



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."

March 15, 2026 – purple 4th Sunday of Lent



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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Lloyd Larson
Wesley Ringers
Nancy Osgood, director

INVOCATION

Scripture is full of questions...

Where are you?

Am I my brother's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

Who sinned?

How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is so full of questions,

O Holy God, you have all answers to all questions. We marvel that you would listen to us! Give us peace, space and trust that we may ask, listen and respond. We seek you, we worship you, we hope in you. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH No. 454

*PSALTER Psalm 23 (Response 1) UMH No. 754

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 9:1-7

Pew Bible Pages 1664-1665 Pastor Scarlett Hester

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) UMH No. 895

**Our Father, who 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.**

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Karen Thompson
Wesley Ringers

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brenda Armstrong

GOSPEL READING

John 9:8-25

Pew Bible Page 1665

Linda Stevens (8:30)
Mark Thomas (11:00)

SERMON *Who Sinned?* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* UMH No. 206

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Michael Cole, organist

*Please stand if able.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



There will be a Quiet Hour Open Prayer in the Sanctuary during Lent starting Thursday, February 26th through Thursday, March 26th.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
March 8th offering – TOTAL - **\$13,773.**

Attendance – March 8th – 8:30 AM – **79**; 11:00 AM – **113** – TOTAL **192**
Adult SS - **14**, Nursery **1**

March 1st On-line services - **14**

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, March 15: 4th Sunday of Lent 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)
 Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
 Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed. Office)
- Monday, March 16: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
 Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
 Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, March 17: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Backpack Buddies 11:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
 History Committee 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Wednesday, March 18: Backpack buddies 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
 Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Lenten Lunch & Worship 12:00 PM (St. Andrew by the Sea)
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, March 19: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
 Blessing Bags 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
 Prayer Quiet Hour 12-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)
 Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, March 20: Disciple III 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Saturday, March 21: BMW Meeting w/ Guest Speaker Michael Reynolds 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, March 22: 5th Sunday of Lent 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)
 Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
 Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed. Office)



- 03/21 – Elaine Blank
- 03/19 – Melanie & Buck Hyler
 03/20 – Bill & Nancy Epps Jr.
 03/21 – Seth & Brenda Moyer

Lenten Lunch and Worship Services

12:00 Noon - Wednesdays

March 18th St. Andrew by-the-Sea Randall Haase
 March 25th Bluffton UMC Lee van Rensburg

- ✦ **Palm Sunday - March 29, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM and Lenten Experience and kids egg hunt 4:00 PM.**
- ✦ **Maundy Thursday - April 2, 6:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary.**
- ✦ **Good Friday - April 3, 12-1:00 PM. Quiet reflection in the Sanctuary.**
- ✦ **Easter Sunday - April 5, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Glorious Easter Worship.**



March's Miracle Jar will be for Libraries for Kids' International, which was founded by our own church member, Roy Austin. Their mission is "to help schools with limited or no access to the internet, establish libraries for their students and enhance learning opportunities." Checks may be payable to the church with "Miracle Jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.



NEEDED - Filled Easter Eggs for our children's egg hunt on March 29! Please no chocolate since it might melt. Feel free to have little prizes instead of candy in some of the eggs, like stickers or little toys. Thank you for helping to make this a fun event for our children!

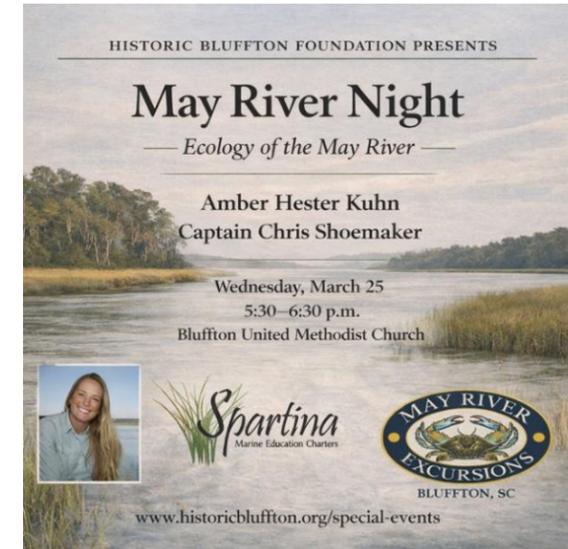


EASTER FLOWERS – If you would like to put flowers in the church for Easter in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate along with your check. (Write "Easter Flower" on the memo line). The cost is \$15.00 per plant. **The deadline is Sunday, March 29, 2026.** Your choice of Easter Flower(s) may be taken home after the 11:00 Easter service on a first-come basis **FOR THOSE WHO DONATED.** The Easter Flowers will be available in Fellowship Hall for pick-up through Wednesday, April 8th. Remaining flowers will then be available for anyone who wants them if not taken by the donor. Extra flowers will be planted on the church property or taken to folks who are shut in.

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



The next Missions Team meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00am in Conf. Rm. 1.** We are looking for new members and encourage anyone interested in joining to please attend. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Cheri O'Rourke – [302-545-7133](tel:302-545-7133) or Mark Thomas [607-206-8862](tel:607-206-8862).



Celebrate Renewal- A celebration of hope and renewal featuring audience favorites and dynamic new selections in honor of our 50th anniversary!
March 27th, 2026 – 7:00 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 540 William Pkwy., HHI.



Early Dining is back! There was a good turn out from the last "Early Dining". The next location will be at Maine Café, Moss Creek on March 26th, 5:00 PM. Please contact Russ Rymer russellyrmer16@gmail.com or call (843) 298-6566 if you have an interest in joining and being on our mailing list.

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 | April Pinderski |
| Rocky Austin | Jerry & Paula Johnson | Evelyn Reddish |
| Dave Brown | Vera Jones | Tori Rinehart |
| Jason Brown | Barbara Klekner | Joanne Rymer |
| Lynn Cleveland | Paul Laughlin | 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 | Julee Thomas |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michelle O'Connor | Sara Torres |
| Richard Falon | Mackenzie Orth | Kris Wichmann |
| Jane Grim | | |