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Melissa Allen	Mike Kovacs	Tommy Rawl
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Leslie Brannen	Jim Matta	Jim Snow
Lou Cavanaugh	Judy McDonald	Ed Stanley
Peggy Chandler	Mark McGilton	Mrs. Sylvestri
Roy Cheatham	Sylvia Miller	Joe Sylvestri
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Annette Conrad	Kyle Nance	Jackie Tuohig
Ken Emch	Robert Newhart, Sr.	Jeanne VanBuskirk
Donna Fiero	Dean Norris	Angie van Zuylen
Karl Fiero	Chris Obras	Judy Walden
Cassie Flugel	Les Parry	Linda Walker
David Hoffman	Cindy & Jim Patton	
Heather Houtz & family	Megan Phelps	

Please call the church office 843.757.3351 **to remove or add** people on our Prayer List.

**Ministry of Encouragement** – Let us remember with visits, cards and prayers...  
**Lou Cavanaugh**, Indigo Pines, 110 Gardner Dr., Apt 201, Hilton Head 29926

**Electronic Prayer Ministry** – BUMC has an electronic prayer ministry team consisting of 40+ members available 24/7 to immediately lift intercessory prayers for a specific person or situation. If you or a friend need prayers contact Jennie Smith by text at 843.816.0125 or email [jensmith3731@gmail.com](mailto:jensmith3731@gmail.com). Or text Paula Johnson at 843.683.3865 or email her [pbkremers7@gmail.com](mailto:pbkremers7@gmail.com). The request will be sent via email to all members of the team and prayers will flow.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Transcripts of the sermon are available; please contact Pastor Scarlett to receive a copy. Email: [pastor@blufftonumc.org](mailto:pastor@blufftonumc.org)



**Bluffton United Methodist Church – 1853-2021 – 168 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.”*

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Organist: Beth Corry; email – [corrymusic@yahoo.com](mailto:corrymusic@yahoo.com)

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# BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Scarlett Hester, Pastor  
Laurel Phipps, Director of Christian Education  
Keeley DiMartino, Directory of Music Ministry  
Beth Corry, Organist  
May 2, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Color: White

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** (The sound of the chimes announces the beginning of worship. During the Candle Lighting and Prelude, please keep silence to prepare for worship of God.)

**PRELUDE**      *Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky (Laurel)*      Dale Wood, composer

## CANDLELIGHTING

**INVOCATION** – Bring us now into your vineyard, Lord. Prune us and tend us, that we may bear good fruit. We offer you all that we are; press us into the wine of the new covenant, that the cup of the new kingdom may be filled to overflowing. In the name of Christ, in whom we abide, Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**      UMH 881

**PASTORAL PRAYER**      Rev. Scarlett Hester

**OFFERTORY**      *As the Deer*      Martha Nystrom, words & music  
Annabel Court, Judy Hardie,      Lloyd Larson, arr.  
Paula Johnson, Becky Manley, Venus Mendoza  
Joan Morris, Lourri Norris, Nancy Osgood  
Keeley DiMartino, director  
Beth Corry, accompanist

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**      Laurel Phipps

**SCRIPTURE**      **John 15:1-8**      Keeley DiMartino (8:30)  
Bob Batelli (11:00)

**SERMON**      Rev. Scarlett Hester

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

*Confession/Assurance of Pardon*

**Merciful God,**  
**We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have failed to be an obedient church.**  
**We have not done your will,**  
**we have broken your law,**  
**we have rebelled against your love,**  
**we have not loved our neighbors,**  
**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**  
**Forgive us, we pray.**  
**Free us for joyful obedience,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

---Silent Prayer---

**Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,

always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son...

...and we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your holy spirit...

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,

now and for ever.

**Amen.**

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray...

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION (as congregation walks outside)

#### Giving of Bread and Cup

*We will exit and make a socially distanced semicircle in front of the church. **Please exit in silence.** We will receive the bread and the cup and additional instructions there. Those joining us online are invited to pray for those who are receiving now and for those who will be receiving in days to come.*

### BENEDICTION

Rev. Scarlett Hester

### POSTLUDE

***A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing***  
*(Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*

Paul Manz, arr.

### FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by **Sarah & Ed Sweers**  
**in honor and celebration of their May 18<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!**

#### Birthdays

**05/03** – Jen Smith

**05/04** – Robin Boylston, Catherine Herzog

*Ellie Matta, Les Parry, Jody Snow*

**05/05** – Cindy Bex

**05/06** – Cherie Reich, Jeff Walters

**05/07** – Terry Hannock

**05/08** – Benjamin Atkins (teen)

#### Anniversaries

**05/02** – Amy & Richard Inglis

**05/04** – Martha & Bob DeMare

A/V operators: John Kenyon (8:30), Wayne Hester (11:00)

General Budget – Plate Offering Goal each week \$10,300:

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – Offering: \$11,832.85**

Attendance - 8:30: **66**; 11:00: **111**; Total: **177**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** – May is a beautiful time of the year in the low country – not too hot, not too cold, dry air and clear blue skies. Let us be thankful for what God has given us. But not all of us are able to enjoy this wonderful time – some have issues that obscure the beauty that surrounds us.



If you, or someone you know, feels there is the need of a well-trained person to help you resolve an issue please contact a Stephen Minister leader: Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852; Larry Stocker, 949.838.6187 or call Pastor Scarlett, 843.907.5389.



**We now offer “online” giving.** We have partnered with Vanco in an effort to facilitate opportunities for another way to receive your donations. If you are interested, please go to our website at: [www.blufftonumc.org](http://www.blufftonumc.org) to participate in this safe, secure & easy way

to give to the church. If you have any questions, please call Bob Batelli, Finance chair at 1.845.551.0227 or Pat in the church office, 843.757.3351. (Bob wrote an article in the March newsletter concerning this topic.)

**Scheduled Meetings**

Sunday 05/02	8:30 & 11 AM	Inside Worship Services w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 05/02	9:45 AM	Outside Worship Service w/Communion	in Front of Annex
Monday 05/03	9:00 AM	Prayer meeting	via Zoom
Monday 05/03	1:00 PM	Wesley Ringers	Music Suite
Tuesday 05/04	10:30 AM	Stephen Ministers meeting	Conf Rm #1
Tuesday 05/04	1:00 PM	Staff meeting	Conf Rm #2
Wednesday 05/05	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 05/06	9 – 12:00 PM	Busy Bees (maintenance)	Outside
Thursday 05/06	4 - 6:00 PM	Youth “free-time”	Annex
Thursday 05/06	6 – 7:30 PM	Grandparenting Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 05/09	8:30 & 11 AM	Inside Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday 05/09	5:30 PM	Youth Group	Annex

**MIRACLE JARS** – The *April Miracle Jars* for *Habitat for Humanity* amounted to **\$371.17**. Thank you for your generous support!



August jars will be for *The Boys & Girls Club of the Lowcountry*. This is a safe and fun place for children to interact with friends, classmates and staff while they enjoy a wide variety of educational, recreational, cultural and social activities. The Club's programs focus on five core areas: Character & Leadership Development, Education & Career Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts & Sports, Fitness & Recreation. They provide the support and programs that put all members on track to academic success, to demonstrate good character and citizenship, and to live a healthy lifestyle.

**Please make checks payable to BUMC, with “Miracle Jar” on the memo line.**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME NEXT SUNDAY!** Next week is Mother’s Day. We will buy flowers, call

the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother’s Day with their mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and volunteers who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church’s ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church’s ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org).

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**OUTSIDE WORSHIP** – Today, *May 2<sup>nd</sup>*, we will have an outside worship service with communion at 9:45 AM. We will meet outside on Boundary Street in front of the Annex. Please remember to bring your own chair and bug spray.

**NURSERY** – The Nursery is now open and will be available for 8:30 and 11:00 services.