



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."

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany - 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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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & ACOLYTE

Footsteps in Faith

Jason W. Krug

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

INVOCATION

God of all our days, you know us. You know all that we bring to worship, our joys and the things we just do not want to talk about. Today, may we hear whispers of your will in our soul, that we would trust you even more. And may our praise be pure, our hearts be humble, and our hope centered in you forever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

And Are We Yet Alive

UMH No. 553

*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.

NEW MEMBERS

John & Sandra Anderson (8:30 AM)

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Kiazan Money Penny (11:00 AM)

OFFERTORY

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Edward Caswall

Michael Cole, organist

1814-1878

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMN No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Diane Ciba

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Jason W. Krug

Wesley Ringers

Nancy Osgood, director

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 2:1-7

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Janet LaMartina (8:30 AM)

Court Family (11:00 AM)

SERMON

Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN

Bind Us Together

TFWS 2226

(sing 2 times)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Come, Ye Servant of the Lord

Christopher Tye

Michael Cole, organist

1505-1573

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Betsy Epply in memory of Tom Epply.**

† † **Deepest condolences to Gwynne Yocco & Family in the recent passing of her mother, Sarah Baker, who is also Jennie Smith's sister-in-law** † †



01/26 – Carolyn Smith

01/26 – Joanne Rymer

01/28 – Matt Sapochak

01/29 – Becky Manley

01/29 – Greg Crews

01/29 – Jenny Gniech

01/30 – Dave Atwood

01/28 – Ralph & Jeanne Lemmon

02/01 – Liz & Cliff Charnes

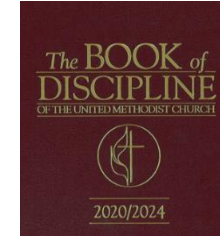
THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, January 26: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
No Kids Praise Club
- Monday, January 27: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
Ruth Circle 10:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
Hannah Ulmer Circle 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Tuesday, January 28: Esther Circle 9:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Disciple I Class 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)
BUMC Staff Meeting 11:15 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
SPPRC Meeting 6:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, January 29: Anna Circle 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Disciple III Class 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Fellowship 5-6 PM (Music Suite)
Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, January 30: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
Stephen Ministry Training 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, January 31: Disciple II 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Saturday, February 1: BUMM's Breakfast Meeting 9:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, February 2: Worship & Communion Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Men's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Women's Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Kids Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)



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.** 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.

MIRACLE JAR donations in January will go to a local **Kairos Prison Ministry** at the Ridgeland Correctional Institution. "This is a Christian faith-based ministry which addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth and their families." The funds will be used for lodging, meals and supplies to assist the volunteers who spend two, four-day weekends each year at the prison. Checks may be made to the church with "miracle jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance.



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 9th and Sunday, February 23rd between services. Membership forms will be available at the photo booth to update your information.



The BMW will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon on **February 9th 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 2nd service. **Donated cans of soup will be very much appreciated.**

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.

Mary Ellen Parks, Stephen Leader
(843)368-1852
maryellen.parks22@gmail.com



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 and use sponsor code **65131**.

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

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| Rebecca Adler & Family | Richard Falon | Megan Phelps |
| Daniel Alba | Donna & Kari Fiero | April Pinderski |
| Helen Anderson | Warren Graves | Evelyn Reddish |
| Mark Anderson | Jane Grim | Edgar Rickard |
| Sarah Atkins | David Harper | Tori Rinehart |
| Rocky Austin | Meredith Inglis | Connie Roberts |
| Bill Baker | Vera Jones | Joanne Rymer |
| Lois Barton | Mark Flugel | Drinda Sipprell |
| Rita Bobko | 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 Wortman |
| Heidi Clevenger | Barbara O'Connor | |
| Greg & Pat Crews | Michelle O'Connor | |
| David De Paolis | Mackenzie Orth | |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michael Patterson | |

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,200:
January 19th offering – TOTAL - **\$8,542.**

Attendance - January 19th 8:30 AM – **74**; 11:00 AM – **123** – TOTAL **197**
Adult SS – **17**; Nursery - **2**
January 12th on-line reviews: **10**

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



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