

December 12, 2021

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

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 changes**, please provide us with your current address, phone, and email addresses for your family.

For Guest Information or Changes

Address _____

Phone _____

E-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

P.O. Box 329

Buford, Georgia 30515

770-945-7438 (Church Office)

770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)

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Events of the Week

Sunday, December 12

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
12:15p Communications Mtg.-Rm. 305
5:15p SNY-Rm. 108-110
5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307 & 110

Monday, December 13

11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. 312
1:00p Staff Christmas Party-Rm. 108
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1
7:00p Jesus in the Gospels-Rm. 312

Tuesday, December 14

10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 109
10:00a-2:00p KW-Rm. 108
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
6:00p-8:00p Pack 589-Rm. 108
6:15p-8:15p Troop 1843-Rm. G3

Wednesday, December 15

11:00a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers
7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309
7:00p WNBS-Rm. 109

Thursday, December 16

12:00p January 2022 Calendar & Newsletter Due
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
6:30-8:00p Pack 1534 Den Mtg.-Rm. 108 & 110

Friday, December 17

10:00a-2:00p Meal Prep-Rm. 107 & 108

Saturday, December 18

8:00a-3:00p Deliver Christmas Meals-Rm. 107 & 108
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC
Parking Lot

Looking Ahead:

Our annual service of “Lessons and Carols” will take place next Sunday, December 19th at both services.



This year’s theme is “A Christmas Festival” and will include our Chancel Choir, Chancel Ringers, brass ensemble, flute, percussion, and a myriad of well-known Christmas carols.

Join us as we experience the worship of God through the sounds of the season!



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent

Hometown Christmas: “Bah Humbug!”

Missions



The Alternative Christmas Market Today is your last chance to shop at the Alternative Christmas table in the CLC Lobby. Why not support a worthwhile ministry this year while honoring a loved one at the same time? Ministries like the Gwinnett Children's Shelter, Heifer Project International, and UMCOR benefit from this alternative to traditional gifts. 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. Deadline to shop online is today as well.



Sack Kids Hunger Our Christmas Meal Mission is next Saturday, December 18th. 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, or email Tracey Yancey at tyancey@woodfruitticher.com **Sign up deadline is December 13th.**

Monetary donations will help us pay for the food we need to buy. Please mark your gift Christmas Meal. Thank you for your support.

AmazonSmile gives 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. Choose Buford First UMC and support our Sack Kids Hunger mission! Visit www.smile.amazon.com to get started!

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



Preschool News:

We will work on Letter M and have our Christmas program!

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

Attendance and Giving

December 5, 2021

Total in Worship Services	283
Average Worship Attendance	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	\$671,958.00
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$25,760.50
Amount given on 12-05-2021	\$26,027.94

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,812,460.93
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$242,822.03
Amount given on 12-05-2021	\$2,877.50

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

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

Philippians 4:6

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Name _____

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:

___ **Yes** ___ **No**

Request

Worship Preview

December 19th Lessons and Carols: **"A Christmas Festival"** both services
December 24th Christmas Eve services at 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm
Hometown Christmas: **"In Our Town, Too"**

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 Deena Rindfusz (404-375-6248) or Celina Countess (404-427-0356).



The Sanctuary flowers are given by DeeAnna and Ray Page and their family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ruby Mathis.

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Pat Stanley
Ushers/Acolytes: Mike Rosenthal & Chris Simonson
Greeters: Donna Agee & Linda Chambers
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Debbie Griffin, Jonathan Lenz, and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Jackie Hanner
Ushers/Acolytes: Evelyn & David Lowry
Greeters: Celina Countess & Larry Miller
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	Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool
Sylvia Beard	Pianist	Hank Morgan	Organist
Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	DeeAnna Page	Financial Secretary
Suzanne Clegg	Director of Missions	Joshua Page	Director of Student Ministry
Celina Countess	Director of Adult Ministry	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Online Worship
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts		

Adult Ministry

"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



THANK YOU to Carol Scott Circle for sending Christmas Cards to our Homebound BFUMC members and to Florence Garner Circle for making "Goodie Bags" to be delivered to our Homebound members along with the Christmas Meal this month. We are grateful for the mission work our UMW Circles provide to our Church Family!

"May your Christmas be filled with joy and gratitude because of all that Christ has given you".

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

Youth Ministry

This Week:

Sunday Night Youth at 5:15pm
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00pm

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 19th—Student Christmas Party
Dec. 21st—Caroling @ 6:00pm
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



Confirmation is for Youth in 6th grade or older! We are polling parents now to see if your child would like to be in the Confirmation Class in 2022. Please email Suzanne Clegg at mission@bufordfirstumc.org if your student is interested in the class. We hope to start in early 2022!

The Worship of God

December 12, 2021

9:00 & 11:00 am

Third 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 Trumpet Prelude on “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (by *Grimoaldo Macchia*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 208)

The Canticle of Zechariah

(9:00) Pat Stanley
(11:00) Jackie Hanner

†Hymn of Praise No. 209

“Blessed Be the God of Israel” (all)

MERLE’S TUNE

†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 Joy

(9:00) Fonville family
(11:00) Lowry family

Leader: ...Let us pray:

All: Loving God, we are filled with joy because we have hope and peace that you have sent your son for all that believe. Help us to be the voices that proclaim grace and truth. In Christ’s name 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 candle of Joy;
A candle to welcome brave Mary’s new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow
As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.***

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

“People, Look East” (arr. Robert Lau)

Organist

†Doxology No. 95

OLD 100th

***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

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” (arr. J. R. Dennis)

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

Sermon

Rev. Buckman

Hometown Christmas: **“Bah Humbug!”**
Scripture – Luke 4:31-37

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” (all)

HOUSTON

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

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

Paeon on “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” (by David Lasky)

Organist