

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION

Living God,
In a world filled with many voices and countless opinions, we come seeking the truth that does not change. As Jesus once asked his disciples, he asks each of us today, "Who do you say that I am?"
Open our hearts to recognize him anew as the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Strengthen our faith to confess him with courage, to follow him with joy, and to build our lives upon the firm foundation of his love. As we worship, may our words, our prayers, and our lives bear witness that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN UMH No. 127
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*PSALTER UMH No. 846
Psalms 124

PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER (sung) Albert Malotte
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side –
let Israel now say –
Psalms 124:1

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 MEMBER UMH 35
Joanne Reger 11:00 AM

OFFERTORY arr. Jon Paige and Brad Nix
Fanfare and Concertato on A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY (please stand when directed)
That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also;
The body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Scarlett Hester

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 16:13-20*
Pew Bible Pages 1527-1528 Janet LaMartina (8:30)
Charlie Hendricks (11:00)

SERMON *We Believe in Jesus Christ* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 368
My Hope Is Built

*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
Frank & Casmere Kistner in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary.

✠ ✠ *We keep Alan & Harriet Edwards in our prayers in the recent passing of Alan’s cousin, Pamela Belcher.* ✠ ✠



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

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

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)

Monday, August 24: Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, August 26: Jane LaFaber’s Memorial Service 11:00 AM
Alzheimer’s & Dementia Caregivers 1:00 PM (Bluffton Library)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, August 27: Busy Bees 7:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Music Suite)
Church Fair Committee 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Sunday, August 30: Together Sunday 10:00 AM (Sanctuary & F.H.)
Seeker’s Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)



08/23 – Nolan Snow	08/23 – Frank & Casmere Kistner
08/24 – Jeanne Lemmon	08/24 – Fred & Becky Rees
08/25 – Dave Besecker	08/27 – Murray & Ayers Baughman

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
August 16th offering – TOTAL - **\$7,589.**

Attendance – August 16th – 8:30 AM – **94**; 11:00 AM – **112** – TOTAL **206**
Adult SS count - **15**, Nursery - **2**

August 9th On-line services - **17**

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**

RSVP for the main meal to Sally at blufftonumc.education@gmail.com



August's Miracle Jar is for the **Bluffton
Walk for Water, October 3, Bluffton
United Methodist Church, 101 Calhoun
Street, 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 reminder to groups/committees who meet
after church office hours, to please make certain
all doors are completely shut and locked when
you leave the building and to also unplug any
small appliances in the kitchen when you are
done with them.
Thank you!

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 23, 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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Joann Garner, Bookkeeper - financeatbumc@gmail.com

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