



# 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 19, 2025**

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Nancy Humes

BMW PLEDGE

Nancy Humes

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Nancy Osgood

PRELUDE & ACOLYTE

Isla DiMartino (8:30)

Sullivan Hervochon (11:00)

*My Song, Is Love Unknown*

Mark Rippe

Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

Harriet Edwards (8:30)

Kathy Stutesman (11:00)

**Bind us together, O holy God, as sisters and brothers in You. Let us see one another with your eyes, and respond with your very heart. Bind us together with you, O holy God, that we would worship and praise you with one heart, one faith, one hope. AMEN.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH No. 369

Words by Fanny J. Crosby

Music by Phoebe P. Knapp

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED Janet LaMartina (8:30)

Nancy Osgood (11:00)

**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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Donna Kozlowski (8:30)

Sharral Ruth (11:00)

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.**

PRESENTATION OF SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

Nancy Humes

DEDICATION OF PRAYER SHAWLS Pastor Scarlett Hester & JoAnn Davies

OFFERTORY

*Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier*

Johann Rudolph Ahle

(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here)

1664

Michael Cole, organist

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMN No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dian Ciba (8:30)

Barbara McCann (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Women's Choir

Keeley DiMartino, director

SCRIPTURE

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Mark 3:31-35

Pew Bible Pages 1040 and 1560

Sally Mattingly (8:30)

Joyce Atwood (11:00)

MESSAGE

Pastor Scarlett Hester & Keeley DiMartino

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH No. 399

Words by Frances R. Havergal

\*BENEDICTION

Kathy Griebel (8:30)

Debbie Kaulig (11:00)

POSTLUDE

*A Mighty Fortress*

arr. Michael Cole

\*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

**General Budget** – Plate offering goal each week \$11,546.

January 12<sup>th</sup> offering – TOTAL - \$20,679.

**Attendance** - January 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 74; 11:00 AM – 132 – TOTAL 206

Adult SS – 12; Nursery - 1

January 5<sup>th</sup> on-line reviews: 11

**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, January 19: Worship & BMW Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)  
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 Pastor's Report on 7 Churches of the Revelation Trip  
 2:00 PM (Sanctuary)  
 Kids Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
- Monday, January 20: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)  
 Wesley Ringers 11:00 AM (Music Suite)  
 Trustees Meeting 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, January 21: Disciple I 10:00 AM (Christian Ed. Office)  
 BUMC Staff Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Disciple IV 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, January 22: Anna Circle 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Disciple III 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)  
 Alzheimer's & Dementia Caregiver 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)  
 Missions 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Youth Fellowship 5-6 PM (Music Suite)  
 Chancel Choir 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, January 23: Busy Bees 9:00 AM  
 Stephen Ministry Training 2:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)  
 Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Friday, January 24: Disciple II 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
- Sunday, January 26: Worship & BMW 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)  
 Kids Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)



- 01/19 – Peggy Chandler  
 01/20 – Natalie Giles  
 01/20 – Jackie Ulmer  
 01/25 – Vicki Westervelt  
 01/25 – Brenda Armstrong
- 01/24 – Carolyn & Marty Smith

**Second Sunday Blessing Cards** – Watch for our new **Blessing Cards** mission. Homemade cards made to raise money to benefit The Fisher House for veterans. Treat your family, friends and business associates with a custom card for their birthday, anniversary, Valentine's day or any special occasion. **We can make custom cards for you advance notice.** The Blessings Card rack will be filled with beautiful cards on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays. The \$2.00 donation is done by the honor system and there is no way to make changes. Please bring your dollar bills. If you have questions, please call, text or email Sharon Chilson (828) 736-2839 [sharonkchilson@outlook.com](mailto:sharonkchilson@outlook.com).



**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](mailto: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.



The BMW will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon on **February 9<sup>th</sup> after the second service.** The soups will be cream of broccoli soup, beef vegetable soup, vegetarian soup, hot dogs, potato chips and desserts. Please enjoy fellowship and food with one another. Containers of soup will be on sale after the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. **Donated cans of soup will be very much appreciated and will go to Bluffton Self Help.**



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 Wednesday, January 15, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, for 13 weeks.** It is a Christ-based program. Each class focuses on identifying the different aspects of grief and how to cope with them. Learn strategies, suggestions and awareness of triggers that occurred. 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  
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**PRAYER CONCERNS. Call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names.**

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|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Rebecca Adler & Family   | Richard Falon      | Evelyn Reddish    |
| Daniel Alba              | Donna & Kari Fiero | Edgar Rickard     |
| Helen Anderson           | Warren Graves      | Tori Rinehart     |
| Mark Anderson            | Jane Grim          | Connie Roberts    |
| Sarah Atkins             | David Harper       | Joanne Rymer      |
| Rocky Austin             | Meredith Inglis    | Drinda Sipprell   |
| Bill Baker               | Vera Jones         | Linda Allen Smith |
| Lois Barton              | Barbara Klekner    | Jeanne VanBuskirk |
| Rita Bobko               | Paul Laughlin      | Steve VanHorn     |
| Bonnie Borgelt           | Nick Maxim         | Judy Walden       |
| Bob & Jenny Brannen      | Judy McDonald      | Joe Walter        |
| Jason Brown              | Doug McGill        | Rick Wortman      |
| Paul Bucklin             | Marilyn Moore      |                   |
| Lynn Cleveland           | Barbara O'Connor   |                   |
| Pat Cleveland            | Michelle O'Connor  |                   |
| Heidi Clevenger          | Mackenzie Orth     |                   |
| Greg & Pat Crews         | Michael Patterson  |                   |
| David De Paolis          | Megan Phelps       |                   |
| Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | April Pinderski    |                   |

