

 **Bluffton United Methodist Church**
1853-2025, 172 years

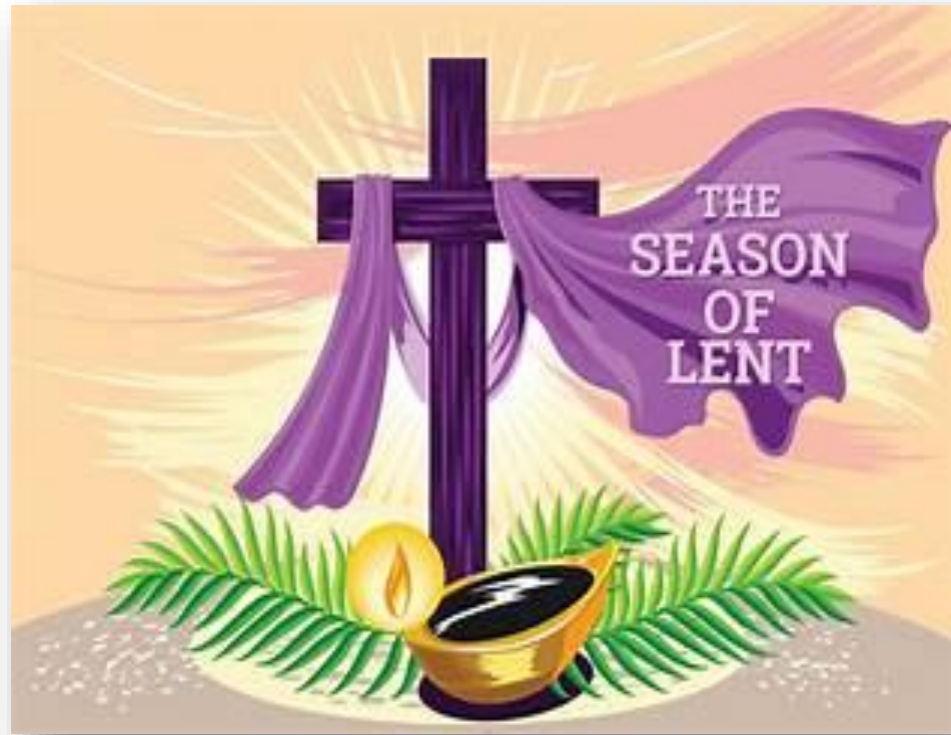
"The Mission of BUMC is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by sharing our loving relationship with Him through all our +actions in worship, nurture, education, evangelism and outreach."

March 23, 2025 – purple

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

Good morning and welcome to Bluffton United Methodist Church. We're so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. Our ushers and greeters are available to assist you and answer questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & ACOLYTE

Lord, Is It I?
Michael Cole, organist

Gilbert Martin

INVOCATION

Children of God, what has God done for you?

God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.

Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for you?

God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

When you have been like the fig tree in Jesus' story that seems unable to produce and that everyone has given up on, what has God done for you?

God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

We come into your presence O Holy God, to worship and cling to you, for your steadfast love never fails! Amen!

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2024.

*OPENING HYMN

As the Deer
Sing 2 times

TWFS 2025

*PSALTER READING

Psalm 63

UMH No. 788

Sung response

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.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTRY

(11:00 AM)

Mark Thomas & Sharral Ruth

OFFERTORY

On The Road To Jerusalem

Gilbert Martin

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMN No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Scarlett Hester

SPECIAL MUSIC

arr. Benjamin David Knoedler

If Ever I Loved Thee

SCRIPTURE

Luke 13:1-9

Pew Bible Pages 1621-1622

Tony Mitchell (8:30 AM)

Mark Thomas (11:00 AM)

SERMON

My Soul Clings

Rev. Terry Fleming

*CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH No. 381

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Be Glad in the Lord, and Rejoice!

