# **December 5, 2021**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

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I attended the 9:00am service					
I attended the 11:00am service					
Name					
Name					
Children					
Children					
Guest of					
First Time Visitor					
Attend, but Not a Member					
New Resident in Community					
Wish to Know More About					
the Church					
Desire a Call					
I am a Member of this Church					

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

#### 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 <u>770-945-7438</u>.

#### 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, December 5

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary

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

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online 12:15p Church Board Mtg.-Rm. 108 4:00p Youth Praise Band-Rm. 110

5:15p SNY-Rm. 108-110

5:30-7:00p G.L.O.W.-Rm. 201, 307 & 110 5:30p Last ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304

#### Monday, December 6

11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. 312

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

5:30p Well Root-Rm. G3

7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1 7:00-8:30p Troop 542/5542-Rm. 108 7:00p Jesus in the Gospels -Rm. 312

#### Tuesday, December 7

11:00a Well Root-Rm. G3

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

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

#### Wednesday, December 8

7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary

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

#### Thursday, December 9

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

#### Friday, December 10

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

308-311 & 313

10:00a Carol Scott Circle-Offsite

6:00p Children's Christmas P.J. & Movie Night-

Rm. 108-110

#### Saturday, December 11

10:00a-12:00p UMW Christmas Brunch-Rm. 108 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC Parking Lot

#### 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

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent & Communion

Hometown Christmas: "From Get-Togethers to Togetherness"

The Alternative Christmas Market allows you to purchase a Christmas gift for someone in the form of a contribution to a worthwhile ministry. When you purchase a gift, 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 today and December 12th. The adult form is also 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 may bring their form and donation to the P.J. and Movie Night this Friday! Plan to shop!

The Florence Garner Circle announces the 2021 Angel Tree! Stop by the CLC Lobby, choose an angel and shop! Gifts are due by Sunday, December 19th.

Sack Kids Hunger Our Christmas Meal Mission is Saturday, December 18th. We fed over 900 people a delicious turkey dinner last year! We will need lots of food and lots of help. There's a sign up online and a link is in the weekly Mission email. Sign up deadline is December 13th.

Did you know we have been able to give families boxes of food 3 times this fall? Items like turkey breast, eggs, milk, stuffing and more. It has been such a blessing. Thank you for your support.

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 work on Letter L and doing all things Christmas!

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

### **Attendance and Giving** November 28, 2021

**Total in Worship Services** Average Worship Attendance

204 242

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 ......\$645,930.26 Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ... \$25,813.95 Amount given on 11-28-2021.....\$8,094.00

#### **Building Fund**

Available Funds for Building Debt.....\$384,300.54 Amount given on 11-28-2021 .....\$1.678.17

- 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

### **December 5, 2021**

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and address of the person in needYes, please send a note to				
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Confidential:	Yes	No		
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### **Worship Preview**

Hometown Christmas: "Bah Humbug" December 12th Luke 4: 31-37 December 19th Lessons and Carols: "A Christmas Festival" both services

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 DeeAnna & Ray Page to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 37th Wedding Anniversary.

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Lillie Fonville (crucifier) & Ava Ross Womack (light) Liturgist: DeeAnna Page Ushers: Mark Nichols & Herman Runyan Greeters: Linda Chambers & Pat Stanley

Sound: John Alford

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

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Michael Thomas (crucifier) & Charlie Redstrom (light) Liturgist: Linda Chambers Ushers: David Crossett & Eric Lynskey Greeters: Susan Lynskey & Marsha Huckaby Sound: Dave Revnolds

Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams Camera: Kevin Walch

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 Ministry

Cindy LaTouf Office Manager

Gary Lenz Director of Music and the Arts

Leandre Maierus 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. 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

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

## The Worship of God

December 5, 2021 9:00 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday of Advent | Communion | Liturgical Color: White

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

Prelude

Hank Morgan, Organist

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

Gary Lenz, Leader

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (arr. John Leavitt)

Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 212)

Psalm 24:1-10

(9:00) DeeAnna Page (11:00) Linda Chambers

†Hymn of Praise No. 213

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (all)

**TRURO** 

†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 Love

(9:00) Page Family (11:00) White Family

Leader: ...Let us pray

All: Loving God, guide us in confession of our sins. We know that in the greatness of your love, you have promised to forgive us. Cleanse us as we prepare our lives for the coming of Jesus again. This we ask in His name. Amen.

As we sing, the children are invited forward for the Children's Moment

A candle is burning, a candle of Love; A candle to point us to heaven above. A baby for Christmas, a wonderful birth; For Jesus is bringing God's love to our earth.

(words - Sandra Dean; music - CRADLE HYMN by Wm. J. Kirkpatrick)

Children's Moment

### **PRAYING**

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

Rev. Buckman

Susan Rosenthal

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

Two Pastorales on "Gabriel's Message" (by Kevin J. Sadowski & Grimoaldo Macchia)

If you would like to make a donation to our Good Samaritan Fund you may place your offering in the offering plate as you depart the sanctuary. Be sure to mark it for the Good Samaritan Fund.

†Doxology No. 95

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

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.

†Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Buckman

### LEARNING

Message in Song

"Sing We All Noel" (by Ruth Schram)

(9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman Hometown Christmas: "From Get-Togethers to Togetherness"

Scripture – Luke 10:38-42

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

### **SERVING**

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 242 "Love Came Down at Christmas" (all)

GARTAN

Rev. Buckman

If you are joining the church today, please come forward during the final verse of the hymn.

†Postlude "Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People" (arr. Justi Heinrich Knecht)

Organist