



**Bluffton United Methodist Church**  
**1853-2024, 171 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."*

**Sunday, September 29, 2024 - 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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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

*I Will Praise Him, Still* Fernando Ortega  
 Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

**Lord of all Creation.  
 Your voice called out over the deep and darkness and brought forth light.  
 Your voice called out over the waters and brought forth life.  
 Your voice called out over this earth and brought forth our very beings.  
 Your voice continues to call out in our Universe  
 and bring new hope and new life.  
 May we hear, listen, and respond to Your voice  
 in our lives and in our world.  
 In Your name we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH No. 152

\*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 *Before the Throne of God Above* Bancroft/Cook  
 Michael Cole, organist

\*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lynn Newsom

SPECIAL MUSIC *Nearer, My God, To Thee* arr. Brian L. Hanson (8:30)  
 Lynn, Venus, Nancy, Keeley, Dave and Greg

Chancel Choir (11:00)  
 Keeley DiMartino, director

LITURGISTS & FRIENDS Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 Janet LaMartina (8:30)  
 Mark Thomas (11:00)

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry* TFWS 2051

SERMON Pastor Scarlett Hester

\*CLOSING HYMN *To God Be The Glory* UMH No. 98

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Immortal Invisible* arr. Michael Cole  
 Michael Cole, organist

\*Please stand if able.



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Paula Harper Bethea & Bill Bethea in memory of Jerry Harper.**

**The rose on the altar is given by Jerry & Paula Johnson in celebration of the birth of their great-granddaughter, Jane, born 9/13/2024 to the parents of Dan & Abby Myhra.**

**General Budget** – Plate offering goal each week \$11,837:  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup> offering – TOTAL - **\$6,672.**  
 Adult SS - **24**; Nursery - **2**

**Attendance** September 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 AM – **83**; 11:00 AM – **129** – TOTAL **212**  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> on-line reviews - **18**

**WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED** – Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line at <https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x>

**THIS WEEK AT BUMC**

- Sunday, Sept. 29: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
 Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Kids' Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)  
**Blessing of the Pets 5:30 PM (front steps of church)**
- Monday, Sept. 30: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
 Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)  
 Spiritual Gifts Workshop 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, Oct. 1: Disciple I Class 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)  
 BUMC Staff Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, Oct. 2: Disciple III 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)  
 Choir Practice 6:30 (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, Oct. 3: Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
 Live Nativity Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Stephen Ministry Training 2:30-4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, Oct. 4: Disciple II Class 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Saturday, Oct. 5: Spiritual Gifts Workshop 9:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, Oct. 6: Worship Services & World Communion Sunday  
 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
 Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Quaker Meeting 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm.1)  
 Kids' Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)  
 Middle School Youth Fellowship 5:30 PM (Music Suite)



- 09/29 – Warren Graves      10/07 – Gary & Sharon McDonald  
 09/29 – Linda Hall  
 10/01 – Jane Thewes  
 10/01 – Nina Jett  
 10/01 – Beth Newmarker  
 10/01 – Sherrie Taylor  
 10/04 – Paula Johnson  
 10/05 – Diane McElroy



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB---20% BONUS FOR CHARITABLE GIVING!** We will continue to collect **MIRACLE JAR** donations in September for the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Bluffton**, a safe and fun place for children to enjoy various educational, cultural, recreational, and social activities. The Heritage Classic Foundation is offering you a way to increase your charitable donation. As they did last year, they are giving the **Boys & Girls Club** a **20% BONUS** on contributions. Therefore, every **\$1.00** you put in the jar will amount to a donation of **\$1.20!** Thank you in advance for your generosity. Checks may be written to the church with "miracle jar" on the subject line. If you give online, the Miracle Jar is listed under Designated Fund/Local Missions. Thank you in advance for your giving heart.



GriefShare, a 13-week class for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, **meets every Wednesday.** We will meet in the Music Suite at 1:30 PM each Wednesday. We hope you will consider joining our group. Register at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).



**BUMM's Breakfast Meeting  
 Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM**

The Rev. Terry Fleming will be our speaker at the October 5<sup>th</sup> BUMMs meeting. He is the newly appointed superintendent of the Walterboro District of the South Carolina Annual Conference. He previously served as superintendent of the Florence District and at the New Beginnings UMC Jerusalem United Methodist Church – JUMC, Ellore United Methodist Church, First Broad Street United Methodist Church, St. John's UMC, First United Methodist Church of Magnolia, Athens First United Methodist Church & First United Methodist Church Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Liberty University.



**The Bluffton Methodist Women's Fellowship Meeting is Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.**



**PRAYER CONCERNS – Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names.**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rebecca Adler & Family   | Charlie Fields           | Megan Phelps              |
| Daniel Alba              | Donna & Kari Fiero       | April Pinderski           |
| Mark Anderson            | Mark Flugel              | Evelyn Reddish            |
| Rocky Austin             | Jackson Griebel & Family | Tori Rinehart             |
| Bill Baker               | Jane Grim                | Connie Roberts            |
| Lois Barton              | David Harper             | Joanne Rymer              |
| Rita Bobko               | Meredith Inglis          | Drinda Sipprell           |
| Ashton Borgelt           | Vera Jones               | Erich & Marilyn Schmid    |
| Jenny & Bobby Brannen    | Barbara Klekner          | Linda Allen Smith         |
| Jason Brown              | Paul Laughlin            | Samuel Stevens            |
| Krystal Buck             | Sally LeSage             | Bill Thewes               |
| Paul Bucklin             | Nick Maxim               | Betty Thraikill           |
| Lynn Cleveland           | Judy McDonald            | Brent & Jeanne VanBuskirk |
| Pat Cleveland            | Doug McGill              | Steve VanHorn             |
| Greg & Pat Crews         | Marilyn Moore            | Judy Walden               |
| David De Paolis          | Barbara O'Connor         | Joe Walter                |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michelle O'Connor        | Lib Wichmann & Family     |
| Ken Emch                 | Mackenzie Orth           | Joan Wortman              |
| Richard Falon            | Michael Patterson        | Rick Wortman              |