GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE arr. George Lachenauer

What Child is This?
Nathan Shelton, organist

INVOCATION

Gracious God,
We come before you with wonder, remembering the moment when the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with words that changed the world: "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." When fear and uncertainty filled her heart, the angel spoke words of reassurance: "Do not be afraid." Open our hearts to hear those same words today. May we, like Mary, find the courage to trust your promises and say yes to your calling. Prepare us to receive the good news of Christ for it is in His name we pray. Amen

*OPENING HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* UMH No. 220

ADVENT WREATH Hervochon / Seekers Sunday School Class

Who does God say Mary is? When the angel came to her, Mary was troubled and wondered what this greeting could mean.
God saw Mary with love and called her to be part of God's great work.

Mary did not understand everything God was asking of her. She had questions, and the future was uncertain. But she listened for God's voice.
God calls ordinary people to be part of an extraordinary story.

The angel told Mary that nothing would be impossible with God. And Mary answered, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord."
May we listen for God's call and trust that we are beloved, too.

As we light the first candle of Advent, may its light remind us that God knows us, loves us, and invites us to make room for Christ in our lives.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
REFRAIN: **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*PSALTAR *Psalm 89* (response 1) UMH No. 807

*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 by Lloyd Larson

A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"
Chancel Choir
Josh Wall, director

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Nathan Shelton

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 1:26-38* Janet LaMartina (8:30)
Pew Bible Page 1591 William Court (11:00)

SERMON *What the Angel Said About Mary* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* UMH No. 238

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Angels From the Realms of Glory* arr. Anna Laura Page

*Please stand if able.

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Al & Dian Litster in memory of our parents Mildred & Harold McNaughton and Gertrude & Henry Litster.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week $12,000:
November 22nd offering – TOTAL - **$4,251.**

Attendance – November 22nd 8:30 AM – **85,** 11:00 AM – **119,** TOTAL **204**
Adult SS count – **13,** Nursery – **2**
Kids Worship – **5**

November 15th on-line views – **13**

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, Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Seeker's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Monday, Nov. 30: Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
Advent Bible Study 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple V - **Last Class** 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Tuesday, Dec. 1: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, Dec. 2: Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Advent Bible Study 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Dec. 3: Busy Bees 8:00 AM
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Ministry at the Addison 10:00 AM
Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Friday, Dec. 4: Disciple IV 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm 1)

Saturday, Dec. 5: Bluffton's Christmas Parade 10:00 AM

Sunday, Dec. 6: Communion Sunday & 2nd Sunday of Advent 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 Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed. Office)



Birthdays & Anniversaries

11/29 – Dian Litster
11/29 – Connie Budge
11/30 – Dyane De Paolis
12/02 – Debbie Nelson
12/03 – Mark Flugel
11/29 – Al & Dian Litster
12/03 – Dave & Monica Besecker
12/04 – John & Sandi Anderson
12/04 – Sam & Jennifer Hodges
12/05 – Danny & Nina Jett



Please join us for our Advent Bible Study, ***Calling All Angels***, as we learn together about the Angels of the Christmas story. Books are available in the church office or through Sally LeSage - $15 each. Blufftonumc.education@gmail.com Choose Mondays OR Wednesdays, whichever best fits your schedule!

Mondays at 4 PM – November 30 through December 28
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – December 2 through December 30

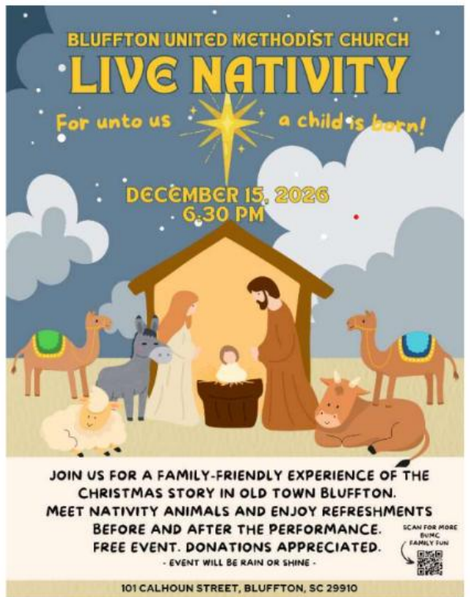


November's Miracle Jar is for the **Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen**, which provides approximately **800 hot, nutritious meals each week** for those in need. Our church's commitment continues to grow, with **more than 15 parishioners volunteering each week**. The Soup Kitchen receives **no state or federal funding**, relying entirely on the generosity of faith-based organizations, community partners, and individual donors. **Your generosity helps feed our neighbors and share God's love, one meal at a time.**

In <u>NOVEMBER</u>, we will be collecting **Toys for Tots**. The program seeks "to provide comfort, emotional relief and hope to families by distributing toys to their children." Let's make a difference in the lives of children by bringing new, unwrapped toys. Let's fill up **<u>several</u>** boxes with toys for babies, toddlers, and older children. **Please bring toys <u>without</u> batteries!**



<u>DECEMBER FOOD DONATIONS/REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR</u> During the Season of Advent, please remember the Magi who brought <u>gifts</u> to baby Jesus and consider helping your church provide the <u>gift</u> of nourishment to people in our community. In the pews, you will find the **<u>REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR</u>** which lists specific foods requested by local aid agencies. We will collect those items during the month of December and deliver them to the agencies after Christmas. Your donations will help stock their pantries after the busy Christmas season. Thank you for giving!



Carols, Croissants, and Creches – Saturday, December 12 at 10 AM in the Sanctuary.

Come for a morning of Christmas hymns and singing! There will also be a Creche display around the Sanctuary. If you have a precious Creche (Nativity Scene) you'd be willing to set up for the display, we'd love to include yours! Creches will be on display for Saturday's music event AND Sunday's service. Please understand that the church cannot be held responsible for the nativity sets. For more information, please contact Josh Wall musicministry@blufftonumc.org.

Disciple I Bible Study starting on January 19th

Have you been wanting to join a Disciple Bible Study but weren't sure where to begin. This is your opportunity! We will be starting a new Disciple I class in January. **The class will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 -8 PM** and will not hold class on second Tuesdays when our Book Club meets so you can do both! We will begin on January 19. Disciple Bible Study is a unique experience - - yes, lots of reading, and yes, it requires a commitment - - but the deep and lasting relationship with God's word and those who are studying it with you will be life changing. Come dig into the Bible with us!
Please email Sally LeSage for more information or to sign up and order your book! Blufftonumc.education@gmail.com



JOIN THE NURSERY TEAM!

The response to our nursery volunteer request has been overwhelmingly positive! Thank you all so much! Now it's time to look at 2027. Our volunteer team serve as backups for our Sunday morning nursery. 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. Please contact Sally LeSage if you can give our children your time! Blufftonumc.education@gmail.com



Tis the Season for greetings! Please check the Christmas Card box in the narthex to see if you have any holiday greetings from other members of the church. Thank you!

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

Rebecca Adler & Family
Daniel Alba
Rocky Austin
Teresa Bennett
Bonnie Borgelt
Dave Brown
Jason Brown
Lynn Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Heidi Clevenger
Greg & Pat Crews
David De Paolis
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan
Jim Grim
Sue Hand
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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."

November 29, 2026 – purple

First Sunday of Advent
Angel visits Mary!



Angels drawn by members of Kids Praise Choir: Andrew & Aubrey Himes

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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