GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

VETERAN'S RECOGNITION

PRELUDE arr. Laurel Pedersen

God of Our Fathers
Nathan Shelton, organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come today standing on the promises of God, promises that are true, steadfast, and everlasting.
We stand on the promises of Christ, trusting in his unfailing love.

When the storms of life arise and the winds begin to blow, where shall we stand?
We will build our lives upon the solid rock of Christ and his words.

God's promises are our hope, God's Word is our foundation, and God's love will never fail.
We are standing on the promises of God! Let us worship the Lord!

INVOCATION

Faithful and loving God, we come into your presence grateful for the promises that sustain us. When the storms of life surround us, remind us that our hope is not built on shifting sand, but on the solid foundation of your love and your Word. Give us ears to hear the teachings of Jesus and hearts willing to put them into practice. May our faith be more than words we sing; may it be the foundation upon which we build our lives. Strengthen us, encourage us, and help us stand firm in your promises, today and always. In the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* UMH No. 529

*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

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.**

DEDICATION FROM CARD MINISTRY TO VETERANS

OFFERTORY arr. John B. Dykes

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
Chancel Choir
Josh Wall, director

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

KIDS' PRAISE CHOIR Sally LeSage, Director
Nancy Osgood, piano

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 7:24-27 AND 21:42-44*
Pew Bible Pages 1510 & 1537 Sally Mattingly (8:30)
Judy Hardie (11:00)

SERMON *Games People Play: JENGA*
Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *God of the Ages* UMH No. 698

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* by Jeff Perks

*Please stand if able.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Alan & Harriet Edwards in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week $12,000:
November 1st offering – TOTAL - **$11,704.**

Attendance – November 1st 8:30 AM – **85,** 11:00 AM – **125,** TOTAL **210**
Adult SS count – **20,** Nursery – **2**
Kids Worship - **6**

October 25th on-line views – **20**

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, Nov. 8: Veteran's Sunday Service 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
2nd Sunday Fellowship between services (F.H.)
Seeker's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Discover Our Methodist Roots 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Trip to England Information Session
Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed. Office)

Monday, Nov. 9: Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Live Nativity Walk-Through All Participants 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 10: Upper Room 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)
BMW Executive Meeting 9:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Book Club 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, Nov. 11: Disciple Gals 11:00 AM (Con. Rm. 2)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Nov. 12: Busy Bees 8:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Ministry at The Addison 10:00 AM (formerly Benton House)
Live Nativity Final Meeting 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Friday, Nov.13: Disciple IV 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, Nov. 14: BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 8:30 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, Nov. 15: 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)
Missions Meeting 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Little Conversations/Big Ideas 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Little Conversations / Big Ideas

I invite you to join me for a series of **Little Conversations / Big Ideas**—small gatherings where we can listen, wonder, dream, and talk together about the future of BUMC. Each conversation will last **one hour** and will be limited to **15 participants** (plus me). Please call the church office to sign up! First come, first reserved! Our conversations will be useful for discerning what God has in store for our future as a community of faith. I hope you'll be part of the conversation! Pastor Scarlett

November 15 • November 22 • November 29
4:00 PM, Conference Room 2



11/10 – Carol Clelland
11/10 – Vickie Morrison
11/12 – Zach Hester
11/13 – Sharleen Bennett
11/13 – Barbara Klekner
11/13 – Matthew Sapochak II

11/11 – Alan & Harriet Edwards



"Sew Be It" Recognizes Veterans - our group has been working on a small gift to thank all who have served in the military and their spouses. On November 8th and 15th, we will offer these tokens of our appreciation when you arrive at church and after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you aren't able to get yours, contact Diane Ciba (203) 982-0450. Thank you!



Keep Reading!

We have started a book group for our BUMC Community with 8 excited readers and there is still room to join us. Our next meeting is in November. Call or email Fran Oblander with questions: fran@alien87.com or 912-856-8775. We meet in Conference Room 2.

Tuesday, November 10th, 6:30 pm - The Day Jesus Moved Next Door. by Sean Elliot Russell (Author). A small city becomes the focal point for a spiritual war when Jesus of Nazareth moves into an old farmhouse on Summit Avenue.



