

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, March 19: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Kid's Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Praise Club 5:30 PM (Music Suite)
Youth Group 6:00 PM (Annex)
- Monday, March 20: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (via Zoom)
Wesley Ringers Rehearsal 10:30 AM (Music Suite)
- Tuesday, March 21: BUMC Staff Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Back Pack Buddies Food Delivery 12:00-2:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
Historical Meeting 2:00 PM (Annex)
Stephen Ministers 5:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
SPPRC Meeting 7:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Wednesday, March 22: Back Pack Buddies Food Packing 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Anna Circle 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
Grief Share 1:30-3:30 PM (Music Suite)
Chancel Choir Practice 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, March 23: Busy Bees 9 AM – 1 PM
Disciple 1 - 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
Open Prayer 1:00-2:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Disciple 2 - 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Sunday, March 26: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Kid's Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
Acolyte Training & Refresher Class 4:30 PM during kid's praise club
Youth Praise Club & Wesley Ringers 5:00 PM (Sanctuary)
Youth Group 6:00 PM (Annex)

PRAYER CONCERNS. Please call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names.

Daniel Alba	Harry Dressler	Tori Rinehart
Lana Armstrong	Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Linda Allen Smith
Lois Barton	Donna & Karl Fiero	Michael Treichler & Treichler Family
Rita Bobko	David Hoffman	Cindy Troyer & mother, Charlene Rauhuff
Jason Brown	Vera Jones	Jackie Tuohig
Krystal Buck	Paul Laughlin	Jeanne VanBuskirk
Paul Bucklin	Judy McDonald	Steve VanHorn
Geri Burr & Family	Chip Mikell	Judy Walden
Carol Cleland	Mackenzie Orth	Joe Walter
Pat Crews	Stuart Osbrack	Rick Wortman
Laura Crim	Les Parry	
David De Paolis	Megan Phelps	

Bluffton United Methodist Church – 1853-2023, 170 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."



Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent, Purple

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.



Rev. Scarlett Hester, Pastor
Sally LeSage, Director of Christian Education
Keeley DiMartino, Director of Music Ministry
Beth Corry, Organist/Pianist
Laurie Palmer, Office Administrator
Joann Garner, Bookkeeper

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 – 2:30 PM

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During Lent, we will not have gathering music prior to the worship service. We hope this empty space will leave room for a time of reflection and conversation with God.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Scarlett Hester

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

I Have No Help But Thee (Langran) composer, James Langran

INVOCATION

Compassionate Father, who does not hold against us our faults, you have placed upon us your authority as messengers of your goodness. Show us where your message of forgiveness is needed, and give us the words and actions to offer that compassion in ways that your needy creation can receive, through Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice enables and demonstrates the length to which your forgiveness goes. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN:

To God Be the Glory

UMH No. 98

*PSALTAR

Psalm 23 (response 1)

UMH No. 754

*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 No. 70

Glory be to the Father

MEINEKE

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE 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

91st Psalm

by James MacDermid

Greg Stutesman, soloist
Beth Corry, accompanist

8:30 AM

Come, and Follow Me (Israeli Tradition)

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Chancel Choir

11:00 AM

Keeley DiMartino, director

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100th

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sally LeSage

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 32:1-7 and Matthew 18:21-22

Mary Ellen Parks (8:30)

Pew Bible Pages 867 and 1531

Lana Armstrong (11:00)

SERMON

I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins

Rev. Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

UMH No. 121

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Scarlett Hester

POSTLUDE

Savior, When in Dust to You
Beth Corry, organist

arr. Paul Manz

*Please stand if able

FLOWERS

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Grat & Welma Horn in memory of Behn Israel Gonzales



03/19 – Denise McPheeters

03/24 – Welma Horn

03/20 – Bill & Nancy Epps, Jr

03/20 – Jane Thornton

03/25 – John van Zuylen

03/24 – Bud & Shirley Mingledorff

03/21 – Elaine Blank

03/25 – Bonnie Bogart

03/22 – Joan Morris

03/26 – Jane LaFaber

03/22 – John Ivans

03/26 – Dianna Reynolds

03/24 – Steve VanHorn

General Budget – Plate Offering Goal each week \$10,300: March 12th Offering – **\$10,307**

Attendance: March 12th, 8:30 AM **52**; 11:00 AM **151**; Adult SS **7**; Kid's Church **2**; Total: **203**



