Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm in
Charleston at the Gaillard Center.
Tickets are \$30 per person - and your
payment is your reservation. I will
not be accepting email RSVP this
time. If you want to attend, payment
will be required to secure your spot.
Please make checks to BUMC - note

that it is for Charlie Brown tickets, but please bring me your payment
rather than putting it in the plate! I want to have a list of names of
confirmed attendees so that I can keep track of numbers and get your
tickets to you. This is first come first served based on when I receive
payment. Thank you, Sally LeSage.



**A new GriefShare is starting every Wednesday,
August 26th from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, in Conference
Room 1 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. Contact the church office or
Mary Ellen Parks for more information (843)368-1852
maryellen.parks22@gmail.com. You do not need to register, just show
up. We look forward to meeting you and supporting you on your grief
journey.

Financial Administrator (Part-Time)

We are seeking a detail-oriented and trustworthy Financial Administrator
to support the financial ministry of our church. This role is responsible for
maintaining accurate financial records, managing confidential financial
information, and helping ensure the church's financial operations run
smoothly. The Financial Administrator works closely with the Church
Treasurer, Senior Pastor, and Administrative Assistant as part of a
collaborative team. This is a year-round, part-time salaried exempt
position without benefits. Workdays and hours are flexible and will be
arranged with the Senior Pastor.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Accounting with at least five years of accounting
experience, or equivalent experience demonstrating the knowledge
and skills needed for the position.
- Experience with budget preparation, designated funds, and financial
reporting.
- Proficiency in, or willingness to learn, Church Windows, Microsoft
Office (especially Excel), VANCO Online Giving, Gusto Payroll, AAtrix
- E-file, and Gmail and any other necessary software.

Requirements:

- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality and handle sensitive financial
information with integrity.
- Completion of Safe Sanctuary Training.
- Successful background and credit check

For more information, email sprc@blufftonumc.org

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

Rebecca Adler & Family
Daniel Alba
Rocky Austin
Bonnie Borgelt
Dave Brown
Jason Brown
Lynn Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Heidi Clevenger
Greg & Pat Crews
David De Paolis
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan
Richard Falon
Jane Grim

Sue Hand
Vic Herbert
Jane Johnson
Jerry & Paula Johnson
Vera Jones
Barbara Klekner
Paul Laughlin
Denny LaFaber & Family
Doug McGill
Marilyn Moore
James Morgan
Bob Newmarker
Michelle O'Connor

Mackenzie Orth
Mike Parrot
Michael Patterson
Evelyn Reddish
Tori Rinehart
Russ & Joanne Rymer
Ruth Schneid
Linda Allen Smith
Jody Snow
Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Melanie Terhune & Family
Sara Torres
Kris Wichmann



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."*

August 16, 2026 – green



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.

Rev. Scarlett Hester, Pastor - pastor@blufftonumc.org

Sally LeSage, Director of Christian Education -
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