

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

- Sunday, September 17: 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, September 18: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
Handbell Rehearsal 10:30 AM (Music Suite)
Spiritual Gift Workshop 1:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
- Tuesday, September 19: BUMC Staff Meeting
Back Pack Buddies Food Delivery 12:00 PM (Fellowship Hall)
History Committee Meeting 2:00 PM (Annex)
Stephen Ministers 5:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)
- Wednesday, September 20: Back Pack Buddies 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall)
Disciple I 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
GriefShare Support Group 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 PM (Sanctuary)
Finance Meeting 7:00 PM
- Thursday, September 21: Busy Bees, 9:00 AM
Badge Brigade, time flexible (Narthex)
- Saturday, September 23: Walk for Water 8:00 AM – Wright Family Park
- Sunday, September 24: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
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PRAYER CONCERNS. Please call the church office (843) 757-3351 to add or remove names.

Daniel Alba	Andy De Paolis	Mackenzie Orth
Lana Armstrong	David De Paolis	Mary Ellen Parks
Rocky Austin	Elizabeth & Larry Duncan	Susan Parks
Lois Barton	Richard Falon	Megan Phelps
Rita Bobko	Donna & Kari Fiero	Tori Rinehart
Jenny Brannen	David Hoffman	Ruth Schneid
Bobby Brannen	Meredith Inglis	Linda Allen Smith
Jason Brown	Vera Jones	Sarah Sweers
Krystal Buck	Lloyd & Paula Lamb	Jackie Tuohig
Paul Bucklin	Paul Laughlin	Jeanne VanBuskirk
Carol Clelland	Bruce McConnell	Steve VanHorn
John & Diane Craig	Judy McDonald	Judy Walden
Pat Crews	Peter Minnaar	Joe Walter
Doug & Joanne Dahl	Barbara O'Connor	Rick Wortman
Sue Davies, Joanne Davies' niece-in-law	Michelle O'Connor	

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, September 17, 2023

Ordinary Time, 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.



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

Sally LeSage, Director of Christian Education; blufftonumc.education@gmail.com

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

Laurie Palmer, Office Administrator; blufftonumc@gmail.com

Joann Garner, Bookkeeper; financeatbumc@gmail.com

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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 & ACOLYTE

Lead, Kindly Light arr., E. L. Ashford
Beth Corry, guest organist

INVOCATION

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

John Chrysostom, 5th century, Greek

*OPENING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus TFWS 2129

*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

Glory be to the Father UMH No. 70

PASTORAL PRAYER/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

Praise and Thanksgiving (Gaelic Melody *Bunessan*)
Beth Corry, guest organist

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMN No. 95

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Keeley DiMartino

SPECIAL MUSIC

Just a Closer Walk with Thee arr., Richard Walters
Clayton DiMartino, soloist
Beth Corry, accompanist

SCRIPTURE

Micah 6:6-8 Janet LaMartina (8:30 AM)
Lana Armstrong (11:00 AM)

SERMON

Closer to God Ron Davies
and Rev. Scarlett Hester

*CLOSING HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord UMH No. 419

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on SALZBURG arr., Stephanie Honz
Beth Corry, guest organist

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Deb Nelson in memory of my parents and sisters.

General Budget – Plate Offering Goal each week \$11,200: September 10 rd Offering – \$8,308.
Attendance September 10 rd 8:30 AM 100 ; 11:00 AM 135 ; Adult SS 9 ; Children’s SS 10 ; Total: 235 ; September 3 rd on-line reviews: 71

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

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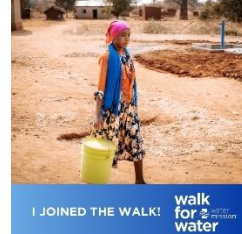
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To learn more, visit watermission.org.

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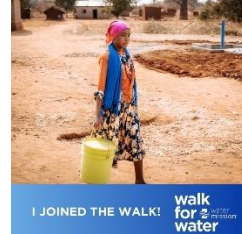
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