## **December 26, 2021**

## **GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

I attended the 10:00am service

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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

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 26

10:00a Worship-Sanctuary No Sunday School today No other activities today

#### Monday, December 27

Church office closed this week Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 5:00p No other activities today

#### **Tuesday, December 28**

Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 5:00p No other activities today

#### Wednesday, December 29

S-Anon-Rm. 309 7:00p No other activities today

Thursday, December 30

## Friday, December 31

No regular activities today

We pray that you are continuing to enjoy the rest of the Christmas Season and have a safe and joyous New Year's Eve. Our staff will return on Tuesday, January 4th



#### Saturday, January 1

7:15a

10:30a-2:00p

Youth meet to head out for their Ski Trip and will return on Monday, January 3rd Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC Parking Lot No other activities today



### 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 26, 2021 **First Sunday after Christmas** Hometown Christmas: "It's Still Here"

## Missions

**Looking Ahead** 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!

<u>Sack Kids Hunger</u> Our families continue to pick up sack lunches every Saturday between 12 noon and 2:00 p.m. A BIG thankyou to those who continue to serve to make sure these families are helped: Jeff and Beckie Ramsey - Coordinate the Ministry

Our Saturday Captains are:

Jeff and Beckie Ramsey

Linda Chambers and Irene Valley

Janet Mattox and Lynne Farr

Clif, Tracey, Sydney and Grace Yancey, and Donnie  $\operatorname{McQuaig}$ 

Eric and Robin Fonville and family

We are excited to be able to give pantry supplies in addition to the sack lunch every month because of the generous grant received from Jackson EMC plus your faithful donations. Thank you for feeding our neighbors!

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 hope you had a wonderful Christmas!

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

## Attendance and Giving December 19, 2021

Total in Worship Services	363
Average Worship Attendance	245

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	\$703,817.09
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$35,591.46
Amount given on 12-19-2021	\$15,351.00

#### **Building Fund**

Building Debt	\$1,664,577.97
Available Funds for Building Debt	
Amount given on 12-19-2021	

- 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 72, 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

## December 26, 2021

#### 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.

No

Confidential: Yes

Request

	Worship Preview		
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	"I Had You Then and I Have You Now"	Proverbs 3:5-6	
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	Asking For A Friend: "Is The Bible Reliable?"	Psalm 19: 7-14	
	for this week: If you would like someone to pray with you over	•	

Deena Rindfusz (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



# The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God.

## <u> 10:00 a.m. Worship</u>

Ushers/Acolytes: Dick Atcheson, David & Evelyn Lowry Greeters: Linda Chambers & DeeAnna Page Liturgist: Josh Page Sound: Christi Lenz Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams 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 MajerusDirector of PreschoolHank MorganOrganistDeeAnna PageFinancial SecretaryJoshua PageDirector of Student MinistrySusan RosenthalDirector of Children & Family MinistryBrendan Rossell SmithDirector of Online Worship

## **Adult Ministry**



"YOUNG AT HEART" Join YAH for their January 2022 trip on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to the Folk Pottery Museum of Northeast Georgia and the African American Heritage Tour! The Folk Pottery Museum of NE GA in one of just a handful of museums in the world to focus exclusively on folk pottery. The tour will include a guided history tour and a pottery demonstration. Cost: \$12 + Van Gas @ \$4 = \$16 total. Lunch is on your own at Glenda's Restaurant in Cleveland, GA. Van loading at 9:00 a.m. back around 4:00 p.m.

Reservations are due by January 11, 2022 to Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com.

## GRIEF SHARE It hurts to lose someone. Find help at GriefShare.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We will meet January 11<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please contact Jean Ann Crites at <u>cjcrites@bellsouth.net</u> for more information and to register.

## **Youth Ministry**

This Week: No regular youth until January 9, 2022

Upcoming Dates Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>-Ski Trip Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>-SLR May 30<sup>th</sup>-June 3<sup>rd</sup>-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 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> 2022. Cost is \$155

GAP Sign Up is Live! See Joshua if you are interested in this summer mission project!

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 26, 2021

## 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas | 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 I	Hour		Hank Morgan, Organist
Leader: The	peace of the Lord be	e with you. All: And also with you.	Gary Lenz, Leader
Prelude	Festivity on "Here V	We Come A-Caroling" <i>(by Douglas E. W</i>	<i>agner)</i> Organist
†Call to Worship	(p. 861)	Psalm 148: 1-4, 13-14	Josh Page
†Hymn of Praise	No. 246	"Joy to the World (v. 1, 2, 4)	ANTIOCH
†Affirmation of F	aith 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.

## **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.

## <u>GIVING</u>

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Gathering of Tithes and Offerin	gs "What Child Is This" <i>(arr. Janet L</i>	inker) Organist	
†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		Jacob Lenz	
Sermon	Hometown Christmas: " <b>It's Still Here"</b> <i>Scripture</i> – Luke 2:41-52	Rev. Buckman	
SERVING			
	<b>"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"</b> (all) rch today, please come forward during the fi	GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN nal verse of the hymn.	
†Benediction		Rev. Buckman	
†Postlude	"Joy to the World" (arr. Franklin Ritter)	Organist	