



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 29, 2026 – purple Palm Sunday



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

King of All Ages, Throned on High
Michael Cole, organist

Paul Iscom
(b. 1959)

INVOCATION

**Holy God,
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas.
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise of city streets.
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts,
our mental to-do lists,
or our desire to fit in.
Sometimes it is hard to hear you in this noisy world.
So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem,
stop traffic here.
Pause the rush.
Open the gates.
Dwell among us,
until your Word is all we can hear.
We are listening.
We are laying down our cloaks.
Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

UMH No. 280

*PSALTER

Psalm 31 (Response 1)

UMH No. 764

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:11 and Zechariah 9:9

Pew Bible Pages 1161; 1484

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

What Wondrous Love is This
Chancel Choir
Josh Wall, director

arr. Christiansen

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMN No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sally LeSage

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

UMH No. 278

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

Pew Bible Page 1535

Laura Reid (8:30)
Sharral Ruth (11:00)

SERMON

Where Are You Headed?

Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN (vs. 1 & 2)

Ah, Holy Jesus

UMH No. 289

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesu, The Very Thought of Thee

Glenn L. Rudolph
(b. 1951)

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$12,000:
March 22nd offering – TOTAL - \$7,356.

Attendance – March 22nd – 8:30 AM – 74; 11:00 AM – 120 – TOTAL 194
Adult SS - 15, Nursery 0

March 15th 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 29: Palm Sunday 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)
Lenten Experience and Kids Egg Hunt 4:00 PM
- Monday, March 30: Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom)
 Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
 Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, March 31: BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Wednesday, April 1: Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Music Suite)
- Thursday, April 2: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
 Prayer Quiet Hour 12:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Maundy Thursday & Cantata Service 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- Friday, April 3: **Good Friday – Quiet Reflection 12-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)**
 Disciple III 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Saturday, April 4: BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
 No Communion (communion served on April 12)
 Seeker's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Connections Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)



On Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday - at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary, the choir will present the cantata *"In My Place"* by Craig Courtney. This will also be a joint service between St. Luke's Methodist Church and Church of the Palms and Communion will be served. This reflective worship will invite the congregation to take a nail - given as you enter by the greeters - hold on to that nail and reflect on how Jesus took your place on the cross. At the conclusion of the service, the congregation will be asked to depart in silence and drop their nail in a bucket at an exit. While the sound may be loud in the silent sanctuary, the cantata is challenging you to remember what sacrifices Jesus made to stand, "In my place" in those dark days. We know this will be a meaningful and powerful worship experience."



This Easter, you are invited to be a part of the beauty of the season with our Flowering of the Cross. Many churches incorporate the Flowering of the Cross into their Easter joy. Worshippers bring flowers from their yard or store to church to place in a wire cross.

The Flowering of the Cross represents how we go from the ugly and hateful pain of Good Friday to the wonderful, beautiful miracle of Easter, from death to resurrection. By having everyone participate and contribute, we remember the Resurrection is for all of us. The Flowered Cross is a great place to stop and take a picture with your family!



SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP – Sunday, April 12th, hosted by the Bluffton Methodist Women. Please help them by bringing something to share after the service you attend. Thank you!



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**

TODAY - 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: _____



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.



SAVE THE DATE! Saturday June 20, 2026. Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony and Reception to be held here at Bluffton UMC. More details to follow! Questions, contact Ann Ansel or Joanne Davies.



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

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 | 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 | Vera 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 | | |

TODAY! - Lenten Experience and kids egg hunt 4:00 PM.

- ✝ **Maundy Thursday & Cantata Service - April 2, 6:30 PM Worship in the Sanctuary.**
- ✝ **Good Friday - April 3, 12-1:00 PM. Quiet Music Reflection in the Sanctuary.**
- ✝ **Easter Sunday - April 5, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM. Glorious Easter Worship.**



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| 03/29 – Richard Mainey | 04/01 – Bob Newhart |
| 03/29 – Dale Bennett | 04/01 – Shari Steenson |
| 03/30 – Gloria Taylor | 04/01 – Lisa Elders Cronin |
| 03/31 – Mike Sperry | 04/03 – Amanda Wehner |
| 04/01 – Paul Wehner | |

No Anniversaries This Week