



Bluffton United Methodist Church

1853-2024, 171 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."

February 11, 2024 - white



Transfiguration SUNDAY

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.

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GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE & ACOLYTE

A Mighty Fortress arr. Michael Cole
Michael Cole, organist

INVOCATION

Holy God, upon the mountain you revealed our Messiah,
Who by his death and resurrection would fulfill both the law and the prophets
By his transfiguration, enlighten our path,
That we may dare to suffer with him in the service of humility
And so share in the everlasting glory of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted from UMH 259)

*OPENING HYMN *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* UMH No. 258

*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/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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS UMH No. 33

John & Vicki Westervelt 11:00 AM

OFFERTORY *Jesus Paid it All* John T. Grape

Michael Cole, organist

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lynn Newsom

SPECIAL MUSIC *Shine, Jesus, Shine* arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir
Dave Atwood, guitar

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:2-9
Pew Bible Page 1571
Sharra Ruth (8:30 AM)
Judy Hardie (11:00 AM)

SERMON Keeley DiMartino

*CLOSING HYMN *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* UMH No. 203

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
Michael Cole, organist

*Please stand if able.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by **Wayne & Scarlett Hester in gratitude for all of God's many blessings.**



02/14 – Hannah Downey No Anniversaries This Week
02/14 – Fred Rees
02/18 – Aubrey Himes
02/18 – Ron Davies

THIS WEEK AT BUMC!

Sunday, February 11: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
Souper Bowl of Caring 12:00 noon (FH)
 Kid's Praise Club 4:30 PM (Music Suite)
 Youth Group 5:30 PM (Parsonage)

Monday, February 12: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM (Zoom)
 Handbell Rehearsal 11:00 AM (Music Suite)

Tuesday, February 13: BMW Executive Meeting 10:00 AM (Annex)
 BUMC Staff Meeting 11:00 AM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Disciple III 4:00 PM (Conf. Rm. 2)
 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 PM (FH)

Wednesday, February 14: Disciple I Class 10:00 AM (Music Suite)
 Disciple II Class 11:30 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 Ash Wednesday Walk-in Prayer & Imposition of
 Ashes Noon-1:00 PM (Sanctuary)
 GriefShare 1:30 PM (Music Suite)
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM (Sanctuary)
 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 6:00 PM
 (Sanctuary)



Thursday, February 15: Busy Bees 9:00 AM
 Stephen Ministry 4:30 PM (Conf. Rm. 1)

Saturday, February 17: Spiritual Gifts Workshop 9:00 AM–Noon (Conf. Rm. 2)

Sunday, February 18: Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)
 Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM (Conf. Rm. 1)
 No Kid's or Youth Praise Club
 No Youth Group

General Budget – Plate offering goal each week \$11,837:
 February 4th offering – TOTAL - **\$14,230.**

Attendance February 4th - 8:30 AM – **79**; 11:00 AM – **129** – TOTAL **208**
 Adult SS – **10**; Children - 1
 January 28th on-line reviews - **11**

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED – Join us for worship service on Sundays in person
 or on-line at <https://www.youtube.com/c/BlufftonUnitedMethodistChurch/x>



Join us on Facebook during the week for inspirational posts
<https://www.facebook.com/BlufftonUMC>



MARDI GRAS/FAT TUESDAY/SHROVE TUESDAY
 Whatever you call it, it means PANCAKES!!!!

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5:30 – 7:30 PM
 NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED
 Donations above expenses will go towards THE ROOF!



or Bill Stutesman (214) 435-0243.

For those who have experienced heartache such as loss of a loved one, loss of a job, or worsening health issues, this time can be very difficult and lonely. You may not be as enthusiastic because you are still grieving. If you wish to confidentially talk with someone, contact one of our Stephen Leaders today. They are:

Janet LaMartina (208) 409-0476, Mary Ellen Parks (843) 368-1852



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2024 is now posted on the wall in the narthex. Reserve your flowers and indicate whether it's in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is \$50 for both arrangements.



A NOTE FROM YOUR TREASURER - Please continue to prayerfully consider donating to offset the replacement of our roofs on the Church and the Annex. As of February 4, 2024, we have received **41%** of the project costs. God bless you all for all that you do for God's Bride, the Church.



The BMW will be hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon **TODAY - February 11 after the second service.** The soups will be beef vegetable, vegan vegetable, and broccoli cheddar. There will also be hot dogs and dessert. Please enjoy fellowship and food with one another. If there are any leftovers, take-home containers will be available. **Donated cans of soup will be very much appreciated and will go the Soup Kitchen.**



Let's Go BANANAS!!

The BUMM's are selling Savannah Banana tickets! Game night is Thursday, July 18th at 7:00 PM at Grayson Stadium. Contact Ron Davies at rondavies218@gmail.com to reserve your ticket. Tickets are \$35/each and also includes your dinner with a soft drink. This is the most fun-filled entertainment you will experience in baseball (with dancing and audience participation!)



The **Miracle Jar** for February will be for **LIBRARIES FOR KIDS INTERNATIONAL** which was founded by **our own church member, Roy Austin.** Their mission is "to help schools with limited or no access to the internet, establish libraries for their students and enhance learning opportunities." They concentrate on establishing libraries in rural schools that do not have electricity. Thus far they have shipped **826,000** books which has placed libraries in **6,223** rural schools and has helped **1,500,000** children in Africa (plus their families and communities.) Checks may be made to the church with "Miracle Jar" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Neema na Amani (Grace and Peace)



GriefShare, a 13-week class for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, **started on January 31, 2024.** We will meet in the Music Suite at 1:30 PM each Wednesday. We hope you will consider joining our group. Register at www.griefshare.org.

Stephen Ministry has been busy helping people, either individually and in small groups who are looking for support. The problem is that we don't have enough Stephen Ministers to meet the needs of the community. **We are desperately seeking congregation members who would be willing to become Stephen Ministers.**

New candidates will be trained in the skills of listening, confidentiality, empathy, boundaries and reflecting God's love. The current team is ready and eager to begin the training that could change your life and the lives of those you touch. It would happen over a period of 3 to 4 months, and will accommodate your schedule. The training could happen in the evenings for those who work.

Please consider this amazing ministry by calling the church office, or Mary Ellen Parks (843-368-1852), Bill Stutesman (214-435-0243) or Janet LaMartina (208-409-0476).

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

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| Rebecca Adler & Family | Elizabeth & Larry Duncan | Michelle O'Connor |
| Daniel Alba | Richard Falon | Mackenzie Orth |
| Lana Armstrong | Donna & Kari Fiero | Megan Phelps |
| Rocky Austin | Jane Grim | Tori Rinehart |
| Lois Barton | David Harper | Linda Allen Smith |
| Malinda Blackshaw & Family | Mike & Kara Hurst | Al Tahan & Family |
| Rita Bobko | Meredith Inglis | Betty Thraikill |
| Jenny & Bobby Brannen | Vera Jones | Jackie Tuohig |
| Jason Brown | Lloyd & Paula Lamb | Brent & Jeanne VanBuskirk |
| Krystal Buck | Paul Laughlin | Steve VanHorn |
| Paul Bucklin | Judy McDonald | Judy Walden |
| Lynn Cleveland | Elizabeth Napolitano | Joe Walter |
| Pat Cleveland | Ed Neal | Rick Wortman |
| Pat Crews | Bob Newmarker | |
| David De Paolis | Barbara O'Connor | |