December 19, 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			

**If you have any changes, 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	
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

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Events of the Week

Sunday, December 19

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary 9:00a-1:00p **Blood Drive**

10:00a Sunday School

11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online

Youth Christmas Party-Rm. 108-109 5:15p

Monday, December 20

BFUMC Preschool is closed for Christmas and will return on Monday, January 10th.

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 7:00p Jesus in the Gospels-Rm. 312

Tuesday, December 21

Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 5:00p Youth Bake & Take and Caroling 6:00p 8:00p Church Wide Caroling on the front steps

of the church (All are welcome to come

and sing and help bring joy to our

community!)

Wednesday, December 22

10:00a & 7:00p Advent Bible Study-Rm. 301 12:00p Church Office Closes at noon today

7:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

No other evening activities

Thursday, December 23 The Church Office is Closed and will remain closed through January 3rd.

No regular activities

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight & Holy Communion

5:00. 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.

(A nursery will be provided for the 5:00 p.m. service only)

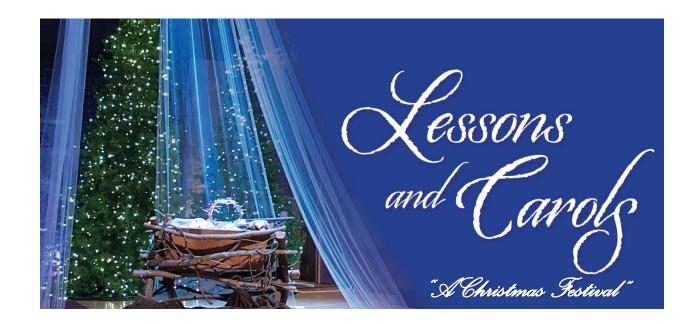
Saturday, December 25

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





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 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent | Lessons and Carols

"A Christmas Festival"

Missions

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY, 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. PLEASE consider donating blood. It takes about 45 minutes, and according to the American Red Cross, one donation can save as many as three lives. And did you know someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds, and that supplies usually dwindle during the holidays? The LifeSouth Bus is parked on Hill Street and you can just walk up and give. Thank you!

<u>AmazonSmile</u> 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 <u>www.smile.amazon.com</u> to get started!

<u>Christmas Meals</u> were delivered to many in our community yesterday. Thanks to the many volunteers who helped coordinate this massive project.

<u>Looking Ahead</u> The Carol Scott Circle will be collecting diapers in January for the North Gwinnett Co-Op and the United Methodist Children's Home Ministry (Wellroot) in Gainesville. Plan to bring in some diapers or wipes in January!

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



Merry Christmas from The BFUMC Preschool Staff!

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

Attendance and Giving December 12, 2021

Total in Worship Services 239 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	\$688,466.09
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goa	al\$28,844.64
Amount given on 12-12-2021	\$16,508.09

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,664,577.97
Available Funds for Building Debt	
Amount given on 12-12-2021	

- 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.
- The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
- 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

- 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 19, 2021

Tallic
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 24th Hometown Christmas: "In Our Town Too" Luke 2:1-21 Christmas Eve Services are offered at 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

(A nursery will be provided for the 5:00 p.m. service only)

December 26th Hometown Christmas: "It's Still Here" Luke 2:41-52

(On Sunday, December 26th we will only have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. and no Sunday School)

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 Lenna and Chuck Applebee to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

9:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (crucifier) & Lillie Fonville (light)

Liturgist: Mary Alice Beard Ushers: Cynthia and Bob Haugen Greeters: Deena Rindfusz & Amy Simonson

Sound: John Alford

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

11:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Charlie Redstrom (crucifier) & Michael Thomas (light)

Liturgist: Terry Ellis

Ushers: Linda & Donnie McQuaig Greeters: Marsha Huckaby & Tracey Yancey

> Sound: Dave Reynolds Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams

Camera: Kevin Walch

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

Ministry Staff

James Adair Custodian Svlvia Beard Pianist Rev. Jim Buckman Senior Pastor

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Leandre Majerus Director of Preschool

Hank Morgan Organist

DeeAnna Page Financial Secretary

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Brendan Rossell Smith Director of Online Worship

Adult Ministry

"SENIOR HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS CARDS" Our Christmas Season is upon us 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

"LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022!" Yes, it is still the Advent Season and we have yet to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but January 2022 is coming! Go ahead and mark your 2022 calendar.



Lunch Bunch will resume Wednesday, January 12th and plans to go to Crossroads. Let Marsha Huckaby know by Monday, January 10th if you plan to attend, 770-614-8759.



Also Young At Heart (YAH) has scheduled its outings for the next four months: January: Folk Pottery Museum/African American Heritage Tour, February: Truist Park Baseball Tour; March: Gibbs Garden, April: Chestatee Wildlife Preserve and Zoo.

The first trip is scheduled for January 18th with reservations due by January 11th, 2022. Look for emails from Debbie Atcheson. The YAH flier with all the trip descriptions is in the Narthex.

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

This Week:

Sunday Night Youth at 5:15p **CHIRSTMAS PARTY**



No Wednesday Bible Study

Upcoming Dates

TONIGHT @ 5:15p-Student Christmas Party

Dec. 21st_Caroling @ 6:00p

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

Youth Ministry



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!

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

The Worship of God

December 19, 2021 9:00 & 11:00 am

4th 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

Prelude "Christmas Suite" (arr. A Sherman) Chancel Ringers

†Call to Worship (p. 806) Psalm 85:8-1 (9:00) Mary Alice Beard

(11:00) Terry Ellis

†Hymn of Preparation No. 234 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ADESTE FIDELES/Ferguson

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

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 Peace

(9:00) The Applebee Family (11:00) The Van Pelt Family

Leader: ... Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we thank you for revealing yourself through Jesus, and we praise you for the greatness of your love. Help us to share your peace with others and live our lives more like Christ every day. In His name we pray. Amen.

A candle is burning, a candle of Peace; A candle to signal that conflict must cease. For Jesus is coming to show us the way; a message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

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

*Children may now go to Children's Church.

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

"Carol of the Bells" (arr. J. W. Krug)

Chancel Ringers

OLD 100th

†Doxology No. 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.

†Prayer of Consecration

Rev. Buckman

LEARNING

The Story of Christmas as told through scripture and song...

(see insert)

SERVING

†Carol No. 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"

MENDELSSOHN/Ferguson

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

†Benediction

†Postlude

"Celebration" (by John Randall Dennis)

Organist

Rev. Buckman