



# 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 8, 2026

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany - white



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

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Thomas Obadiah Chism

Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

**O God of light,  
your searching Spirit reveals and illumines  
your presence in creation.  
Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,  
that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work:  
to heal and shelter,  
to feed and clothe,  
to break every yoke and silence evil. Amen.**

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

\*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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Pew Bible Pages 1154-1155

Pastor Scarlett Hester

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

11:00 AM

Kraig & Libby Gordon

OFFERTORY

*Speak To Me in Ashes*

Douglas Nolan

Chancel Choir

Josh Wall, director

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lynn Newsom

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible Pages 1505-1506

Peter Minnaar (8:30 AM)

Judy Hardie (11:00 AM)

SERMON

*"I Don't Want to be a Worm"* Pastor Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Be Thou My Vision*

UMH No. 451

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

John L. Bell

\*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
**Cliff & Liz Charnes in honor of their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.**



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.

**General Budget** – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:

February 1<sup>st</sup> offering – TOTAL - **\$9,913.**

**Attendance** On-line services - **136** (cancelled services due to weather)

**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, February 8: Worship & Communion Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING (Fellowship Hall)**  
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 9: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
History Committee 1:00 PM (Music Suite)  
Church Council 6:30 PM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, February 10: Upper Room BUMM's 9:00 AM (Upper Room)  
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (Music Suite)  
Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
Back Pack Buddies 11:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
SPPRC 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, February 11: Back Pack Buddies 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)  
Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, February 12: Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
Quilters & Makers 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Friday, February 13: Disciple III 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Sunday, February 15: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Bible Study 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)



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| 02/03 – Connie Roberts      | 02/01 – Liz & Cliff Charnes |
| 02/04 – William Yocco       |                             |
| 02/05 – Ida Pinderski       |                             |
| 02/05 – Nancy Osgood        |                             |
| 02/07 – Shirley Mingledorff |                             |
| 02/07 – Shae Chandler       |                             |
| 02/07 – Paul Wehner         |                             |
| 02/10 – Janet LaMartina     |                             |
| 02/14 – Fred Rees           |                             |
| 02/14 – Hannah Downey       |                             |



**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.



**MIRACLE JAR donations for January totaled \$898.50 to Kairos Prison Ministry.** Thank you! 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.



**Quilters and Makers** - We're exploring exciting new opportunities to sew for our church and community. **Join us, this Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM,** to sew and create. No experience necessary!

**Also, Unfinished Objects** - Are there UFOs

(Unfinished Objects) lurking in your closet? Join us for a morning to focus on your current project, whether it's sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, painting, cross-stitch, paper-crafting, whatever! If you are one of the fortunate who doesn't have any UFOs, we will have supplies to complete a few small projects that are needed around the church. If you're interested, please let Joanne Davies, Patti Taylor or Diane Ciba know. We'll meet on **Friday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall.**



**MARDI GRAS/FAT TUESDAY/SHROVE TUESDAY**

Whatever you call it, it means PANCAKES!!!!

And Games! And fun with your friends!

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 6:00 PM**

Donations of pancake mix and syrup are your "ticket"

for entry and will go to Bluffton Self-Help. RSVP to Sally LeSage - [blufftonumc.education@gmail.com](mailto:blufftonumc.education@gmail.com) no later than Sunday, February 15!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

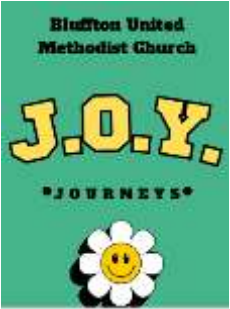


**The Libraries for Kids, Int'l World Book Day celebration is on April 25th.** Like last year, we are seeking donated items for our auction - such as artwork, gift certificates, and other

unique contributions. You can now view the auction preview as items are added at: <https://dreamsunderserengeti.org/>. Although the items are visible, **the auction will officially be open for bidding April 18th–25th.**



Donation statements have been emailed. If you did not receive a statement, or do not have an email address on file with us, please notify Joann Garner at the Church Office on Mondays & Thursdays or email [financeatbumc@gmail.com](mailto:financeatbumc@gmail.com). Thank you, Joann.



**Charleston Tea Garden and Angel Oak Tree**

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Trolley, Factory and Greenhouse tour + Boxed Lunch  
Carpools to arrive at 10 a.m.

**RSVP to Sally LeSage no later than**

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

[blufftonumc.education@gmail.com](mailto:blufftonumc.education@gmail.com)

\$30/person. Your RSVP will reserve your spot!

**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
Helen Anderson & Family	Jane Johnson	April Pinderski
Jennifer Anthony	Jerry & Paula Johnson	Evelyn Reddish
Rocky Austin	Vera Jones	Edgar Rickard
Dave Brown	Barbara Klekner	Tori Rinehart
Jason Brown	Paul Laughlin	Joanne Rymer
Lynn Cleveland	Ron McAbee	Ruth Schneid
Pat Cleveland	Doug McGill	Linda Allen Smith
Heidi Clevenger	Marilyn Moore	Vera Snow
Greg & Pat Crews	James Morgan	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
David De Paolis	Bob Newmarker	Sara Torres
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Michelle O'Connor	Kris Wichmann
Richard Falon	Mackenzie Orth	
Jane Grim		