

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
- _____ 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

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

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

- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 6:00p Youth Bake & Take and Caroling
- 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 Parking Lot



Merry Christmas



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 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Lessons and Carols

“A Christmas Festival”

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	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 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

Youth Ministry

This Week:

Sunday Night Youth at 5:15p

CHRISTMAS 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

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 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.***

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

†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

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

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Celebration” (by John Randall Dennis)

Organist