

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

Daniel Alba	Diane Gillotti	Megan Phelps
Barbara Allen	Nancy Guerry	Erich & Marilyn Schmid
Ken Barden	Joanna Hill	Tom Shelley
Lois Barton	David Hoffman	Bill Smith
Rita Bobko	Roger Jeremiah	Linda Allen Smith
Jason Brown	Vera Jones	Ed Stanley
Krystal Buck	Pat Kirkland	Jackie Tuohig
Paul Bucklin	Paul Laughlin	Jeanne VanBuskirk
Carol Cleland	Judy McDonald	Steve VanHorn
Laura Crim	Chip Mikell	Judy Walden
David De Paolis	Delores Miller	Joe Walter
Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Mackenzie Orth	Rick Wortman
Donna & Karl Fiero	Les Parry	

MIRACLE JARS – The **September Miracle Jar** for *Libraries for Kids International* amounted to **\$3,456**. Thank you for your generosity.

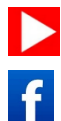
Because October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, the **MIRACLE JAR** donations will go to our church's **PILLOW AND PILLOWCASE PROJECT**. This ministry was started in 2004 and provides dozens of new pillows and handmade pillowcases to the women and children entering the Hopeful Horizons Shelter every year. **Checks** may be written to **BUMC** with “**miracle jar**” on the memo line. If you sew and would like to **ASSIST WITH THIS MINISTRY**, pillowcase kits will be available in the Fellowship Hall during the months of October and November. Thank you!

STEPHEN MINISTRY – BUMC’s Stephen Ministry program will soon be recruiting additional Stephen Ministers with plans to begin a training class in the winter of 2023. Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They share Christ's love - listening and comforting, calling on the training they've received to help others find the strength and courage to work through whatever challenge they're facing. If the Holy Spirit is urging you to find out more about this rewarding caregiving ministry, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Mary Ellen Parks 843.368.1852 or Bill Stutesman 214.435.0243.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Do you have an hour weekly on Thursdays? Bulletin Folding Fun will happen on Thursdays at 1:00 PM in conference room #2. One hour will make a big impact. Hope to see you **Thursday, October 6th at 1:00 PM**.



General Budget – Plate Offering Goal each week \$10,300: **Sept 25th – Offering – \$6,813.**
 Atten: 8:30 – **78**; 11:00 - **152**; Adult SS: **10**; Kids Church: **11**; Nursery: **1**; Total: **252**



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 <https://www.facebook.com/BlufftonUMC>



BLUFFTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 1853-2022, 169 years

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

“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.”

October 2, 2022 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost—World Communion – Color Green

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 10/02	8:30 & 11:00 AM	Worship Services w/Communion	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/02	9:45 AM	Outdoor Worship w/Communion	Annex
Sunday 10/02	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School/Dare to Dream Study	Conf Rm 1
Sunday 10/02	2:00 PM	Evolution Big Band Concert	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/02	4:30 PM	Kids Praise Club – K-5 th grade	Music Suite
Sunday 10/02	5:30 PM	Youth Praise Club – 6 th – 8 th grade	Music Suite
Sunday 10/02	5:30 PM	Youth Group – 9 th – 12 th grade	Annex
Monday 10/03	9:00 AM	Prayer meeting	Zoom
Monday 10/03	11:00 AM	Bell Choir rehearsal	Music Suite
Monday 10/03	12:30 PM	Dare to Dream Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Monday 10/03	6:30 PM	Trustee meeting	Conf Rm 1
Tuesday 10/04	11:00 AM	Staff meeting	Conf Rm 2
Tuesday 10/04	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Stephen Ministers meeting	Conf Rm 1
Wednesday 10/05	1:30 PM	GriefShare	Music Suite
Wednesday 10/05	6:30 PM	Choir rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday 10/06	9 AM -12 PM	Busy Bees	Outside/inside
Thursday 10/06	10:00 AM	Disciple 1 Bible study	Conf Rm 2
Thursday 10/06	5:00 PM	Disciple 2 Bible study	Conf Rm 2
Saturday 10/08	9:00 AM	BUMMs Breakfast meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 10/09	8:30 & 11:00 AM	Worship Services	Sanctuary
Sunday 10/09	9:45 AM	Adult Sunday School/Dare to Dream Study	Conf Rm 1
Sunday 10/09	4:30 PM	Kids Praise Club – K-5 th grade	Music Suite
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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 and LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex.

A/V Operator: Brian Osgood

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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 & Candle Lighting *Amazing Grace* Patricia Sanders Cota, arr.
Handbell Ringers: Ann Ansel, Rosemary Bishop, Lolly Copeland, Nancy Graham, Robyn Kiser
Handbell Director and Ringer: Nancy Osgood

INVOCATION

Creator God, source of life now and into eternity, in our worship, open our hearts to know your purpose for our lives. Help us to honor you, bless others and experience joy as we live and worship. Amen.

*HYMN UMH No. 620 *One Bread, One Body*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH/THE APOSTLES' CREED – UMH 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 No. 70 *Glory be to the Father* MEINEKE

OFFERTORY *Simple Gifts* Patricia Sanders Cota, arr.
Handbell Ringers

*DOXOLOGY No. 95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Keeley DiMartino
Children will remain in worship to receive communion with their families.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 28:10-17 Dian Gamble (8:30)
Pew Bible page 43 Sara Jenkins (11:00)
Greg Stutesman, Jacob (8:30)
Al Litster, Jacob (11:00)

SERMON

Rev. Scarlett Hester

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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INVITATION

CONFESSION AND 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.

Hear the good news...

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS No. 2257 Dave Atwood, guitar; Beth Corry, piano

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken) UMH No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* (verse 1 & 3)
(The Altar is open for a time of prayer.)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Christ for the World We Sing!* Lani Smith, arr.
(Italian Hymn)
Beth Corry, organist

*Please stand as able.

FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Debbie Nelson in memory of her parents and honor of her sisters, Sandy & Denise.**

Birthdays

Anniversaries

10/04 – Paula Johnson

10/07 – Sharon & Gary McDonald

10/05 – Barbara White

10/09 – Paula & Dave Brown

10/07 – Bob Newmarker

10/09 – Becky & Chris McCorkendale

10/10 – Tommy Rhodes, Tricia Westmoreland

GriefShare is every Wednesday at 1:30 PM in our church conference room 2.

This support group provides help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, family member, or friend.

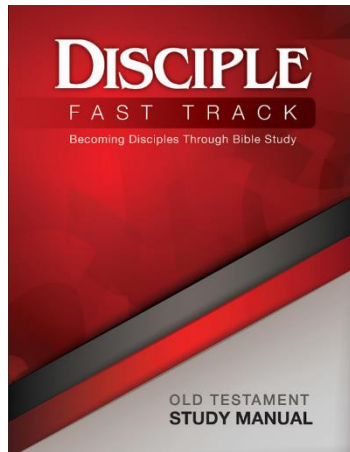
The class is thirteen weeks, ending on Dec. 14, 2022. Registration is \$20. Please see Mary Ellen Parks, 843.368.1852 or Bill Stutesman, 214.435.0243 to register or for more information.



Evolution Big Band at BUMC Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00 PM



Evolution Big Band is Bluffton's hometown All-Star Big Band, playing jazz standards with a contemporary flare. The band features 17 of the top jazz musicians in the Lowcountry. Join us for a free concert Oct 2nd, 2:00 PM. A freewill offering will be collected to support area non-profit organizations. The featured vocalist will be John Dobson. You won't want to miss this!



Disciple Class starting on 10/6: 10-11:30 AM

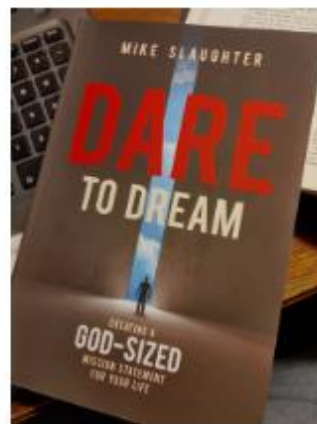
Disciple 1 Fast Track, best-selling Disciple Bible Study, provides a viable option for busy people seeking comprehensive engagement over time with the entire biblical text. Fast Track groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament.

To sign up for the Bible Study please email education@blufftonumc.org

Books are available at the church for purchase for \$17.

What is God calling you to do or be? What dream has God given you? Let's think about this together. Starting in October, our church will explore *Dare to Dream*, a study by Rev. Michael Slaughter. Take a look at the September newsletter to hear more about the journey.

We will start the Book Study: Mondays starting 9/26-11/14 with a 12:30 PM Brown Bag Lunch (bring your own)
Sunday School will participate starting 10/2-11/20 at 9:45 AM



AUDIO-VISUAL ---team---

The AV team needs your help!

Our "normal" AV capability and operations ceased back in 2020 when COVID abruptly changed our lives. In person worship was suspended. A BUMC on-line presence was suddenly in its infancy. Many of you still participate in worship using this media which is now greatly enhanced and improved since those early days. Since then, we have been rebuilding and improving our systems. The equipment is installed and is now ready to support our new "normal". However, we are now missing one important ingredient -- people. In order for this ministry to continue, we need new volunteers. If you can push a button and read the bulletin, you are probably qualified. We need volunteers for both services. Our goal is to schedule operators for one or two Sundays per month. Operator training is being provided. Please contact John Kenyon, 843.705.7392 or Brian Osgood, 757.560.1131.

TIME TO ORDER YOUR PECANS



- Forms available in the pews
- Forms also available at our Pecan Stations in the narthex & in Fellowship Hall
- Place your completed order form with remittance in the envelope provided at the Pecan Station and place the envelope in the container

The BUMM'S are going NUTS for the 23rd year!

The Bluffton United Methodist Men's club, affectionately called the BUMM'S, sell pecans each year with proceeds benefiting local Charities & the 'Jim Snow Scholarship Fund' which is awarded to deserving BUMC Youth(s) each year.

The PECANS are fresh from this year's crop & grown in the old south. They are perfect for your holiday needs and make great gifts for you friends, family, and employees.

These delicious nuts are processed and packaged by the family owned, 80+ year-old Golden Kernel Pecan Company in SC.

They come in various flavors and are completely shelled and packaged in individual containers.

This year for the first time we are also offering pecan pies.

Forms are available in the pews and at our pecan stations located in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Place your orders in the containers located at our Pecan Stations.

Save the Date: Sunday, October 30 at 4:30 PM

Join us outside for a fun filled evening, rain or shine!

All are welcome to attend!

Harvest Festival



The BUMMS will be serving Hot Dogs while the children get to have a safe place to trick or treat.

Bring your vehicle decorated and candy to share with the children.

Register your car by emailing Laurel at education@blufftonumc.org

We will need volunteers to help set up and clean up.



Advent is a season of waiting and preparing. This year to support us in our wait, we would like to create a daily devotional series for our church. These daily devotions will be centered on a scripture reading and include a personal reflection, message, mediation, etc. for the day. It will look and feel similar to the devotionals you may use, such as the Upper Room, but will be written by our congregation. We will provide you with instructions, a sample, scriptures for the day, and even a drop-in workshop if you have questions (October 12, 2022 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM). If you would like to sign up and participate in writing a devotional, please email Mikey Hervochoch, mdhervochoch@gmail.com or Pastor Scarlett pastor@blufftonumc.org

Submissions will be due November 6th!