



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."

May 3, 2026 – white Fifth Sunday of Easter



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 *When We All Get to Heaven* arr. Bish
Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION UMH No. 677

O Lord, we come this morning knee-bowed and body-bent
before thy throne of grace.
O Lord—this morning— bow our hearts beneath our knees,
And our knees in some lonesome valley.
We come this morning like empty pitchers to a full fountain,
With no merits of our own.
O Lord, open up a window of heaven,
and lean out far over the battlements of glory,
and listen this morning, AMEN.

James Weldon Johnson USA, 20th cent.

*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

GRADUATE RECOGNITION
Cora Boylston & Zach Hester

OFFERTORY

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Scarlett Hester

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 7:51-60
Pew Bible Pages 1702-1703 Peter Minnaar (8:30)
Roy Austin (11:00)

SERMON *Now What? FORGIVE!* Pastor Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

LORD’S PRAYER (spoken) UMH No. 895

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*COMMUNION ANTHEM
At This Table Menzel & Myrin
Chancel Choir
Josh Wall, director

*CLOSING HYMN *When We All Get to Heaven* UMH No. 701

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *From Thy Throne So High* C.W. Gluck

*Please stand if able.

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Bruce & Judy Hardie in honor of granddaughter, Mikayla’s marriage to Josh.



We offer on-line giving. Easy, safe & secure. Scan the QR
code to visit the BUMC offering site.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
April 26th offering – TOTAL - **\$7,173.**

Attendance – April 26th – 8:30 AM – **72**; 11:00 AM – **111** – TOTAL **183**
Adult SS count - **11**, Nursery - **1**

April 12th On-line services - **12**

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, May 3: Communion Sunday & Grad Recognition 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)
"Sew Be It" PRE-SALE TODAY!
- Monday, May 4: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, May 5: Upper Room BUMM's 9:00 AM (Corner Perk)
- Wednesday, May 6: GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, May 7: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Sew Be It Crafts 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
National Day of Prayer 6:00 PM (Veteran's Park, Bluffton)
- Saturday, May 9: May Fest
- Sunday, May 10: 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)
Mother's Day Gathering between services



Pre-Sale – "Sew Be It" is offering a pre-sale of beautiful craft items for May Fest for church members **after each service today**. Items are already being bought and going quickly!



- 05/03 – Jen Smith
 - 05/04 – Robin Boylston
 - 05/04 – Ken Flowers
 - 05/08 – Donna Kozlowski
 - 05/08 – Ben Atkins
- No Anniversaries This Week

MAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 9th

Join the BUMM's and BMW's for good food, lots of crafts and fun!



The Miracle Jar total for our Blessing Bags for April totaled **\$576. Thank you!**

Epworth's Mother's Day Offering is Sunday, May 10th. Envelopes will be provided.

Our Miracle Jar charity for May is Epworth Children's Home. For over 100 years, Epworth has cared for children and families across South Carolina, providing support, counseling, foster care services and programs for youth. As needs have grown, Epworth has expanded its reach to strengthen families and transform lives. Please join us in supporting this important ministry.



Let's go watch some women's basketball! **Savannah Steel game June 24.** Group rates depend on how many will attend! Email Sally LeSage at

blufftonumc.education@gmail.com to confirm your interest!



GRADUATION RECOGNITION – May 3 – Both Services

We will recognize our high school graduates at both May 3 worship services. **Cora Boylston**, Granddaughter of Sarah Snow, daughter of Robin and Cordes Boylston and **Zach Hester**, son of Pastor Scarlett and Wayne Hester have been active members of youth, VBS and other church activities and hold a special place in our hearts. If you wish to bring a card or small gift for these students, we will have a collection basket in the sanctuary. Congratulations to our graduates!



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday June 20, 2026.
Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony and Reception (with dancing) to be held here at Bluffton UMC.
More details to follow!
Questions, contact Ann Ansel or Joanne Davies.

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 |
| Jennifer Anthony | Jane Johnson | Evelyn Reddish |
| Rocky Austin | Jerry & Paula Johnson | Tori Rinehart |
| Dave Brown | Vera Jones | Joanne Rymer |
| Jason Brown | Barbara Klekner | Ruth Schneid |
| Lynn Cleveland | Paul Laughlin | Linda Allen Smith |
| Pat Cleveland | Audrey LeSage | Jody Snow |
| Heidi Clevenger | Doug McGill | Jay & Cindy Sprouse |
| Greg & Pat Crews | Marilyn Moore | Sara Torres |
| David De Paolis | James Morgan | Kris Wichmann |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Bob Newmarker | |
| Richard Falon | Michelle O'Connor | |
| Jane Grim | Mackenzie Orth | |

ACTS 7:55-60

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Word List

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| Asleep | Knees Open | Stephen |
| Betrayed | Persecute | Stiff Necked People |
| Dragged | Righteous One | Stoning |
| Ears | Right Hand | Voices |
| Heaven | Saul | Yelling |
| Holy Spirit | Son of Man | |