

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION
Lord Jesus Christ,
We come to you carrying storms that others cannot always see—
worries that keep us awake, griefs that weigh upon us, and
uncertainties that test our faith. Yet you are the One who walks upon
the waves and comes to us in the darkness, saying, "Take heart; it is I.
Do not be afraid." Quiet our fears and steady our hearts. Lift our eyes
above the wind and the waves, that we may trust your presence
more than our circumstances. Draw us ever closer to you in this hour
of worship, for you alone are our peace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 529
How Firm A Foundation

*PSALTER Psalm 105 UMH No. 828

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS UMH 35
Charlie & Sarah Hendricks 11:00 AM

UNIFORM DEDICATION

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

OFFERTORY I Believe
Ron & Joanne Davies, duet

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Sally LeSage

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33
Pew Bible Pages 1524-155 Amanda Wehner (8:30)
Mark Thomas (11:00)

SERMON Trust His Presence
Paster Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN
Here I Am, Lord UMH No. 593

*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



Warren & Jay Graves in honor of their 59th wedding anniversary.

✝ ✝ Prayers are with Denny LaFaber and Family in the recent
passing of Jane LaFaber
And for Melanie Terhune in the passing of Brad Terhune. ✝ ✝



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

To our online friends:
Welcome to Bluffton United Methodist Church!
We are glad you are worshiping with us today, wherever you may be.
To join the live chat, please create or sign in to a YouTube account,
then say hello and let us know you're worshiping with us this morning.

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

Sunday, August 9: 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 10: Bible Study 4:00 PM (Music Suite)

Tuesday, August 11: BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (F.H.)

Wednesday, August 12: Nominations Committee 10:00 AM
(Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, August 13: Busy Bees 7:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, August 14: BUMM’s Executive Meeting 10:30 AM
(Conf. Rm. 2)

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)



08/10 – Jeanne VanBuskirk 08/09 – Greg & Pat Crews
08/10 – Phillip Court 08/13 – Warren & Jay Graves
08/10 – Sydney Snow

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
August 2nd offering – TOTAL - **\$15,798.**

Attendance – August 2nd – 8:30 AM – **72**; 11:00 AM – **112** – TOTAL **184**
Adult SS count - **12**, Nursery - **1**
July 26th On-line services - **12**

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>



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.**

Bluffton Walk for Water is a fundraiser
for the Water Mission, a Christian

engineering nonprofit that builds sustainable safe water solutions for
people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas. **To
REGISTER:** Start at [https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2026-
beaufort-walk-for-water](https://walkforwater.rallybound.org/2026-beaufort-walk-for-water), scroll down to **Top Teams** and click on **View
All**. Our team's name is **Wade in the Water Walkers** and will appear
on the list. On the far right, click on the **head silhouettes** and **JOIN** will
appear. Registration is free. If you'd like a T-shirt, there is a \$25
charge.

If you are the owner or manager of a business, please consider being a
sponsor for this event. Contact Lynn Newsom
at lynewsom@gmail.com for more information.

You may also contribute by writing a check to: Water Mission, 1150
Molly Greeneway, Bldg. 1605, N. Charleston, SC, 29405. Please put
Team Wade in the Water Walkers in the "For" line.

**We hope you can join us in our efforts to raise funds and awareness
to fight the global water crisis!**



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



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 9, 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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