

FINANCIAL REPORT – As of June 20, 2016

Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2016)

Needed For Mission, Ministry, & Administration.....	\$600,000.00
Received for Mission, Ministry, & Administration toward Yearly Goal.....	\$207,975.89
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$12,250.75
Amount given on 06-19-2016.....	\$7,525.00

Building Fund

Balance in Building fund.....	\$3,136,522.84
Amount given on 06-19-2016.....	\$2,523.00

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2016 should be an aggregate total of our financial needs including Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The Consistent Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week depending upon the amount of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

CHURCH STAFF

James Adair	Custodian
Sylvia Beard	Pianist
Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor
Sandra Casper	Financial Secretary
Suzanne Clegg	Director of Adult Ministry
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager
Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool Ministry
Hank Morgan	Organist
Mark Ridings	Director of Music and the Arts
Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Bradley Trammell	Accompanist for Children and Youth
Micah Wright	Director of Youth Ministry

July Missions



The Buford First UMC Tree of Life Garden needs volunteers to help!

The Garden is located in church member, Pat Pirkle's yard--practically across the street from the church at 156 South Hill Street. We have over 800 plants growing in the garden! Can you spare an hour one weekend or maybe one evening during the week? We work in the garden on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Stop by and help us weed! Produce will be given away to those in need through Sack Kids Hunger and North Gwinnett Co-Op.

Sack Kids Hunger No donations needed this month, thanks to Deloitte employees who packed 600 sacks for us on June 10th! Thank you to Wendy Lindly for arranging this fantastic donation to Sack Kids Hunger!

The next Blood Drive is July 24th!



The Life South Bus will be in the parking lot at 9:00 AM. You can drop in to give anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. It takes about 30 – 45 minutes. Please plan to give. **It will save a life!**



The Connection

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World



To shine the light of Jesus so that children, youth, and adults grow in the knowledge and love of God through missions, evangelism, worship, nurture, and Christian education.

The Weeks of July 1, 2016 – July 31, 2016

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BFUMC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Space is limited! Register early to ensure your spot! Registration forms are in the Fellowship Hall, Narthex, and on the church website!

\$100.00

-if willing to sleep on a sleeper sofa

\$120.00

-willing to share a bed

\$135.00

-for those wanting their own bed

\$25 for the day

- Register with A \$55 non-refundable deposit by July 17.

After July 17th, price goes up \$10.00

Forms and checks may be dropped in the offering plate or directly mailed to

Louise Nauman, 2653 Stony Springs Trail, Buford, 30519.

Balance of cost is due on September 11.

Contact Barbara Money at 770-513-0544

Barbara.money@charter.net

Niki Redstrom at 770-271-2766

nikiredstrom@yahoo.com

Join us!



Join us on Sundays in July for Camp Meeting Month!

The bluegrass band "Church Street Station" will be our guests on July 17th during the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship service.



Thank you, dear church family, for sharing with me in ministry for the past 6 years. I am profoundly blessed to have been your pastor and deeply grateful for the farewell luncheon, generous love offering, phone calls, and cards. You will always be part of me. My family and I thank you for your love, support and prayers. I send continued blessings on you now and always.

Much love, Sondra

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A Word From The Pastor

Rev. Jim Buckman

Thank you for your donations given to the Glory of God and in memory and in honor of friends and loved ones.

*A donation has been given in memory of Suzi Martinez by: Mike and Sandra Casper, Al and Pam Kocher, Pat Stanley, and Donnie and Linda McQuaig.

*A donation has been given in memory of Jeff Willis by: Dorothy Cheeley Willis.

Leave this space for more names.

To my church family, I want to extend my sincere and humble gratitude to all of you for your prayers, flowers, meals, and donations to the church in memory of my mother, Suzi Martinez. You have all been so supportive during her extended illness and recent passing. I'm truly blessed by your love and support.

Sincerely, Cindy LaTouf

LADIES



Our July meeting will be at Sue Jones' home on July 12th at 7:00 PM for dessert and beverages. We will discuss "Cured but not Healed" by Kymberley Clemons-Jones. We will discuss the entire book this meeting because it is fairly short. Please contact Sue Jones, 770-932-2202, if there are any questions. Come join us and bring a friend!

