



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 16, 2025 - green
6th 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

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

Elysium Jason Krug
 Wesley Ringers
 Nancy Osgood, director

INVOCATION

Thank you, holy God, for the inspiration of the churches and believers who came before us. By your Spirit, may we learn from them and be prepared to face our tomorrows. We praise you, we trust you, and we know that salvation is in Christ alone, in whose blessed name we pray. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

Breath on Me, Breath of God UMH No. 420

*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 *Thou Art God* Lionel Bourne
 Michael Cole, organist

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Diane Ciba

SPECIAL MUSIC *Solemn Serenade* Jason Krug

Wesley Ringers
 Nancy Osgood, director

SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:1-13
 Linda Stevens (8:30 AM)
 Harry Garrabrant (11:00 AM)

SERMON Pastor Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH No. 577

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *My Lord and Savior is my song* Richard Shepherd
 Michael Cole, organist

*Please stand if able.

Large print hymnals are available in the narthex.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

† † *Deepest condolences to Gwynn Yocco & Family in the recent passing of her father, Bill Baker, who is also Jennie Smith's brother* † †



02/18 – Ron Davies No Anniversaries this week
 02/18 – Aubrey Himes
 02/19 – Michael Ciba
 02/20 – Elise Reichert
 02/21 – Ruth Schneid
 02/22 – Christian Chandler

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.15:
 February 9th offering – TOTAL - **\$10,288.**
Attendance February 9th 8:30 AM – **94**; 11:00 AM – **142** – TOTAL **236**
 Adult SS – **12**; Nursery - **2**
 February 2nd on-line reviews: **13**
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 16: 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)
 No Kids Praise Club – NO SCHOOL
- Monday, February 17: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
 Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)
 Church Council 6:30 PM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, February 18: Disciple I 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)
 BUMC Staff Meeting 11:15 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 History Committee Meeting 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, February 19: 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 20: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
 Stephen Ministry Training 2:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, February 21: Disciple II Class 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Sunday, February 23: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
 Directory Photo Shoot after each service (Music Suite)
 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)

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 **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.



Save the date! Saturday, March 22, 2025 – Day trip to St. Simons Island, GA includes:

- Tour the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum.
- See Epworth by the Sea UMC camp and retreat campus.
- Visit Christ Church, where John and Charles Wesley preached in the 1700s.
- Dine at one of the yummy restaurants in Pier Village.
- Invite a Friend!

Interested? Want more details? Email Sally LeSage blufftonumc.education@gmail.com by March 1st.



MARDI GRAS / FAT TUESDAY / SHROVE TUESDAY
 Taste the goodness of God in the sweetness of pancakes. **Tuesday, March 4, 2025 - 6 PM.** Place this registration form in the offering plate or RSVP to Sally LeSage blufftonumc.education@gmail.com **no later than March 2nd.** Pancakes for everyone!! Donations of pancake mix or syrup are your “ticket” for entry and will go to Bluffton Self Help.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____



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 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

Blessing Cards – The Blessing Cards Mission is off to a great start. Watch for new designs for all occasions and the Easter Season. We are expanding Blessing Cards by incorporating the Christmas Card Mailbox for all occasions. Thank you, Debbie Kaulig, for the beautiful Blessings Mailbox. You can now select a card and drop it in the Blessings Mailbox. No trips to the post office and no costly stamps. If you would like a personalized card contact me at 828-736-2839. Thank you, Sharon Chilson.

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 | Alex Flugel | Evelyn Reddish |
| Sarah Atkins | Mark Flugel | Edgar Rickard |
| Leon Atkinson | Warren Graves | Tori Rinehart |
| Rocky Austin | Jane Grim | Connie Roberts |
| Bill Baker | David Harper | Joanne Rymer |
| Lois Barton | Vera Jones | 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 | Wortman Family |
| Heidi Clevenger | Barbara O’Connor | |
| Greg & Pat Crews | Michelle O’Connor | |
| David De Paolis | Mackenzie Orth | |



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES –

Sunday, February 23rd between services.

Membership forms will be available at the photo booth in the Music Suite to update your information. **Active visitors are welcome!** Come get your picture taken!