

 **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."

April 26, 2026 – white
Fourth 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 *Prelude on Engelburg* Phil Lehenbauer
 Josh Wall, organist

INVOCATION UMH No. 570

**Teach us, good Lord,
 to serve You as You deserve;
 to give and not count the cost;
 to fight and not heed the wounds;
 to toil and not to seek for rest;
 to labor and not to ask for any reward,
 except that of knowing that we do Your will;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Ignatius of Loyola, Spain, 16th cent.

*OPENING HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

*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

KIDS' PRAISE CHOIR 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 Craig Courtney

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
 Chancel Choir
 Josh Wall, director

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lynn Newsom

HYMN *Pass It On* UMH No. 572

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:42-47
 Pew Bible Page 1693 Amanda Wehner (8:30)
 Sharral Ruth (11:00)

SERMON *Now What? INVITE!* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH No. 557

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Gloria Patri et Filio* Michael Rondeau

*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
**Mars & Venus Mendoza in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary
 and thanksgiving.**

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:

April 19th offering – TOTAL - \$5,992.

Attendance – April 19th – 8:30 AM – 68; 11:00 AM – 100 – TOTAL 168

Adult SS count - 13, 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, April 26: 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 Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)

Monday, April 27: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
 Ruth Anna Circle 10:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
 Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
 Discipleship Meeting 3:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Hannah Ulmer Circle 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)

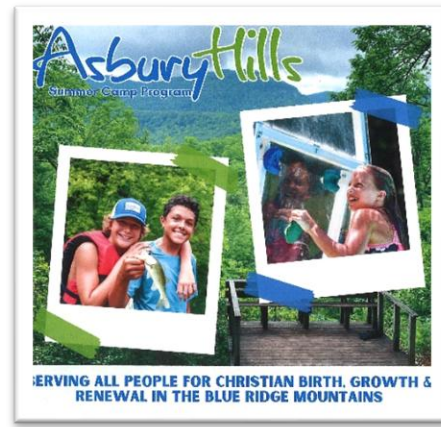
Tuesday, April 28: Esther Circle 9:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)
 BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, April 29: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, April 30: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
 Sew Be It Crafts 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, May 2: BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)

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)



We welcome Ann Marie White from Asbury Hills to talk with us about summer camps. Asbury Hills is a part of the South Carolina UMC Camp and Retreat ministries.



The MIRACLE JAR for April will be for BLESSING BAGS. This is OUR church's project to pack 60 bags each month that are filled with 15 full-sized self-care items plus a note of encouragement from the church. The bags are delivered to Bluffton Self Help and Deep Well on Hilton Head. Checks may be written to the church with "miracle jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donations.

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!



04/28 – Doug Oblander No Anniversaries This Week
 05/01 – Sharon McDonald
 05/02 – Patti Taylor



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.

SAVE THE DATES for VBS 2026!
July 13-17, 2026 - 5:30 -8 PM

There will be an adult component as well.



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
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	Doug McGill	Jody Snow
Heidi Clevenger	Marilyn Moore	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Greg & Pat Crews	James Morgan	Sara Torres
David De Paolis	Bob Newmarker	Kris Wichmann
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Michelle O'Connor	
Richard Falon	Mackenzie Orth	
Jane Grim		

ACTS 2:42-47

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Breaking Bread	Hearts	Teaching
Devoted	Possessions	Temple Courts
Favor	Property	Wonders