Russel Pascoe

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Sara Jenkins in loving memory of Brad (BJ) Jenkins

† † *Deepest condolences to Diane Craig & Family
in the recent passing of John Craig † †*



03/26 – Jane LaFaber

03/27 – Annie Reichert

03/28 – John Clingerman

03/28 – James Atkins

03/29 – Bert Mainey

03/29 – Dale Bennett

03/24 – Bud & Shirley Mingledorff

03/28 – Stan & Gwynn Yocco

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

March 16th offering – TOTAL – **\$6,605.**

Attendance March 16th 8:30 AM – **72**; 11:00 AM – **85** – TOTAL **157**

Adult SS – **11**; Nursery - **3**

March 9th on-line reviews: **9**

**WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED – Join us for worship service on Sundays in person
or on-line at**

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

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, March 23: Worship Services 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 Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)

- Monday, March 24: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
Ruth Circle 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
Lenten Bible Study 5:00 PM (Music Suite)
Finance Meeting 7:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

- Tuesday, March 25: Esther Circle 9:45 AM (Sharleen Bennett’s House)
Disciple I 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)
Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)

- Wednesday, March 26: Disciple III 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Worship & Light Lunch 12:00 Noon (St. Luke’s UMC)
Alzheimer’s & Dementia Caregivers 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5:00 PM (Music Suite)
Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)

- Thursday, March 27: Busy Bees 9:00 AM

- Friday, March 28: Disciple II 10:00 AM (Music Suite)

- Sunday, March 30: Worship Services 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 Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)



MIRACLE JAR donations in March will go to **SALKEHATCHIE SUMMER SERVICE**. This is an outreach of the South Carolina Conference Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It is an opportunity for high school and college youth to engage in summer work camps to improve the lives

of families whose homes are in disrepair. Donations are needed to help purchase construction supplies. Checks may be written to the church with “miracle jar” on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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.



GriefShare started and meets every Wednesday from 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. Mary Ellen Parks, Stephen Leader (843) 368-1852, maryellen.parks22@gmail.com



**A Lenten Experience for All Ages
Concluding with a Children’s Egg Hunt**

Palm Sunday, April 13, 4 – 5:30 PM
Beginning in Fellowship Hall
Please bring 12+ filled plastic eggs

Join us to experience the events of Holy Week like never before. Our journey will take us to five interactive stations where we’ll experience Foot Washing, the Last Supper, Prayers in the Garden, the symbols of Lent, and the Tomb. Next, we’ll gather in the Sanctuary to talk about the Good News of Easter (while our special helpers hide the eggs!) Finally, children will be invited to celebrate Easter with an outdoor egg hunt (divided by age groups.) Please email Sally LeSage at blufftonumc.education@gmail.com with the number attending.

All are welcome . . . you do not want to miss this!



Libraries for Kids International is looking for silent auction items for our **World Book Day Celebration April 6, 2025**. Golf packages, gift baskets and artwork are popular items. If you would like to donate something, please contact Roy Austin at roy.austin@libraries4kids.org or call (843) 597-4826.

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

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

**LENT at Bluffton United Methodist Church –
Steadfast Love of God**

- ✠ **Mondays through April 14th** – Bible study based on Sunday’s text, 5 PM in the Music Suite.
- ✠ **Palm Sunday, April 13th** – children’s parade of Palms & experience the Passion Lenten Experience 4 PM.
- ✠ **Maundy Thursday, April 17th 6:00 PM** – Worship in BUMC sanctuary.
- ✠ **Good Friday, April 18th**, quiet hour 12-1:00 PM, BUMC sanctuary.
- ✠ **Easter Sunday, April 20th**, 8:30 & 11:00 AM services.



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, April 6, 2025.** Your choice of Easter Flower(s) may be taken home after the 11:00 Easter service on a first-come basis. The Easter Flowers will be available in Fellowship Hall for pick-up through Wednesday, April 23rd. Remaining flowers will be planted on the church property or taken to folks who are shut in.

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____