November's Miracle Jar is for the **Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen**, which provides approximately **800 hot, nutritious meals each week** for those in need. Our church's commitment continues to grow, with **more than 15 parishioners volunteering each week**. The Soup Kitchen receives **no state or federal funding**, relying entirely on the generosity of faith-based organizations, community partners, and individual donors. **Your generosity helps feed our neighbors and share God's love, one meal at a time.**

In <u>NOVEMBER</u>, we will be collecting **Toys for Tots**. The program seeks "to provide comfort, emotional relief and hope to families by distributing toys to their children." Let's make a difference in the lives of children by bringing new, unwrapped toys. Let's fill up **<u>several</u>** boxes with toys for babies, toddlers, and older children. **Please bring toys <u>without</u> batteries!**



If you would like to put a poinsettia in the church for Christmas in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, along with your check. The cost **$15.00** each. **The deadline is Sunday, November 22nd.** You may take the plant home <u>after</u> the evening worship service on December 24th. Please place your form & check in the offering plate OR mail your form & check to BUMC, P.O. Box 368, Bluffton, SC 29910. Thank you!

Given by: _____

How many plants? _____

In Honor of: _____

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In Memory of:_____

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The women of BUMC have been invited to participate in a Women's Retreat by Church of the Palms UMC January 15-17, 2027. It will be held at Epworth By The Sea Retreat Center in St. Simons Island, GA and the study focus will be on lesser known women of the Bible. The $50 deposit for holding your spot is due no later than NOVEMBER 15. Call Lois Soloman (703) 851-5965 for more information.

Blessing card dedication - Thanks to the generosity of our church membership**, the blessing card contributions of $937 will be sent to the Fisher House.** The Fisher Foundation manages homes designed for the families of veterans. Families stay free of charge while their loved ones are hospitalized. Our church is truly blessed by your generosity.



<u>Africa Preschool Project</u> Update - Your generous response to the Holy Spirit has allowed us to send the first of three installments to build a pre-school in Kenya. I talked with Mr. Ntimama this week, and he sends his gratitude and assures me that he and his family are keeping us in their prayers. This first payment will put a roof and add structure to the building. The entire village is looking forward to the day when their children will not have to travel to provide their children with an education.



A new J.O.Y. Journey has been scheduled for Mepkin Abbey's Creche Festival - November 19 – 2 PM - we will carpool to Moncks Corner, SC, have lunch and then convene for this year's festival at the Abbey - "Nativities Accented with Stone" is this year's theme. There is no charge for this event (donations appreciated by the Abbey), however you MUST make reservations with Sally LeSage to secure your spot!



Tickets are still available **so invite your friends**!! **J.O.Y Journey - Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage! Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm in Charleston at the Gaillard Center.** Tickets are $30 per person - and your payment is your reservation.

A New Ministry at The Addison

We have begun a weekly 30-minute worship ministry at the Addison. It is our joy as a church to reach out into the world with the good news of Jesus, to witness to our faith and make friends in Christ. We need volunteers to help lead the worship as musicians and song leaders, as speakers and liturgists and as friends of the congregation. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Scarlett.

PRAYER CONCERNS – call (843) 757-3351 to add/delete names.

Rebecca Adler & Family	David De Paolis	Bob Newmarker
Daniel Alba	Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Mackenzie Orth
Rocky Austin	Jim Grim	Mike Parrot
Teresa Bennett	Sue Hand	Michael Patterson
Bonnie Borgelt	Vic Herbert	Evelyn Reddish
Dave Brown	Jerry & Paula Johnson	Tori Rinehart
Jason Brown	Vera Jones	Russ & Joanne Rymer
Helen Claire Burich	Barbara Klekner	Ruth Schneid
Lynn Cleveland	Paul Laughlin	Linda Allen Smith
Pat Cleveland	Doug McGill	Jody Snow
Heidi Clevenger	Marilyn Moore	Sara Torres
Greg & Pat Crews	James Morgan	

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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."

November 8, 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.



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