

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Scarlett Hester

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Bruce Gale, Guest Organist

(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 & Candle Lighting

Veni, veni, Emmanuel
(O Come, O Come, Emmanuel)
May River Brass Quintet

Aaron Weitekamp, arr.

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

(8:30) Staff
(11:00) The Reichert Family

Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,
A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.

We know deep within that our hopes and fears

Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.

It is Advent -

Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.

Advent -

Time to go home.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. *Jeremiah 29:11*

It is time to come home to the one who gives us hope.

RESPONSE UMH No. 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (verse 1)*

INVOCATION

Welcoming God, our hearts search for something to give us peace, something or someone to tell us we are wanted, that we belong. Wrap us in the warm promise of heaven, even now on earth, that we may have hope. Amen.

*HYMN UMH No. 229

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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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 No. 70

Glory be to the Father

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

Albert Malotte

Our Father, who 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

Maria durch ein Dornwald ging
(Blest Mary Walks Amid the Thorn)
May River Brass Quintet

Todd Marchand, arr.

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Laurel Phipps

Children are invited to leave after the Children's Moment for “Kids Church” or the nursery. Parents may pick up their kids at the end of service.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Janet LaMartina (8:30)

Pew Bible page 1234

Sharleen Bennett (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
May River Brass Quintet with Bruce Gale, organ

Gustav Holst, composer
Robert S. Wallace, II, arr.

SERMON

“Coming Home to Hope”

Rev. Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 218

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Machet dir Tore weit
May River Brass Quintet

A. Hammerschmidt, composer
Hans Zellner, arr.

FLOWERS – The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jenny & Mark Flugel in memory of their parents.

Birthdays

11/29 – Connie Budge, Dian Litster,
Sandy Reichert

11/30 – Dyane De Paolis

12/02 – Diane Clary, Karen Mandalas

12/03 – Mark Flugel, Steve Urbanski, Jr.

12/05 – Jim Babb, Denise Gildner, John White

12/06 – Leon Atkinson, Jr. Erich Schmid
Hank Shaw, Tom Wooster

Anniversaries

11/29 – Dian & Al Litster

12/03 – Jeanne & Brent VanBuskirk

12/03 – Sandy & Tom Wooster

12/05 – Nina & Danny Jett

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

Nov 21st Offering: \$10,352.70. – Atten: - 8:30: 59; 11:00: 112; Adult SS: 5; Children’s SS: 12; Total: 188

We offer “online” giving. Please go to our website at: www.blufftonumc.org to participate.

PRAYER CONCERNS - Please call the church office 843.757.3351 to add or remove names.

Barbara Allen	Natalie Giles	Megan Phelps
Lois Barton	Linda Hall	April Pinderski
Bill Braden	David Hoffman	Linda Allen Smith
Leslie Brannen	Vera Jones	Ed Stanley
Jason Brown	Paul Laughlin	Jackie Tuohig
Jeff Corry	Judy McDonald	Jeanne VanBuskirk
David De Paolis	Everett Miller	Angie van Zuylen
Larry Duncan	Robert Newhart, Sr.	Judy Walden
Donna & Karl Fiero	Mackenzie Orth	Joe Walter
Sam Gamble	Les Parry	

- **QUILT GROUP** – All quilters and sewists are invited to an organizational meeting of a quilt group on December 9th at 10:00 AM. We will be creating a group project for a special presentation.
- **MIRACLE JARS** - For the month of **November** the mission jars are going to support veterans in need. The money will be donated to the **Ralph Johnson VA medical center** in Charleston, with the affiliate of the Beaufort Naval Hospital. (See the November newsletter for more info.) **Please make checks payable to BUMC, with “Miracle Jar on the memo line.**
- **STEPHEN MINISTRY** – If you, or someone you know, is dealing with a difficult situation and would benefit from the assistance of a Stephen Minister leader: Contact Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852; or call Pastor Scarlett, 843.907.5389.
- **TOYS FOR TOTS** Please help us fill the box in the narthex with **new unwrapped toys**. Last day to bring toys will be **Dec. 5th**. Thank you!
- **LIVE NATIVITY** – Dec. 19th at 3:00 PM, outside. We will tell the Christmas story and sing carols. All are welcome to sign up for a part in the program. The signup sheet will be in the narthex. You may also contact Laurel, education@blufftonumc.org.
- **HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL ANGEL TREE:** Children are identified by number on the back of the angel instead of name. The info has gender, grade and sizes. Posted is an idea list for gifts. Please put the angel number, or attach the angel, on the wrapped gifts. We ask that you get **at least 3 items**, but may get as many as you wish. They are due back by Sunday **Dec 12**.



WAYS TO “STAY CONNECTED” Join us for worship service on Sunday in-person at 8:30 & 11:00 AM and online at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/>



Join us on Facebook during the week for inspirational posts and Pastor Scarlett will be live each Wednesday at 10:00 AM – <https://www.facebook.com/BlufftonUMC>



BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 1853-2021, 168 years

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve – A “Stephen Ministry” Church

November 28, 2021 – 1st Sunday of Advent – Color: Purple

Rev. Scarlett Hester, Pastor; 1.843.907.5389; pastor@blufftonumc.org

Laurel Phipps, Director of Christian Education; education@blufftonumc.org

Keeley DiMartino, Director of Music Ministry; musicministry@blufftonumc.org

Beth Corry, Organist/Pianist/Accompanist; corrymusic@yahoo.com

Scheduled Meetings

Sunday 11/28	8:30 & 11:00 AM	Worship Services	Sanctuary
Sunday 11/28	9:45 AM	Children’s Sunday School	Ed. Wing
Sunday 11/28	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School	Conf Rm #1
Sunday 11/28	9:45 AM	Men’s Bible Study	Conf Rm #2
Sunday 11/28	5:00 PM	Youth Praise Club (6-12 th)	Sanctuary/Music Suite
Monday 11/29	9:00 AM	Prayer meeting	ZOOM
Monday 11/29	11:00 AM	Handbell rehearsal	Music Suite
Monday 11/29	6:45 PM	Hannah Ulmer Circle	TBD
Tuesday 11/30	11:00 AM	Staff meeting	Conf Rm #2
Tuesday 11/30	6:00 PM	Trustees (BSA)	Sanctuary
Wednesday 12/01	12 PM	Advent Book Club w BYO lunch	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 12/01	6-8:00 PM	Cantata dress rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 12/02	9-12 PM	Busy Bees	Outside/inside
Thursday 12/02	5:30 PM	Disciple Fast Track	Fellowship Hall
Saturday 12/04	9:00 AM	BUMMs Breakfast & meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 12/05	7:45 AM	Choir rehearsal for Cantata	Music Suite
Sunday 12/05	8:30 & 11:00 AM	Cantata & Worship Services	Sanctuary
Sunday 12/05	9:45 AM	Outside Worship	Boundary St.
Sunday 12/05	9:45 AM	Children’s Sunday School	Ed. Wing
Sunday 12/05	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School	Conf Rm #1
Sunday 12/05	9:45 AM	Men’s Bible Study	Conf Rm #2
Sunday 12/05	5:00 PM	Kids & Youth Praise Club (K-12 th)	Sanctuary/Music Suite

Office hours Mon – Thurs 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Mailing address: Bluffton UMC, PO Box 368, Bluffton SC 29910 – Tel: 843.757.3351

NURSERY CARE IS PROVIDED 8:15 AM – 12:30 PM EVERY SUNDAY

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE in the narthex.

Hymn leader: Keeley DiMartino

A/V Operators: Christina Bryant, Jerry LeSage (8:30); Wayne Hester, Russ Rymer (11:00)