November 28, 2021

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY					
I attended the 9:00am service					
I attended the 11:00am service					
Name					
	First Time Visitor				
	Attend, but Not a Member				
	New Resident in Community				
	Wish to Know More About				
	the Church				
	Desire a Call				

**If you have any <u>changes</u>, please provide us with your current address, phone, and email addresses for your family.

I am a Member of this Church

For Guest Information or Changes

Address_			 		
Phone					
F-mail					

If you would like to join BFUMC, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew or you may call the church office **770-945-7438**.

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Church Office is Closed on Friday

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Events of the Week

Sunday, November 28

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary

9:45-10:15a Fellowship & Coffee-Rm. 108

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online 12:15p Finance Comm. Mtg.-Rm. 312 4:00p Youth Praise Band-Rm. 110

5:15p SNY-Rm. 108-110

No G.L.O.W.

5:30p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304

Monday, November 29

11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. 312

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

7:00-8:30p Troop 542/5542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308

No Jesus in the Gospels tonight

Tuesday, November 30

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

6:15p-8:15p Troop 1843-Rm. G3

7:00-8:00p Pack 542 Den Mtg.-Rm. 108, 305, 306 & 308

Wednesday, December 1

10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 108

7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary

7:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309 7:00p WNBS-Rm. 109

Thursday, December 2

4:45p YAH meets to load the vans to go to

the Northwinds Concert

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 6:30-8:00p Pack 1534 Den Mtg.-Rm. 108 & 110

Friday, December 3

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-306,

308-311 & 313

6:30p-8:30p Troop 1843-Rm. G1

7:00p Florence Garner Circle Christmas Party at

Holly Moreland's home

Saturday, December 4

10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC

Parking Lot

12:00-4:00p Room 108 & 110 Reserved

5:15p Youth Progressive Dinner Starts-Rm. 109

PRESCHOOL NEWSFLASH!

Our Preschool is looking for substitute teachers. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please have them email our Preschool Director, Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org.



MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



S.H.I.N.E.

SERVE - HOST - INSPIRE - NURTURE - EDUCATE

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.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

Hometown Christmas: "View From On High"

Missions

The Alternative Christmas Market allows you to purchase a Christmas gift for someone in the form of a contribution to a worthwhile ministry. You will receive a special card to present to your relative or friend, describing the gift you have given in their honor! An adult and a children's list are available in the Narthex. You can fill this out and place it with your donation attached in the offering plate or stop by the table in the CLC Lobby on December 5th and 12th. The adult form is available online at www.bufordfirstumc.org Fill this out and make your payment from home! The cards you need will be delivered to you. Children can stop by the CLC or shop at the Pizza Party, Friday, December 10th. A volunteer will be there to help. Plan to bring your donation that night!

The Florence Garner Circle announces the 2021 Angel Tree! If you know of anyone who needs Christmas gift assistance, please call Louise Nauman at 678-895-1230. Stop by the CLC Lobby, choose an angel, and shop! Gifts are due by Sunday, December 19th.

Sack Kids Hunger We delivered 75 turkeys for hungry families at Thanksgiving! Now we are planning for the Christmas Meal, Saturday, December 18th. We fed over 900 people a delicious turkey dinner last year! We will need lots of food and lots of help. Sign up to help on the church website!

For more information, contact Suzanne Clegg, mission@bufordfirstumc.org

BFUMC Kids



9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Children's Moment

Children Pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join Ms. Susan for the Children's Moment and then depart to room 201 for Children's Church. We will do a Bible story, craft, and games. Parents may pick up their children in room 201 in the Christian Life Center at the end of each worship service.

On Communion Sunday: Children will return to the Sanctuary and be seated with their parents where they will receive Communion and remain for the rest of the worship service.

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, children.director@bufordfirstumc.org



We will talk all about Christmas and work on Letter K.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Attendance and Giving November 21, 2021

Total in Worship Services Average Worship Attendance

201 242

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7

Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2021)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration\$775,000.00 Year to Date Received for 2021 Budget\$637,836.26 Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ... \$22,860.62 Amount given on 11-21-2021.....\$24,317.83

Building Fund

Building Debt\$1,812,460.93 Available Funds for Building Debt.....\$382,622.37 Amount given on 11-21-2021\$6.024.50

- 1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2021 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 number of weeks left as offset by the gifts received.

Contribution Options

- 1. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to our Post Office Box 329, Buford, GA 30515.
- 2. You may set up online bill pay through your bank.
- 3. Give through our online giving on our website. We accept Electronic Fund Transfers from checking accounts, as well as debit and credit cards. (Please note that you will get full credit, but the church will not receive your full donation as the church is charged a fee for this transaction.)
- 4. Give By Text. You simply text the amount you wish to give to 770-628-0752. (Please note that you will get full credit, but the church will not receive your full donation as the church is charged a fee for this transaction.)
- 5. BFUMC Charitable Fund. It allows you to increase your giving and tax deduction by donating stocks, bonds, and mutual funds directly to the church. Another opportunity to give and reduce taxable income is for anyone over the age of 70.5, who is required to take annual minimum distributions out of their IRA, may designate all or part of that amount to our church.

