



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 15, 2026 - white



Transfiguration SUNDAY

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

The Strife Is Over

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

arr. Arnold Sherman

INVOCATION

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen.

Written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ. Posted on the Worship Ways website at <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/transfiguration-sunday-year-a-february-19>.

*OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH No. 157

*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

Exodus 24:12-18

Pew Bible Page 124

Stan Kozlowski (8:30 AM)

Harry Garrabrant (11:00 AM)

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE 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.

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMN No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Diane Ciba

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Michael Ciba

Pew Bible Pages 1528-1529

SERMON

The Church's One Foundation

UMH No. 545

*CLOSING HYMN

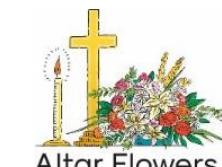
The Church's One Foundation

*BENEDICTION

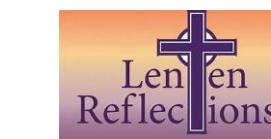
Tuba Tune

John Stanley

*Please stand if able.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Doug & Fran Oblander in memory of Levi & Pauline Oblander.



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.



Rev. Michael Ciba is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He has pastored churches in Ohio and Connecticut and served as an Area Conference Minister in the Southern New England Conference. He and his wife Diane have been active in our church since moving here in 2023.

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

Sunday, February 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)
Bible Study 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)

Monday, February 16: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)

Tuesday, February 17: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
History Committee Meeting 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Pancake Dinner 6:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, February 18: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Ash Wednesday 6:30 PM Church of the Palms

Thursday, February 19: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Blessing Bags 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Friday, February 20: UFO's (Unfinished Objects) 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Disciple III 10:00 AM (Music Suite)

Sunday, February 22: 1st Sunday of Lent Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM
(Sanctuary)
Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Seeker's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed Office)



02/18 – Ron Davies
02/18 – Aubrey Himes
02/19 – Michael Ciba
02/20 – Elise Reichert
02/21 – Ruth Schneid

No Anniversaries This Week



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.



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.



The BMW raised \$473.00 for the soup kitchen, collected 68 food items for Bluffton Self Help and 65 people were served! Thank you everyone!

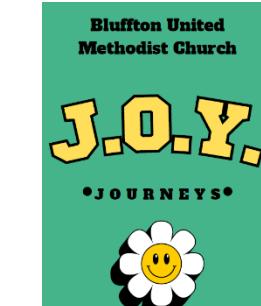
Unfinished Objects - Are there UFOs (Unfinished Objects) lurking in your closet? Join us for a morning to focus on your current project, whether it's sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, painting, cross-stitch, paper-crafting, whatever! If you are one of the fortunate who doesn't have any UFOs, 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 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: _____



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



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.

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 |
| 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 Spouse |
| David De Paolis | Bob Newmarker | Sara Torres |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michelle O'Connor | Kris Wichmann |
| Richard Falon | Mackenzie Orth | |
| Jane Grim | | |

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

February 8th offering – **TOTAL - \$14,317.**

Attendance - February 8th – 8:30 AM – **86**; 11:00 AM – **125** – **TOTAL 211**
Adult SS – **7** (no men's report); Nursery **2**

February 1st On-line services - **150** (cancelled in-person 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>