



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."

October 5, 2025 – white



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

Be Strong in the Lord

Michael Cole, organist

Josh Wall, piano

arr. Crystal Davis Clay

INVOCATION

God of the world, of the universe, of all that is known and unknown,
Make your presence known in the singing, the praying the Word and the
preaching. Speak to your people in every place throughout the world - tell
us again and again that you are with us, and we can rest in you. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

UMH No. 548

*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

OFFERTORY

You are Mine

by David Haas

Chancel Choir

Josh Wall, director

*DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Scarlett Hester

SCRIPTURE

Lamentations 3:19-26

Amanda Wehner (8:30)

Roy Austin (11:00)

SERMON

Pastor Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes God, we are afraid to put our hands in yours; we wonder where
you will lead us, we wonder if we can trust you, we wonder if your lordship
might cost us too much. You insist we love our neighbors; we are not so
sure. We want you to tell us who our neighbors are, and we prefer that our
neighbors be people with whom we are comfortable. You insist that we are
all your people, but we too often want to divide earth's inhabitants into us

and them. You say that we are all connected; the stories of our lives intersect
and have consequences for all. You insist you alone are God. We want to
help you - tell you what to do, who and how to help.

Forgive us, we pray, for all the times we have not loved as we ought, as we
were taught.

Forgive us the times we have doubted your heart could really hold the whole
world.

Forgive us when we have not loved as you love, and joined the story of our
lives to others, freely and without reservation. Let us continue to pray in
silence.

DECLARATION of PARDON

Sing: He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his
hands, He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his
hands.

Pastor: And you who have truly confessed, truly turned from sin to life, he will
not let you go.

GREAT THANKGIVING

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.

*CLOSING HYMN

We Are the Church

UMH No. 558

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

God is Living, God is Here!

J.S. Bach

(1685-1750)

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by

The Sarah Snow Family in memory of Jim Snow

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:

September 28th offering – TOTAL - **\$17,033.**

Attendance: September 28th 8:30 AM – **75**; 11:00 AM – **130** – TOTAL **205**

Adult SS – **19**; Nursery - **1**

September 21st on-line reviews: **21**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Join us for worship service on Sundays in person or on-line

<https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x0000/>

THIS WEEK AT BUMC

Sunday, October 5:	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) No Kids Praise Choir or Youth Fellowship
Monday, October 6:	Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM (Zoom) Quilters 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall) Missions Committee Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2) Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite) Disciple V 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Tuesday, October 7:	BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2) Disciple II 10:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Wednesday, October 8:	Disciple IV 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1) GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite) Chancel Choir 7:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Thursday, October 9:	Quilters 8:30 AM (Fellowship Hall) Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Friday, October 10:	Disciple III 10:00 AM (Music Suite) Blessing Bags 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2 & F.H.)
Sunday, October 12:	Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary) 2 nd Sunday Fellowship between services (Fellowship Hall) Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1) Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2) Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite) Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed. Room)



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



10/06 – Collins D’Antonio	10/07 – Gary & Sharon McDonald
10/06 – Ansley Himes	
10/07 – Bob Newmarker	
10/08 – Barb Mainey	
10/10 – Tommy Rhodes	
10/10 – Tricia Westmoreland	



Miracle Jar – One More Week for Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen!

We’re extending our *Miracle Jar* donations for **one more week** to support our local Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen. If you’ve already given—thank you! If you haven’t yet, there’s still time to be part of this small miracle. Every dollar helps provide warm meals to those in need right here in our community. Let’s join hearts and hands to make a difference.



The BUMM’s Pecan Sale is back!

- Order forms are available at our Pecan Stations in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall.
- Place your completed order form with remittance in the receptacle.
- Alternately, pay by credit card at our pecan station in Fellowship Hall when manned.
- We will announce when church orders will be ready for pickup at the church. Sometime in November.



Harvest Festival October 26, 2025!

- 3:30 PM - **Spooky** Organ Concert (Sanctuary). Kid and Adult friendly, with costume parade!
- 4:30 – 6:30 PM - Games, food, prizes and fun on the Lawn.
- Halloween costumes are encouraged – we’ll have a photo booth! Candy bags are welcomed to hold prizes and treats!
- For more information or to volunteer, contact Sally LeSage <mailto:blufftonumc.education@gmail.com>

**BUMC HARVEST FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 26, 2025**

Voting is taking place in the Fellowship Hall \$1 = 1 vote.

R.S.V.P.:

NAME: _____
How many attending? Adults _____ Children _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____

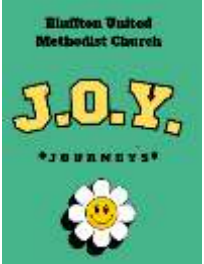
Return forms in offering plate, or slip under door of education office.
Or email Sally LeSage at blufftonumc.education@gmail.com



Early Dining is back! There was a good turn out from the last “Early Dining”. The next location will be at Frankie Bones on Discovery Drive in Bluffton at 4:30 PM, **the date is TBD**. Please contact Russ Rymer russellrymer16@gmail.com or call (843) 298-6566 if you have an interest in joining and being on our mailing list.



All Saints" Sunday is November 2, 2025. On that day, we will remember in worship the saints who have gone on to the Church Triumphant but whose influence, example and faith live on in our lives. In the back of the sanctuary, there will be a table with our All Saints Book. Please write the full name(s) of those persons whose names you would like to be read as we remember the Saints at both services on November 2nd. If needed, you may email or call the Church office to have a person's name added to the book. **Due date for names is Sunday, October 26th.**



Our next J.O.Y. Journey is booked!

Where: Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival
Moncks Corner, SC
When: Tuesday, December 2, 2025
12:00 NOON
How: We will drive our own vehicles and carpool

25 spaces available – first come first served
RSVP to Sally at blufftonumc.education@gmail.com

The Mepkin Abbey Crèche Festival is a self-guided walking tour of nativity displays from around the world. Displays are both outside and inside. It is approximately 1/4 mile walk each way, but it is wheelchair accessible. There is no cost to attend, but we kindly appreciate donations to offset the cost of hosting the festival. Cookies, hot cocoa, and coffee will be available for purchase, and there is a gift shop with holiday gifts and fruitcakes. Mepkin also offers a Crèche Store with a wide variety of nativity sets so that you can begin your own crèche collection.

PRAYER CONCERNS. Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to update.

Rebecca Adler & Family	Jane Grim	Michelle O’Connor
Daniel Alba	Sue Hand	Mackenzie Orth
Helen & George Anderson	Vic Herbert	Michael Patterson
Rocky Austin	Jane Johnson	Megan Phelps
Bob & Jenny Brannen	Jerry & Paula Johnson	April Pinderski
Dave Brown	Vera Jones	Evelyn Reddish
Jason Brown	Sam Kenyon	Edgar Rickard
Lynn Cleveland	Barbara Klekner	Tori Rinehart
Pat Cleveland	Paul Laughlin	Joanne Rymer
Heidi Clevenger	Ron McAbee	Ruth Schneid
Greg & Pat Crews	Judy McDonald	Drinda Sipprell
David De Paolis	Doug McGill	Linda Allen Smith
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Jennie Margaret McMurray	Jay & Cindy Sprouse
Richard Falon	James Morgan	William Stevens
Donna Fiero	Marilyn Moore	Judy Walden