

 **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 1, 2026 – white
2nd 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 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* Heinlein (1676)
 Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

What is it like to begin again?

It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

May we find God in our seeking.

May we learn as we go.

May we be brave enough to begin again.

Let us worship the God of new beginnings. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN *The God of Abraham Praise* UMH No. 116

*PSALTER *Psalms 32* (sung response) UMH No. 766

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

Pew Bible Page 17 Pastor Scarlett Hester

OFFERTORY *Come Just As You Are* Lloyd Larson
 Josh Wall, piano

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAG Kids' Praise Choir Sally LeSage

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

Pew Bible Pages 1650-1651 Stan Kozlowski (8:30)
 Sharral Ruth (11:00)

SERMON *How Do We Begin Again?* Pastor Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*COMMUNION ANTHEM *In Remembrance* Courtney/Red
 Chancel Choir

*CLOSING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* UMH No. 369

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Presto* Giovanni Battista Pescetti
 Michael Cole, organist (1676-1766)

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Laura Reid in memory of her father, Brent VanBuskirk.

† † Visitation for Ron McAbee will be on
Monday, March 2 from 5 until 7 PM

at Anderson Funeral Home in Beaufort
 (611 Robert Smalls Pkwy, Beaufort SC 29906).

His funeral service will be on **Tuesday, March 3 at 10:30 AM** at the funeral
 home with interment at Beaufort National Cemetery with
 full military honors at 12 noon.

Please continue to be in prayer as we all grieve. † †



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



02/29 – Cliff Charnes No Anniversaries This Week
 03/01 – Lynne Cloaninger
 03/03 – Rebecca Himes
 03/03 – Elliott D'Antonio
 03/05 – Michael Hurst
 03/05 – Nancy Epps
 03/06 – Sandi Anderson

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, March 1: 2nd Sunday of Lent & Communion 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)
Bible Study 3:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Monday, March 2: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
Disciple V 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, March 3: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Safe Sanctuary 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, March 4: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Lenten Lunch & Worship 12:00 PM
(Church of the Palms)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, March 5: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Quiet Hour 12-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Stephen Ministry 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, March 6: Disciple III 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Saturday, March 7: BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, March 8: 3rd 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)
Bible Study 3:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Kids Praise Club 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed Office)



Mark Your Calendar!

The Beaufort Sheriff's Office will present a **SCAM AWARENESS PROGRAM on WEDNESDAY MARCH 11 AT 5PM in the Sanctuary. PLEASE plan to attend.**

- HOW TO AVOID SCAMS
- HOW TO PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT
- HOW TO UNDERSTAND CREDIT BUREAUS
- HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CASH & ASSETS

Lenten Lunch and Worship Services

12:00 Noon - Wednesdays

March 4 th	Church of the Palms	Chris Thompson
March 11 th	St. Luke UMC	Jonathan Tompkins
March 18 th	St. Andrew by-the-Sea	Randall Haase
March 25 th	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.**



**Safe Sanctuaries Training
March 3, 2026 - 6 PM
BUMC Sanctuary**

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

We are fortunate to have Rev. Lisa Way, our South Carolina UMC Walterboro District's Safe Sanctuaries trainer, coming HERE to offer this important training for our congregation!
Everyone in the congregation is **encouraged** to attend, but it is **imperative** for anyone who works with children, youth, vulnerable adults, safety team, and other worship leaders. (Think: VBS volunteers, Children's program volunteers, Youth program volunteers, Disciple group leaders, Stephen Ministers, etc.)
We are ALL responsible for the safety of each other, and should ALL be informed of our denomination's policies and procedures for safety in our churches.



February's Miracle Jar totaled **\$863**. Thank you! 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.



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: _____



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!



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.



The next Missions Team meeting is scheduled for every other month, and the next meeting is **Tuesday, April 21st at 10:00 AM** in Conference Room 1. New members are welcome and encourage anyone interested in joining to please attend. Check the schedule 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).

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	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	Family of Ron McAbee	Linda Allen Smith
Heidi Clevenger	Doug McGill	Vera Snow
Greg & Pat Crews	Marilyn Moore	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
David De Paolis	James Morgan	Julee Thomas
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Bob Newmarker	Sara Torres
Richard Falon	Michelle O'Connor	Kris Wichmann
Jane Grim	Mackenzie Orth	

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

February 22nd offering – TOTAL - **\$6,068**.

Attendance - February 22nd – 8:30 AM – **76**; 11:00 AM – **95** – TOTAL **171**

Adult SS – **6** (no men's report); Nursery **5**

February 15th On-line services - **21**

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/BlufftonUMC>