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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

200 BUNCOMBE STREET • GREENVILLE, SC 29601

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Welcome to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. You may find additional information at either of the Information Centers or on our website at www.bsumc.com. One center is in the office lobby by Sisk Hall, and the other center is in the main lobby just behind the Sanctuary. The centers are open before and after each of the worship services. Information about Sunday school is available at each center. If you would like to become a member of our church family, contact Stacy Phillips in the church office at 864-371-6084. We are happy to help you find your place here!

8:45AM & 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY) 8:45AM & 11:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP (SISK HALL) 10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Greeters

8:45 AM Nick McLane, Jann McLane, Dottie Pittman, Les Pritchard, Bobbie Pritchard, Andrew Bullock, Stephanie Burnett, Ryan Burnett, Sarah Hall, Karen Greene, Bo Greene, Vicki Wells
11:00 AM Ben Johnson, Luke Varn, Pam Powell, Scott Powell, Cassie Shaw, Murray Shaw

Ushers

8:45 AM Stewart Ellison, Dan Holcombe, Ken Troutman, Noland Meyers
11:00 AM Jim Barnes, Doug Kennemore, Paul Landers, Bubba Watts, Rick Myers, Miles Loretta

Offering Tellers

Jimmy Davis, Scott Davis, Jim Barnes

Offering Steward

8:45 AM Tom Peter
11:00 AM Kaye Reynolds

Crucifer

8:45 AM Isabella Hincapie
11:00 AM Russell Warren

Acolytes

8:45 AM Sophia Hincapie, Trey Sullivan
11:00 AM Annie Puckett, Clara Puckett

Children's Nursery

BSUMC's nursery, staffed by paid, trained, & caring employees, depends on church member volunteers to assist in each room during each of the services. Contact Gayle Quay (gayle.quay@bsumc.com, 864-371-6089).

ONLINE GIVING

Manage your *giving to God* through the church from the church website and the Online Giving tab (<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/login.aspx>).

HOSPITAL LIST

Sarah Ann Collins - Patewood Memorial Hospital
Jonathan Bennett, Sam Esteban - Greenville Memorial Hospital
Ambrose Easterby, Betty Meyers - St. Francis, Downtown

"Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them. . ." James 5:13-14

MARCH 4, 2018

Total Morning Attendance 1,037
Sunday School Attendance..... 800
Wednesday Evening Attendance..... 154



Consider using appreciated securities or real estate to make a special gift, or toward establishing an endowment fund. For more information about **BSUMC's Endowment Fund**, contact

Julia Sibley-Jones (864-720-1634; julia.sibley-jones@bsumc.com), or visit the church website.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Always do right; this will gratify some, and astonish the rest. (Mark Twain)

MIDWEEK DINNER — MARCH 14, 2018

Ham, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Broccoli Casserole, Yeast Rolls, & Cake. Servers: Revelation Class.

THIS WEEK AT BSUMC

Sunday, March 11, 2018

10:00 AM Confirmation Class (217)
10:00 AM Walk With Christ (Memorial Chapel)
10:00 AM Young Adults (District Office)
12:15 PM Singles/Singles Again Gathering (Groucho's)
5:15 PM Celebration Choir for K5-2nd Grades (Choir Room)
5:15 PM Confirmation Class (Sisk, 217)
5:15 PM Sprouts (Drake, Truluck, 210)

Monday, March 12, 2018

9:00 AM MOPS (Various)
10:00 AM Worship Staff (115)
12:00 PM Nominations and Leadership Development (102)
2:00 PM Seekers Class Committee Meeting (214)
4:00 PM Rushingbrook Children's Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 PM Ark Encounter Trip Meeting (Truluck)
6:00 PM Men's Basketball (Drake)
6:15 PM Rushingbrook Singers (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:30 AM CDC Pictures (Orders Parlor)
9:00 AM Nan Ivester Fellowship Group (100, 101)
9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
10:30 AM CDC Chapel (Memorial Chapel)
1:00 PM Prayer Leadership (115)
1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
5:00 PM Essential Christian Theology for Grown-Ups (301)
7:00 PM Young Adults Dinner (One Plaza)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

