

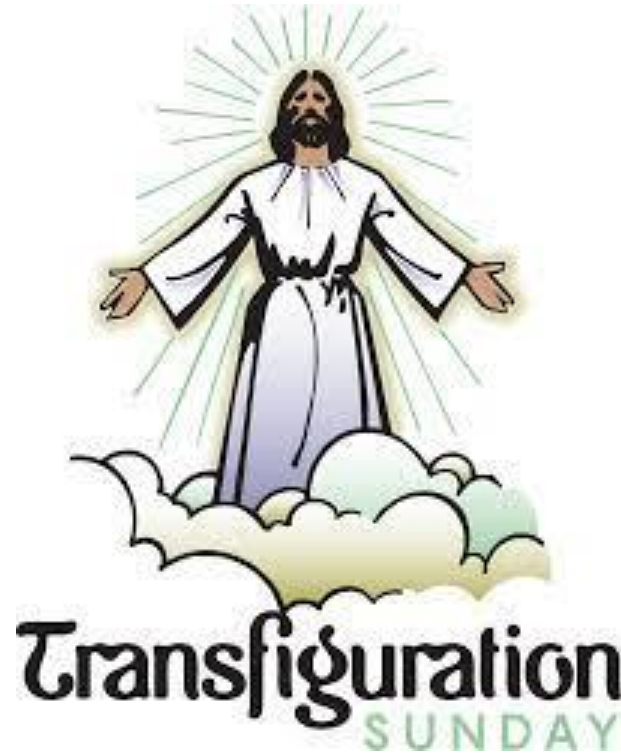


Bluffton United Methodist Church

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



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* arr. Arnold Sherman
Wesley Ringers
Nancy Osgood, director

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) arr. Joel Raney
Wesley Ringers
Nancy Osgood, director

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Diane Ciba

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible Pages 1528-1529 Rev. Michael Ciba

SERMON

*CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation UMH No. 545

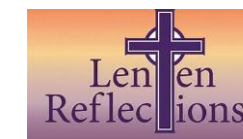
*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune* John Stanley
Josh Wall, organist

*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. 2)
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 No Anniversaries This Week
02/18 – Aubrey Himes
02/19 – Michael Ciba
02/20 – Elise Reichert
02/21 – Ruth Schneid



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.**

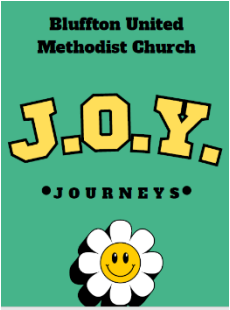


MARDI GRAS/FAT TUESDAY/SHROVE TUESDAY
Whatever you call it, it means PANCAKES!!!!
And Games! And fun with your friends!
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 6:00 PM
Donations of pancake mix and syrup are your "ticket"

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.

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		

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>