GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE arr. Larry Sue

Blest Be the Tie that Binds
Wesley Ringers
Nancy Osgood, director

INVOCATION

All-knowing God, we gather together with praise and thanksgiving for who You are, and for all that You have done for us. You know us better than we know ourselves— all our thoughts and actions— and yet You love us. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us—ahead and behind— gently leading and guiding and blessing. May Your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together. AMEN

*OPENING HYMN *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* UMH No. 382

*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 arr. Larry Sue

We Gather Together
Wesley Ringers
Nancy Osgood, director
Nathan Shelton, piano

*DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Brenda Armstrong

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 139:1-12*
Pew Bible Page 974
Laura Reid (8:30)
Charlie Hendricks (11:00)

SERMON *Games People Play: CHESS* Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 122

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude on "*St. Denio*" arr. Jason Payne
Nathan Shelton, organist

*Please stand if able.

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TFWS – The Faith We Sing

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by

Bill & Elaine Blank in honor of their children and grandchildren.

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week $12,000:
November 8th offering – TOTAL - **$10,614.**

Attendance – November 8th 8:30 AM – **91,** 11:00 AM – **119,** TOTAL **210**
Adult SS Seekers count – **8,** Nursery – **1**
Kids Worship - **10**

November 1st on-line views – **26**

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, Nov. 15: 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)
Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Little Conversations/Big Ideas 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Monday, Nov. 16: Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
History Committee Meeting 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Hannah Ulmer Circle 6:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Tuesday, Nov. 17: Esther Circle 9:45 AM (Music Suite)
Backpack Buddies 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
BUMC Staff Meeting 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Backpack Buddies 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Disciple Gals 11:00 AM (Con. Rm. 2)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Music Suite)

Thursday, Nov. 19: Busy Bees 8:00 AM
Blessing Bags 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Sew Be It 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Ministry at The Addison 10:00 AM (formerly Benton House)
Missions Meeting 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
J.O.Y Trip to Mepkin Abbey's Creche Festival 2:00 PM

Friday, Nov. 20: Disciple IV 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Sunday, Nov. 22: 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)
Surviving the Holidays 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Kids' Praise Choir 4:00 PM (Music Suite)
Little Conversations/Big Ideas 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Christian Ed. Office)

Little Conversations / Big Ideas

I invite you to join me for a series of **Little Conversations / Big Ideas**—small gatherings where we can listen, wonder, dream, and talk together about the future of BUMC. Each conversation will last **one hour** and will be limited to **15 participants** (plus me). Please call the church office to sign up! First come, first reserved! Our conversations will be useful for discerning what God has in store for our future as a community of faith. I hope you'll be part of the conversation! Pastor Scarlett

November 15 • November 22 • November 29
4:00 PM, Conference Room 2



11/15 – Monica Besecker
11/17 – Greg Stutesman
11/18 – John Marshall
11/19 – Diane Gothard

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK



On behalf of the SPPRC, we welcome Joan Scanlon to our staff as Financial Administrator. You will enjoy getting to know her, starting with her bio below!

I grew up in NYC and moved to Riverton Pointe with my husband, Cliff, in October 2023. I have 3 adult children who still reside in New York.
While living in NY, I was the controller of a large commercial plumbing company. In addition to working full time, I was a volunteer, Certified EMT, and served in my local volunteer fire and ambulance corp., where I also held the Treasurer position. I currently sit on the board of the Riverton Charitable Fund. A 501-C-3 whose mission is to bring the Riverton Pointe neighbors together in support of Jasper County, working to meet local needs and improve the quality of life for all who live here. I currently hold the position of Nominating Committee Chair and have held the position of Treasurer and Chairperson of the Grants Committee.
My most recent endeavor was a yarn drive for the KK Hummingbirds. KK is short for Knitted Knockers. This amazing group of volunteers knit breast prosthetics for women who have undergone a lumpectomy or mastectomy. The knockers are free to any woman who needs them. Our community donated 96 skeins of yarn. The pickleball/golf bug got me as well when I moved to South Carolina; but how could you not with the beautiful weather we are so blessed to have?



"Sew Be It" Recognizes Veterans - our group has been working on a small gift to thank all who have served in the military and their spouses. On November 8th and 15th, we will offer these tokens of our appreciation when you arrive at church and after church in the Fellowship Hall. If you aren't able to get yours, contact Diane Ciba (203) 982-0450. Thank you!



November's Miracle Jar is for the **Bluffton Community Soup Kitchen**, which provides approximately **800 hot, nutritious meals each week** for those in need. Our church's commitment continues to grow, with **more than 15 parishioners volunteering each week**. The Soup Kitchen receives **no state or federal funding**, relying entirely on the generosity of faith-based organizations, community partners, and individual donors. **Your generosity helps feed our neighbors and share God's love, one meal at a time.**



If you would like to put a poinsettia in the church for Christmas in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, along with your check. The cost **$15.00** each. **The deadline is Sunday, November 22nd.** You may take the plant home after the evening worship service on December 24th. Please place your form & check in the offering plate OR mail your form & check to BUMC, P.O. Box 368, Bluffton, SC 29910. Thank you!

Given by: _____

How many plants? _____

In Honor of: _____

_____

In Memory of:_____

_____

The women of BUMC have been invited to participate in a Women's Retreat by Church of the Palms UMC January 15-17, 2027. It will be held at Epworth By The Sea Retreat Center in St. Simons Island, GA and the study focus will be on lesser known women of the Bible**. The $50 deposit for holding your spot is due no later than NOVEMBER 15.** Call Lois Soloman (703) 851-5965 for more information.



In <u>NOVEMBER</u>, we will be collecting **Toys for Tots**. The program seeks "to provide comfort, emotional relief and hope to families by distributing toys to their children." Let's make a difference in the lives of children by bringing new, unwrapped toys. Let's fill up **<u>several</u>** boxes with toys for babies, toddlers, and older children. **Please bring toys <u>without</u> batteries!**



<u>Africa Preschool Project</u> Update - Your generous response to the Holy Spirit has allowed us to send the first of three installments to build a pre-school in Kenya. I talked with Mr. Ntimama this week, and he sends his gratitude and assures me that he and his family are keeping us in their prayers. This first payment will put a roof and add structure to the building. The entire village is looking forward to the day when their children will not have to travel to provide their children with an education.



Tickets are still available **so invite your friends**!! **J.O.Y Journey - Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage! Dec. 10 at 6:30 pm in Charleston at the Gaillard Center.** Tickets are $30 per person - and your payment is your reservation.

Ministry at The Addison

We offer a weekly 30-minute worship ministry at the Addison. It is our joy as a church to reach out into the world with the good news of Jesus, to witness to our faith and make friends in Christ. We need volunteers to help lead the worship as musicians and song leaders, as speakers and liturgists and as friends of the congregation. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Scarlett.

PRAYER CONCERNS – call (843) 757-3351 to add/delete names.

Rebecca Adler & Family
Daniel Alba
Rocky Austin
Teresa Bennett
Bonnie Borgelt
Dave Brown
Jason Brown
Lynn Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Heidi Clevenger
Greg & Pat Crews
David De Paolis
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan
Jim Grim
Sue Hand
Vic Herbert
Jerry & Paula Johnson
Vera Jones
Barbara Klekner
Paul Laughlin
Doug McGill
Marilyn Moore
James Morgan
Bob Newmarker
Mackenzie Orth
Bill Owen
Mike Parrot
Michael Patterson
Evelyn Reddish
Tori Rinehart
Russ & Joanne Rymer
Ruth Schneid
Linda Allen Smith
Jody Snow
Sara Torres

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."

November 15, 2026 - 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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