



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."

April 12, 2026 – white Second Sunday of Easter



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 *In My Heart* arr. Alan Bullard
Michael Cole, organist (b. 1947)

INVOCATION

God of grace and God of glory,
On Thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient Church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour, AMEN.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, UMH #577

*OPENING HYMN *He Lives* UMH No. 310

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI *Glory be to the Father* UMH No. 70

OFFERTORY

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Scarlett Hester

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:14a; 22-32
Pew Bible Pages 1691-1693
Laura Reid (8:30)
Judy Hardie (11:00)

SERMON *Now What?* Pastor Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) UMH No. 895

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 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.

*COMMUNION ANTHEM *At This Table* Menzel & Myrin

*CLOSING HYMN *Alleluia, Alleluia* UMH No. 162

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Sing for Joy!* George F. Handel
(1685-1759)

*Please stand if able.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Jim & Carol Clelland in memory of Jim's son, Philip Clelland.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
April 5th offering – TOTAL - **\$23,242.**

Attendance – April 5th – 8:30 AM – **144**; 11:00 AM – **230** – TOTAL **374**
Adult SS count - **8**, Nursery - **3**

March 29th On-line services - **16**

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, April 12: Worship & Communion 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, April 13: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Disciple V 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, April 14: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Disciple II 10:30 AM (Christian Ed Office)
Live Nativity Meeting 12:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, April 15: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, April 16: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Blessing Bags 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Saturday, April 18: Set-up for Farewell Party (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, April 19: 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)
Farewell to Michael Cole 12:00 Noon (Fellowship Hall)
Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed Office)



- 04/12 – John Anderson
- 04/13 – Tom McCann
- 04/14 – Rick Humes
- 04/15 – Kathy Griebel
- 04/15 – Gary Taylor
- 04/16 – Jennifer Hodges
- 04/17 - Mars & Venus Mendoza



The Miracle Jar total for March totaled **\$1,276.50**. **Thank you!** The MIRACLE JAR for April will be for BLESSING BAGS. This is OUR church's project to pack 60 bags each month that are filled with 15 full-sized self-care items plus a note of encouragement from the church. The bags are delivered to Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well on Hilton Head. Checks may be written to the church with "miracle jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations.



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 next Missions Team meeting is scheduled for every other month, and the next meeting is **Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 AM** in Conference Room 1. New members are welcome and encourage anyone interested in joining to please attend. Check the schedule in the Narthex. 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).



BUMC Early Dining on Thursday, April 23, 5:30 PM – Toomer's Seafood House, 27 Mellinchamp Dr., Old Bluffton. Please RSVP to Judy Hardie at judyhardie218@gmail.com or call (215) 962-7213 or Bruce at (215) 962-1403 before April 20th.

We will not be gathering in May unless someone wants to volunteer for this. Just pick a venue & make reservations. Contact Judy if you are interested.



SAVE THE DATES for VBS 2026!

July 13-17, 2026 - 5:30 -8 PM

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

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

ACTS 2:14; 22-32

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| David | Jesus of Nazaeth | Peter |
| Descendants | Messiah | Resurrection |
| Hope | Miracles | Tomb |
| Israelites | Oath | Witnesses |