8:00 AM CDC Pictures (Parlor)
9:30 AM Archives Committee (Archives)
9:45 AM CDC 3K Music (Choir Room)
10:00 AM MOPS Exercise Group (Drake)
10:30 AM CDC 4K Music (Choir Room)
10:30 AM Crisis Ministry Appreciation (Order Parlor)
4:00 PM Psalms Bible Study (Truluck)
5:30 PM Carillon Choir (Handbell Room)
5:30 PM Circles (Sisk, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217)
6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir for 3rd-5th Grades (Choir)
6:00 PM Koinonia Courage, Failure, and New Hope (Memorial Chapel)
6:00 PM Scouts (301)
6:00 PM Troop 9 Daisies (Scout Hut)
6:15 PM K-2nd Grade (209)
6:15 PM Music and Movement for 3s/4s (LL09)
6:30 PM 2nd-5th Grade (211)
6:30 PM BSA Troop 9 (Scout Hut)
6:30 PM Quest Bible Study (114)
6:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, March 15, 2018

8:00 AM CDC Pictures (Orders Parlor)
9:30 AM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
10:00 AM Entrusted Study (215)
10:00 AM Living Love When We Disagree (217)
12:00 PM The Way Bible Study (217)
1:15 PM Well-Balanced for Seniors (Drake)
4:00 PM Rushingbrook Children's Choir (Choir Room)

Friday, March 16, 2018

Walk with Christ

2:00 PM CDC Pictures (Orders Parlor)
4:00 PM CDC Afterschool Music (Choir Room)
8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous (217)

Saturday, March 17, 2018

Walk with Christ

9:30 AM Messiah Orchestra/Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
4:00 PM Worship Set-Up (Sisk)

To learn more about future events planned at BSUMC, visit our website at www.bsumc.com and click on the calendar link.

Our **Lenten offering** will benefit BSUMC Missions and ZOE Ministries. Checks can be made out to Buncombe Street UMC, with "Lenten Offering" in the memo line. You can also give online by specifying "Lent Offering."

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mrs. Clara Agüero Esteban**.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

During the 8:45 AM traditional service, **Sadie Rollins McMeekin** will be baptized. She is the daughter of Whitney and Jon McMeekin. During the 11:00 AM traditional service, **Adelina Rose Elstun** will be baptized. She is the daughter of Jessica and Ahren Elstun.

NEW MEMBERS

During the 8:45 AM contemporary service we will welcome into church membership **Jessica Bamford, April & Steve Czarsty, Renee & Derek Dunlap, Savannah Henderson, Linda & Russell Holliday, Melissa & Donnie Smith, Melissa & Lynn Solesbee, Ben Solesbee, Anna Solesbee, and Craig Stratton**. During the 11:00 AM traditional service, we will welcome **Sandy & Steve Hamm, Kim & Mike Morris, Gail & Tom Sturtevant, and Julie & Andy Payne**.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Donations by **check** given through the church must be made out to Buncombe Street United Methodist Church. If you wish your donation to go to a specific ministry, i.e. ZOE Ministry, it can be sent directly to the ministry or make the check out to Buncombe Street UMC indicating on the memo line how you wish your donation to be directed. The bank will not honor a deposit to the church account that is made out to another agency.

Please stop by the **Prayer Quilt** in the Sanctuary lobby to tie a knot and offer a silent prayer for **Bob McCleskey**.

The **Nan Ivester Fellowship Group** will meet for a Lenten study on **Tuesday, March 13**, at 9:30 AM in Room 100. All women of the church are welcome.

Fitness classes will be offered based on interest beginning the week of **March 14**. Visit the church website (www.bsumc.info/fitness-classes) for details, or contact Ken Stribling (864-346-2698) for information and cost.

Basic Prayer Training will be offered in the Trinity Campus Fellowship Hall on **Friday, March 16**, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and on **Saturday, March 17**, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, with guest speaker Terry Cantrell from Riverstone Church. Visit the church website to register (www.bsumc.info/prayer-training).

If you like to travel, come join your church friends as we cross the big pond for a **trip to Germany and Austria!** The trip will be from **September 29 to October 14**. An informational meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 14**, at 5:30 PM in the Truluck Room. Call Larry Crane for more information (864-235-1013).

The **Upstate CROP Walk** will be held on **Sunday, March 18**, beginning at 2:30 PM at Greenville Tech's Barton Campus on Pleasantburg Drive. Visit the church website for all of the details (www.bsumc.info/crop-walk).

The rescheduled **Women's Ministry Spring Drop-In** will be on **Thursday, March 22**, at the Stone Lake Club House from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM (707 Chick Springs Road, 29609).