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>

PILLOWCASE MINISTRY – On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, we delivered 42 new handmade pillowcases stuffed with a new pillow to a very grateful *Hopeful Horizons*. These beautiful handmade pillows are distributed to those seeking safety, shelter, and various services from domestic abuse. We pray these pillows will give comfort and joy to those adults and children as they deal with their complex issues. This ministry has been continuous since 2006 and the Bluffton United Methodist Church has donated more than 1440 pillows due to the generosity of all of you, who have donated funds, supplies, time, and their talents. We have received a letter of sincere thanks from Hopeful Horizons for our church's support with their vision of being the leader in the Lowcountry in ending child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Their strategic plan for this year is to reach out to the underserved groups in the Lowcountry. If you would like to support the pillowcase ministry or have any questions, please contact Connie Hoops at 843-816-0827. Monetary contributions should be made out to BUMC with Pillowcase Ministry on the memo line. Your continual support of Hopeful Horizons will assist this community agency in providing comfort to their clients, our neighbors.



WE ARE HIRING A NEW PART TIME ORGANIST/ ACCOMPANIST. This is a year-round, part-time position. For more information or to apply, please contact Kathy Stutesman at the SPPRC email sprc@blufftonumc.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2023 – We have a new “Flower Calendar” and you may sign up to donate flowers in honor of/or memory of your loved ones. Please email, blufftonumc@gmail.com or call the office, 843.757.3351 with the date you would like to reserve. A donation of \$50 to cover the cost of the is greatly appreciated. In appreciation of your donation, we welcome you to take one or both arrangements home.

MIRACLE JARS – donations in March will go to the **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE LOWCOUNTRY**, “a safe and fun place for children to enjoy various educational, cultural, recreational, and social activities.” We are continuing to collect for the **Boys & Girls Club** to take advantage of the opportunity to receive a **20% BONUS** on our contribution from The Heritage Classic Foundation. Checks may be made to BUMC with “miracle jar” on the memo line. Thank you!



PRAYER & MEDITATION – Open Sanctuary every Thursday during Lent. February 23 – April 6 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

WE CAN STILL USE ADDITIONAL SINGERS for our special Easter Choir. Join us every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Do you love the *Hallelujah Chorus*? Join us for Easter Choir and you can be a part of this exciting musical tradition!



Stephen Ministry got its name from the apostle Stephen. Stephen was chosen to create an outreach of the disciples, helping people who were ill, destitute, poor or suffering from many of life's misfortunes. Eventually he was killed for being outspoken about Jesus and was the first apostle to be martyred for his faith. He was thrown off a cliff and then stones were dropped on him until he died. The place where this occurred is believed to be Golgotha, the same place where Jesus was crucified! Stephen Ministers continue the outreach of Stephen. If you know of someone who could benefit from this program, contact any of the following:



Janet LaMartina (208) 409-0476
 Bill Stutesman (214) 435-0243
 Mary Ellen Parks (843)368-1852



FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

March 26 – Acolyte Training + Refresher Class – during Kids Praise at 4:30 p.m.
 April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
 April 21 – Adult Red-Carpet Event – PROM – 6 – 8:30 p.m. – Hollywood (Fellowship Hall)
 May 7 – Graduate Recognition Sunday

May – September -- Confirmation classes and FIELD TRIPS!
 NEW OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR Sally LeSage - blufftonumc.education@gmail.com

COMMITTEES – please remember to submit your nominations for Prom King and Queen a.s.a.p. We will have early voting for those who cannot attend our special Red-Carpet Hollywood Prom on April 21! Tickets will go on sale March 26 in the Fellowship Hall before and after worship services.



FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH is planned for April 2nd at the British Open Pub at 12:30 PM. The owner of the British Open Pub has been generous in allowing the use of the private room if we have a minimum of 12 persons. If this should NOT happen, the brunch location will be changed or cancelled. **Please let us know if you will be joining us by March 27th.** Contact Russ Rymer at russellrymer16@gmail.com or call (843) 298-6566.

TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY - The **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**ommittee **O**n **R**elief was formed so that United Methodists could help “alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable” whose lives have been impacted by natural or human-caused disasters. This ministry is possible through the generosity of United Methodists who gave almost **\$2.2 MILLION** in 2022. Let us remember UMCOR in prayer and be thankful for the opportunity this ministry gives us to help others in our country and throughout the world.