Smart Lunch Smart Kid Connection Group Project



Volunteers from all the churches in our Connection Group will meet at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 19th, at Oakwood First UMC to make 300 sack lunches for Action Ministries in Gainesville. Can you help? There is a signup sheet on the Missions Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. BFUMC is collecting 300 lunch bags, and 300 baggies to help.

A donation box is in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall, and donations must be dropped off by Sunday, July 17th. We will collect these instead of an item for SKH this month. (Thanks to Deloitte employees who packed 600 sacks for our SKH ministry this month!)



Music Ministry

JOIN THE CAMP MEETING CHOIR

Sundays, July 10th, 24th & 31st

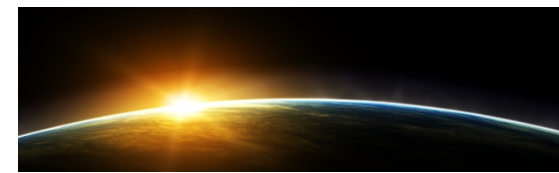
Singing songs from the

COKESBURY HYMNAL

*The Church in the Wildwood
Unclouded Day · Love Lifted Me*

Rehearsals on Sundays
at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room.

*No robes ~ No Weeknight Rehearsals
No Commitment ~ Families Welcome!*



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Happy July everyone!

June was an amazing month for us. We held our annual VBS week and shared God's love with about 90 kids and 65 volunteers. God was definitely in the house as we sang, danced, surfed, crafted and shakra'd our way through the week. We all had an awesome time!

In the Children's Ministry, we had promotion Sunday where each of the children moved up a grade level in their Sunday school Classes and the Kindergarten kids join Children's Church. I just about every seat in the room filled and it totally rocks! We also presented bibles to 4 precious kids who are wonderful examples of the way God asks us to live our lives. I am so proud of them and honored to be a part of their walk with Christ!

During the month of July, we'll reflect on all that we have done in our program and we begin planning for our fall and winter activities. We are so excited with the arrival of our new Pastor and his family and we look forward to having their children join our youth program. I know I have said this before but I am so truly blessed for the opportunity to get to spend my time sharing God's love with our kids at Buford First UMC! *Blessings, Susan*

Youth Ministry

Children & Family Ministry

On May 29th, George Stacy of 5th Street Mission spoke to the Sunday School classes about their work in Buford over the last three years. George told us how Sack Kids

Cracker Packs

for
5th Street Mission



Hunger had inspired them to start a summer program called "Take a Bite Out of Hunger!" They are targeting the Pebblebrook and Eagle Creek communities with breakfast and lunch items. BFUMC would like to support them by collecting cracker packs during the month of July. Their estimated need is 300 packs per week. A box labeled CRACKER PACKS FOR 5TH STREET MISSION will be in the narthex during July.

Church member, Handsel Morgan, has written a book on the History of Buford First UMC. You can buy a copy for \$25.00 from the church office, or see Suzanne Clegg to get a copy. The church will celebrate 145 years of ministry on August 19th. Celebrate by reading the story of her rich legacy.

Bahamas
July 9-16



Please be in prayer for the Mission Team traveling to Nassau in July to lead a week of VBS at St. Michael's Methodist Church. Team members are: Suzanne and Emily Clegg, Josh Page, Donna Thomas, and Martha McMillan. We will also visit All Saints Camp to see our friends there.

We are collecting toiletries, snacks, and first aid supplies (band aids, antibiotic ointment, antiseptics, etc.) These items are expensive to buy in Nassau, and missionaries Tim and Felicia Ryan use these supplies in ministering to the residents of All Saints.

Please drop donations in the basket under the Missions Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall, or in the basket in the Narthex by July 3rd.



BFUMC recycles aluminum cans and the money goes to



the youth group! Our drop off is in the downstairs hallway of the church building, near the ice machine. Help us out and bring your cans to church.

Donations Needed for Homeless Women and Children

The youth will feed homeless women and children on Monday, July 25th. Donations of ground beef, spaghetti sauce, ziti noodles, salad, and cookie dough are needed. See the signup sheet on the youth bulletin board if you can help.