

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION

God of peace, quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward You. Teach us the secret Paul discovered: that in every circumstance, Christ is enough. Fill us with Your peace, strengthen us with Your presence, and teach us to rejoice in all things. May we rest in the grace of Christ today and always. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH No. 89

*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.

OFFERTORY Canticle of Praise arr. Lloyd Larson Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Brenda Armstrong

At 8:30 service, children ages 5-10 may return to their seats or go with the leader to Kids’ Church. Children will be returned to the Sanctuary at the end of worship.

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-13 Laura Reid (8:30)

Pew Bible Page 1818 William Court (11:00)

SERMON Our Strength is in Christ Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone stone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all - here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scored by the ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid - here in the depth of Christ I live.

3. There in the ground, His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine - bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home - here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if able.

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jay Graves in honor of Warren Graves’ 80th birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

Sunday, Sept. 27: 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) Philippians Book Study 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2) Blessing of the Pets 4:00 PM (Front Steps)

Monday, Sept. 28: Ruth Anna Circle 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall) Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite) Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2) Hannah Ulmer Circle 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Tuesday, Sept. 29 BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2) Knitting 1:00 PM (Music Suite)

Wednesday, Sept. 30: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1) Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2) Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Oct. 1: Busy Bees 7:00 AM Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall) Stephen Ministry (Conf. Rm. 2)

Friday, Oct. 2: Disciple IV 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, Oct. 3: Walk for Water – BUMC Church

Sunday, Oct. 4: Communion Sunday 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) Kids’ Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)



09/28 – Sally Mattingly 09/29 – Warren Graves

09/28 – Fran Oblander 09/29 – Linda Hall

09/28 – Harriet Edwards 10/01 – Beth Newmarker

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



September's Miracle Jar will be for the Appalachia Service Project. It is a Christian ministry, open to all people that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair and replacement in central Appalachia. Help Brenda Armstrong by donating to this good cause.

Time to Order Pecans!

The **BUMM's** pecan sale has started.

- Order forms are available at our Pecan Stations in the hallway outside the double doors & in Fellowship Hall.
- You can place your completed order form with remittance in the receptacle at the Pecan Station or hand to Gary Taylor or Ron Davies.
- We will let you know when the pecans are ready to be picked up.



Start Reading Now! We are starting a book group for our BUMC Community. We will start reading now and meet the first week in October to start our first discussion. We have selected Books for the first few months and then will do book nominations and voting for future months. At our first meeting we will discuss

general guidelines and principles for book suggestions, discussion leaders and consistent timing for meetings.

Our First Meeting: Tuesday, October 6th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Conference Room 2. Light snacks will be served but feel free to bring your dinner if you like. **October selection** - *Saving Cee Cee Honeycutt* by Beth Hoffman, 356 pages. Amazon: [Click Here](#). Hoopla audio book. Please call the church office (843) 757-3351 or reach out to Fran Oblander at 912-856-8775 or fran@alien87.com to sign up.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
September 20th offering – TOTAL - **\$10,318.**

Attendance – September 20th 8:30 AM – **70**, 11:00 AM – **96**, TOTAL **166**
Adult SS Seekers count - **7**, Nursery - **2**

September 13th on-line reviews – **22**

Additional Epworth Collection this week - \$570; totaling \$1,107.

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>



JOIN THE NURSERY TEAM!

We are forming a volunteer team to be backups for our Sunday morning nursery and we need you! Duties

include being present from 8 am to 12 noon on Sunday, loving children and being willing to be trained in Safe Sanctuaries Policies (including a background check.)

We have a few darlings who really need you to love on them, teach them that Jesus loves them and play with them!

You can sign up in advance for weeks you will be available.

Please contact Sally LeSage Blufftonumc.education@gmail.com.

Harvest Festival/GAME NIGHT IS COMING!

Join us for a fun-filled evening as we put a new twist on our Annual Harvest Festival!

October 25th

5:00–7:00 PM

BUMC Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a delicious **chili supper** and games for all ages, including **Sorry!**, **Jenga**, **UNO**, **LEGO**, and more!

Halloween costumes encouraged! Each child/youth will receive a goodie bag, and prizes will be awarded to game winners! There is **no charge** for the event, though donations to help cover food expenses are greatly appreciated. Any extra donations will go toward the **Live Nativity**.

RSVP is REQUIRED no later than October 18 to Sally LeSage blufftonumc.education@gmail.com! Please include the number of adults, youth, and children attending. Come enjoy great food, your favorite games, and a whole lot of fun! We can't wait to see you there!

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

Rebecca Adler & Family
Daniel Alba
Rocky Austin
Bonnie Borgelt
Dave Brown
Jason Brown
Helen Claire Burich
Lynn Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Heidi Clevenger
Greg & Pat Crews
David De Paolis
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan
Richard Falon

Jim Grim
Sue Hand
Vic Herbert
Jane Johnson
Jerry & Paula Johnson
Vera Jones
Barbara Klekner
Denny LaFaber
Paul Laughlin
Doug McGill
Marilyn Moore
James Morgan
Bob Newmarker

Mackenzie Orth
Mike Parrot
Michael Patterson
Evelyn Reddish
Tori Rinehart
Russ & Joanne Rymer
Ruth Schneid
Linda Allen Smith
Jody Snow
Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Sara Torres
Kris Wichmann



Bluffton United Methodist Church

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"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."

September 27, 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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