 **Bluffton United Methodist Church**  
**1853-2025, 172 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."*

**February 2, 2025 - white**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany**

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 & ACOLYTE *Be Still My Soul* Jean Sibelius  
 Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

**Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.  
 Come, my Life, and revive me from death.  
 Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.  
 Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins, kindling my  
 heart with the flame of thy love.  
 Come, my King, sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.  
 For thou alone art my King and my Lord. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know* UMH No. 163

\*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

REVOLUTION REFLECTION

OFFERTORY *I Surrender All* arr. Joel Raney  
 Soloist: Diane Ciba

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jo Parrott (8:30 AM)  
 Sally LeSage (11:00 AM)

SCRIPTURE Revelation 2:8-11  
 Pew Bible Page 1914 Mary Ellen Parks (8:30 AM)  
 Sara Jenkins (11:00 AM)

SERMON Pastor Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH Page 12

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.**

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

\*CLOSING HYMN *My Life Flows On* TFWS 2212

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* J.S. Bach  
 Michael Cole, organist

\*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
**Kristal Woehlke & Wendy Myers in memory of Stephanie Parry.**

† † **Deepest condolences to Bob Bobko & family for the recent passing of his  
 wife, Rita Bobko** † †



02/03 – Connie Roberts No Anniversaries This Week  
 02/04 – William Yocco  
 02/05 – Ida Pinderski  
 02/05 – Nancy Osgood  
 02/07 – Shirley Mingledorff  
 02/07 – Shae Chandler  
 02/07 – Paul Wehner

**General Budget** – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:  
 January 26<sup>th</sup> offering – TOTAL - **\$5,345.**  
**Attendance** January 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – **65**; 11:00 AM – **112** – TOTAL **177**  
 Adult SS – **18**; Nursery - **3**  
 January 19<sup>th</sup> on-line reviews: **11**

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

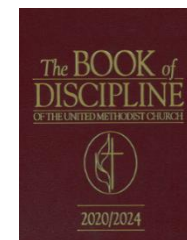
**THIS WEEK AT BUMC!**

- Sunday, February 2: Worship Services & 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)  
Kids Praise 4:30-5:30 PM (Music Suite)
- Monday, February 3: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, February 4: Disciple I 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)  
No BUMC Staff Meeting  
Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, February 5: Disciple III Class 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)  
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Music Suite)  
Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, February 6: Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
Blood Drive 12-5:00 PM (Back Parking Lot)  
Stephen Ministry Training 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
Stephen Ministry 4:30-5:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, February 7: Disciple II 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Saturday, February 8: Church Council Retreat 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Sunday, February 9: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
Souper Bowl Lunch 12:00 (Fellowship Hall)  
Church Directory Photo Shoot between services (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 -5:30 PM (Music Suite)



The BMW will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon on **February 9<sup>th</sup> after the second service.** The soups will be cream of broccoli, beef vegetable, vegetarian, plus hot dogs, potato chips and desserts. Please enjoy fellowship and food with one another. Containers of soup will be on sale after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. **Donated cans of soup will be very much appreciated.**

**Contribution Statements for 2024** have been emailed. If you did not receive a statement, please contact the church office to verify your email address or to request a paper statement. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact Joann Garner in the church office at (843) 757-3351. **Watch for emails coming from [financeatbumc@gmail.com](mailto:financeatbumc@gmail.com).** It may go into your spam folder. Thank you.



The new 2024 UMC Book of Discipline has arrived! We have copies for your perusal. Sign-out sheets are in the church office and you are welcome to borrow one.

**Men's Sunday School** – Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in Conference Room 2. All are welcome! Current Study: *Ten Men of the Bible* by Max Lucado. Updated Edition. How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World. Books are available in the class and cost \$18. For more information, contact Jimmy Gainey (770) 377-6658 or email [jimmysueellen@bellsouth.net](mailto:jimmysueellen@bellsouth.net).



**MIRACLE JAR** donations collected for the month of January totaled **\$564.50**, thank you! The Miracle Jar for February 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." They concentrate on establishing libraries in rural schools that do not have electricity. Thus far they have shipped 1.1 million books which has placed libraries in 9,216 rural schools and has helped 2.5 million children in Africa (plus their families and communities.) Checks may be made to the church with "Miracle Jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity. *Neema na Amani* (Grace and Peace)



**ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2025** is now posted on the wall in the narthex. Reserve your flowers and indicate whether it's in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is \$50 for both arrangements. You may take your flowers to enjoy or donate them to be shared with others.



**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES** – there will be two Sundays for you to have the opportunity to update your photo/pictures for the new Church Directory. **Dates are Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> between services.** Membership forms will be available at the photo booth to update your information.

For those who have experienced heartache such as loss of a loved one, loss of a job, or worsening health issues, this time can be very difficult and lonely. If you wish to confidentially talk with someone, contact one of our Stephen Leaders today. They are: Janet LaMartina (208) 409-0476, Mary Ellen Parks (843) 368-1852 or Bill Stutesman (214) 435-0243.



**A new GriefShare class begins every Thursday, January 15, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, for 13 weeks.** The best part of GriefShare is meeting people who are dealing with the same issues. Friendships develop as the weeks go by. The class meets in the music suite and is led by trained Stephen Ministers and past participants. Contact the church office or Mary Ellen Parks for more information. You do not need to register, just show up. We look forward to meeting you and supporting you on your grief journey.

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

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| Rebecca Adler & Family  | Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michael Patterson   |
| Daniel Alba             | Richard Falon            | Megan Phelps        |
| Helen & George Anderson | Donna & Kari Fiero       | April Pinderski     |
| Mark Anderson           | Warren Graves            | Evelyn Reddish      |
| Sarah Atkins            | Jane Grim                | Edgar Rickard       |
| Leon Atkinson           | David Harper             | Tori Rinehart       |
| Rocky Austin            | Meredith Inglis          | Connie Roberts      |
| Bill Baker              | Vera Jones               | Joanne Rymer        |
| Lois Barton             | Mark Flugel              | Drinda Sipprell     |
| Bob Bobko & Family      | Barbara Klekner          | Linda Allen Smith   |
| Bonnie Borgelt          | Paul Laughlin            | Jennie Smith Family |
| Bob & Jenny Brannen     | Nick Maxim               | Jeanne VanBuskirk   |
| Jason Brown             | Judy McDonald            | Steve VanHorn       |
| Paul Bucklin            | Doug McGill              | Judy Walden         |
| Lynn Cleveland          | James Morgan             | Joe Walter          |
| Pat Cleveland           | Marilyn Moore            | Rick & Ashley       |
| Heidi Clevenger         | Barbara O'Connor         | Wortman             |
| Greg & Pat Crews        | Michelle O'Connor        |                     |
| David De Paolis         | Mackenzie Orth           |                     |



**Thursday, February 6, Noon-5 PM.** All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, long-sleeved T-shirt and a wellness checkup (including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count & cholesterol screening.) **Appointments are encouraged.** Visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code **65131**.