You are invited to participate in the **Family Landscape Day** at the Homes of Hope home (202 N. Leach Street) on **March 24** from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. We'll manage a little bit of work (sod, shrubs, and pine straw) and enjoy fun and fellowship. If you are interested, please email Ryan Burnett (ryancburnett@gmail.com).

On **Tuesday, March 27**, and **Tuesday, April 10**, meetings will be held for anyone who has an **interest in being involved in weddings** at either campus of BSUMC. The meetings will be at 3:00 PM in Room 102, and it is not necessary to attend both. The purpose of the meetings is to educate prospective new volunteers and to discuss volunteer needs for upcoming weddings. Contact Stacy Phillips (stacy.phillips@sumc.com; 864-371-6084) with any questions.

The **Walk to the Cross** will be held **Wednesday, March 28**, at 6:00 PM, beginning on the front steps of the Downtown Campus Sanctuary. We will stop at six other churches and hear the story of Christ's sacrifice. Transportation will be available for those who are not able to walk the approximate two-mile distance.

You are invited to participate in an **Easter Egg Hunt** hosted by the Children's Ministry Team on **Saturday, March 31**, at 10:00 AM at the Trinity Campus. Remember to bring your Easter basket! All children are welcome.

You are invited to join the choir and brass in singing the **"Hallelujah" Chorus** from Handel's *Messiah* on **Easter Sunday, April 1**, at the end of both the 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM traditional services at the Downtown Campus. Let Rosemary Hughes (rosemary.hughes@sumc.com; 864-371-6092) know of your participation.

Save the date for **B-Street's Greatest Show** on **Sunday, April 22**, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. This church-wide talent show will be part of the all-day **"B-Street Bash"** sponsored by the youth ministry, and proceeds will go towards middle school and high school mission trips. (bstreetyouth.com/bash)

BSUMC is looking for a **Communications Director** to be responsible for fostering effective communications and public relations within the congregation and the community to advance the ministries and reach of the church. Visit the church website for a complete job description (www.bsumc.info/resources/employment).

The **Chancel Choir** has been invited to sing as a part of the Carnegie Hall premiere of *LUX: The Dawn From On High*, the latest major work by Greenville composer Dan Forrest in **February 2019**. You are invited to travel with the choir and attend the concert; contribute to the group's overall travel expenses; and/or sponsor a specific choir member. Contact Rosemary Hughes for more information (864-371-6092; rosemary.hughes@sumc.com).

8:45AM & 11:00AM

*As you begin your worship, you are invited to study the bulletin for persons and
Remember the volunteers and staff members who make our corpora
musicians, clergy, and yourself, so that in ou*

PRELUDE

GREETING

CHIMING THE HOUR

VOLUNTARY

Just As I Am

arr. Page

In memory of The Reverend Billy Graham (1918 - 2018)
Carillon Choir

We ask for your prayerful silence during the Voluntary as you prepare your hearts for worship.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

UMH 185

The cross symbolizes the Gospel message, Christ crucified and risen.

Fire and light are Biblical symbols for the presence of God, here present with his people.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

Dearly Beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of his righteousness and heirs of life eternal. Those receiving the sacrament are thereby marked as Christian disciples and initiated into the fellowship of Christ's Holy Church. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God."

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care **Sadie Rollins McMeekin** (8:45 AM) / **Adelina Rose Elstun** (11:00 AM), whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that she may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Sadie (8:45 AM) / **Adelina** (11:00 AM), **surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

Pew Bible, NT p. 192

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

TRADITIONAL SERVICES

and activities to include in your silent prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Participation possible: ushers, acolytes, custodial and support staff,

in common worship, God may be glorified.

KIDS.COMM (11:00 AM)

kids.Comm is for children K5/6 through 2nd grade and is held in Memorial Chapel.

Parents meet their children in the Chapel following the service.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Amazing Grace

UMH 378

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Blessed Assurance
(with "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring")

arr. Dobrinski

Carillon Choir

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

ANTHEM

God So Loved the World

Chilcott

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21

Pew Bible, NT p. 94

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"That, Not of Ourselves"

Dr. Howell

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ our Lord calls all who love him earnestly to repent of their sin and live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen. (Time of silent confession.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: "Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION (11:00 AM)

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

UMH 292

The cross and light lead us out — God's presence going with us to proclaim the Gospel.

*BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Prayer For a New Heart

McRae

*Give me a pure heart that I may see thee; give me a humble heart that I may hear thee;
give me a heart of love that I may serve thee; give me a heart of faith that I may abide in thee. Amen.*

*CHIMING THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

We All Believe in One True God

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