



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

5th 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

Michael Cole, organist

Thomas Obadiah Chism

INVOCATION

**O God of light,
your searching Spirit reveals and illuminates
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

Kraig & Libby Gordon

11:00 AM

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

UMH Page 12

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH No. 451

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

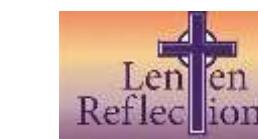
Will You Come and Follow Me

John L. Bell

*Please stand if able.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Cliff & Liz Charnes in honor of their 57th 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 1st 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)

SUPER 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)



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.

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)



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

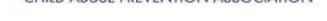
02/07 – Shae Chandler

02/07 – Paul Wehner

02/10 – Janet LaMartina

02/14 – Fred Rees

02/14 – Hannah Downey



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. 12th at 9 AM**, to sew and create. No experience necessary!

Also, Unfinished Objects

(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 20th 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 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. 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

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\$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

Evelyn Reddish

Rocky Austin

Edgar Rickard

Dave Brown

Tori Rinehart

Jason Brown

Joanne Rymer

Lynn Cleveland

Ruth Schneid

Pat Cleveland

Linda Allen Smith

Heidi Clevenger

Vera Snow

Greg & Pat Crews

Jay & Cindy Sprouse

David De Paolis

Sara Torres

Elizabeth & Larry Duncan

Kris Wichmann

Richard Falon

Mackenzie Orth

Jane Grim