Prayer Requests

Name

"...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God." Philippians 4:6

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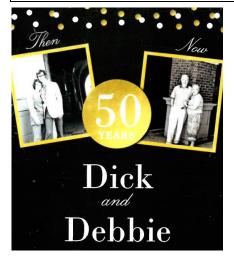
If you would like us to send a note of encouragement, please provide the name and address of the person in need.
Yes, please send a note to
Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.
Confidential:YesNo
Request

Worship Preview

December 5th Hometown Christmas: "From Get-Togethers to Togetherness" Luke 10:38-42

December 12th Hometown Christmas: "Bah Humbug" Luke 4:31-37

Stephen Ministers for this week: If you would like someone to pray with you over the phone, discuss concerns in your life, or just learn more about the Stephen Ministry please contact Pat Stanley (404-406-9216) or Celina Countess (404-427-0356).



The Sanctuary flowers are given by Debbie and Dick Atcheson to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 27th!

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Joshua Page
Ushers/Acolytes: Cynthia & Bob Haugen
Greeters: Deena & Jack Rindfusz
Sound: John Alford

Children's Church: Debbie Griffin, Jonathan Lenz, and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Heather White Ushers/Acolytes: Dick Atcheson & Ken Stewart

Greeters: Larry Miller & Celina Countess Sound: John Marbury

Live-stream monitor: Stephanie Norton

Camera: Brad Thomas

Children's Church: Debbie Griffin, Jonathan Lenz, and Susan Rosenthal

Ministry Staff

James Adair Custodian
Sylvia Beard Pianist
Rev. Jim Buckman Senior Pastor
Suzanne Clegg Director of Missions
Celina Countess Director of Adult Min

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Cindy LaTouf Office Manager

Gary Lenz Director of Music and the Arts

Leandre Majerus Director of Preschool

Hank Morgan Organist

DeeAnna Page Financial Secretary

Joshua Page Director of Student Ministry

Susan Rosenthal Director of Children & Family Ministry

Brendan Rossell Smith Director of Online Worship

Adult Ministry

"ADVENT BIBLE STUDY" The Study is taught by Pastor Jim from December 1st – 22nd. Prepare your heart for the Advent Season by joining us either Wednesday mornings, 10:00am or Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm in room 301. Register prior to the first class by either calling the church office or contacting Celina Countess at the email listed below. Please tell us which class you will attend when you register!



"SENIOR HOMEBOUND Christmas Cards" Our Christmas Season is nearing which gives us opportunities to give our heart and spirit to each other. Reaching out to our Senior Adults in our BFUMC Homebound Ministry is a great way to send some extra love and holiday joy! These are church members that are either in assisted living facilities or living at home without mobile abilities. We invite you to consider sending a Christmas Card or Holiday card to a few people on our List. Please contact Donna Agee at dlha4sbbt@yahoo.com and she will provide you with a few names and addresses. "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you..." Mother Teresa



"UMW CHRISTMAS BRUNCH" Come dressed in your Holiday attire and prepare to enjoy some Christmas Spirit at the UMW Christmas Brunch held on Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall! All Ladies and their daughters age 12 and up are invited to bring a Pot Luck Brunch Dish to share. There is not a set program, just good old-fashion fun, laughter, and togetherness as we celebrate the Advent Season remembering the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

For more information, contact Celina Countess, adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Youth Ministry

This Week:

Sunday Night Praise Band Practice at 4:00pm Sunday Night Youth at 5:15pm Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 4th-Progressive Dinner

Dec. 19th–Student Christmas Party Dec. 21st–Bake & Take and Caroling

Jan. 1st-3rd—Ski Trip Mar. 18th-20th-SLR

May 30th-June 3rd-PCB Beach Retreat

Spiritual Life Retreat (SLR) Sign Up is Live! Come and join us at Camp Glisson for a weekend of Worship and Fellowship with students from North GA Churches! March 18th to 20th 2022. Cost is \$155



The Student Ministry progressive dinner is Saturday, December 4th. We will meet at the church at 5:15p and have a 3-course traveling meal provided by several families! All students are welcome to attend!!

For more information, contact Joshua Page, studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org

The Worship of God

November 28, 2021 9:00 & 11:00 am

First Sunday of Advent | Liturgical Color: Blue

Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the narthex. If you have trouble hearing the sound, please alert an usher for help.

Please place your electronic devices on silent mode and refrain from flash photography during worship.

† Stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

Chiming of the Hour Hank Morgan, Organist

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Gary Lenz, Leader

Prelude "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" (arr. Lyndell Leatherman) Organist

(11:00) Heather White

†Hymn of Praise No. 203 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (all) ELLACOMBE

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881 "The Apostles' Creed" Leader

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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope

(9:00) Knowles Family (11:00) Turpin Family

Leader: Today, we light the candle of Hope... ... Let us pray.

Father, during the Advent season may we be reminded of your promises to us and your fulfillment of them. Help us to prepare our lives for His Advent within us. In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

As we sing, the children are invited forward for the Children's Moment (to the tune of "Away in a Manger").

"A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright; A candle of <u>Hope</u> in December's dark night. While angels sing blessings from heav'n's starry sky Our hearts we prepare now, for Jesus is nigh."

Children's Moment Susan Rosenthal

PRAYING

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Buckman

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.

GIVING

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Organist

Variations on "Savior of the Nations, Come" (by Kenneth T. Kosche)

Prayer of Consecration Rev. Buckman

LEARNING

Message in Song "Every Valley" (by John Ness Beck)

(9:00) Gary Lenz (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Rev. Buckman Hometown Christmas: "View from on High"

Scripture – Luke 19:1-10

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" (all) HYFRYDOL If you are joining the church today, please come forward during the final verse of the hymn.

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Come, Redeemer of Mankind – Chorale and Fughetta" (by J.S. Bach) Organist