December 18, 2022

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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 Buford First UMC			

**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 **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 18

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary 10:00a Sunday School

10:00a Small Group for Young Parents-Rm. 311

11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online

No Pickleball Today

7:00p Travelers Christmas Service-Rm. 110

Monday, December 19 Preschool Closed for Christmas

11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. G3

4:00-7:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312

Tuesday, December 20

11:00a Disciple 1-Rm. 312

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 7:00p Young Adult Book Club-Offsite

Wednesday, December 21

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202 10:30a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers

12:00p <u>Church Office Closed for Christmas. The office</u>

will re-open on Tuesday, January 3rd.

5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305

5:00-8:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110

7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, December 22

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC

Parking Lot



Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight and Holy Communion

5:00pm, 8:00pm, and 11:00pm

We will offer a nursery during the 5:00pm service for children ages 4 years old and younger.

Join us in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, December 25th we will only have one worship service at 10:00AM and no Sunday School.

What a blessing it is to have Sunday morning worship on Christmas Day.



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 18, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Advent | Lessons & Carols

"God So Loved the World"

Missions

<u>The Annual Christmas Meal</u> was a big success! Many, many people enjoyed a delicious turkey meal Thanks to everyone who helped. Look for a report with all the details soon.

<u>Sack Kids Hunger in 2023</u> We have given sack lunches to children since 2010. We have NEVER missed a Saturday! The teams planning to help in 2023 are excited for a new year! Thanks to these folks for heading up our Saturday Teams in 2023:

Amy and Dave Reed and family

Linda Chambers, Ross and Pam Billingsley

Lynne Farr and Janet Mattox

Tracey Yancey and Donnie McQuaig

Eric and Robin Fonville and family

We still need help making sandwiches on Saturday mornings, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Call Pam Billingsley if you can commit to one Saturday a month 404 429 4356!

Covid Test are needed. Please donate these, even if they are expired! The Good News Clinic is able to use them. There is a donation bin in the CLC Lobby. Thank you.

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



Preschool News:

We are on Christmas break! We return to school on January 9^{th} . We will be registering for the 2023-2024 school year in January.

Call the preschool with any questions you may have, 770-945-4161.

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

Attendance and Giving December 11, 2022

Total in Worship Services 28 Average Worship Attendance 26

288 268

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 2022)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$806,518.00
Year to Date Received for 2022 Budget	\$681,095.39
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goa	
Amount given on 12-11-2022	\$11,114.85

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,568,989.82
Available Funds for Building Debt	
Amount given on 12-11-2022	

- The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2022 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 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 18, 2022

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: YesNo						
Request						

Worship Preview

December 24th Christmas Eve "The Wonder of His Birth" Luke 2:1-20
*services at 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm & 11:00 pm

December 25th Christmas Day

"The Wonder of God's Love"

John 1:1-14

*one service only at 10:00 am

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 Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



The Sanctuary flowers are given by Dianne and Steve Kennedy to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 55th Wedding Anniversary, December 22nd.

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgists: Linda McQuaig, Bill Ogles
Ushers: Joshua Page, Celina Countess, Pat Taylor, Ed Krauth
Greeters: Donna Agee, Pat Stanley
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgists: Linda McQuaig, Bill Ogles
Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Eric Lynskey, Ken Stewart, Brad Thomas
Greeters: Butch Ballin, Tracey Yancey
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Brendan Rossell Smith
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Ministry Staff

James Adair
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Rev. Jim Buckman
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Leandre Majerus Director of Preschool
Hank Morgan Organist
DeeAnna Page Joshua Page
Susan Rosenthal Director of Student Ministry
Brendan Rossell Smith Director of Online Worship

Sydney Yancey Ministry Intern

Adult Ministry

Young Adult Book Club: Are you a college student, graduate student, or young professional looking to become more involved in tight knit Christian community? Then our young adult small group is the group for you. We do a variety of events throughout the year including book club and bible studies, dinners out, weekend trips, and more. Our most regular meeting is Bible study offsite each week. If you would like more information or would like to join the group at our next meeting, reach out to Sydney Yancey.

Homebound Ministry: Our Homebound ministry serves the elder members of our church family that are not often able to attend worship due to various functional limitations or mobility problems. Through this ministry we send them cards and letters, call them, and visit them from time to time. The goal of this service is to make sure that our homebound members know that we are thinking of them and that they are still valuable members of the BFUMC church & community. If you would like to help with this ministry in any way, contact Sydney.

Pickleball: No Pickleball today. We will have Pickleball on Monday 4:00-7:00pm and Wednesday 5:00-8:00pm. You can also download the TeamReach app and search for BFUMC Pickleball-Group Code is BFUMCPB. There you can see times and dates for pickleball, connect with other players, and see who else will be there to coordinate a match! App is free to download!

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Youth Ministry

2023 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes for students in 6th grade and older will begin on February 5th.

Confirmation meets for 16 weeks on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, and is taught by Suzanne Clegg, Pastor Jim, Joshua Page, and a few volunteers.

This is a great experience for young people and helps them to understand the Christian Faith and make it their own. The class will have the opportunity to join the church in May.

Please sign up by January 15th, by emailing Suzanne Clegg at mission@bufordfirstumc.org



We will have our first annual UPWARD Volleyball League starting in January!

This is open to all 6th to 12th graders and to both Boys and Girls!

Practice & Games will be on Friday evenings and will last about 9 weeks!
Great way to learn about teamwork and have a great time!

Please email Joshua Page for more details and info on how to sign up!

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

The Worship of God

December 18, 2022 9:00 & 11:00 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Lessons & Carols | 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

The children are invited to go to Children's Church at this time.

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 Bell Tidings" (arr. Michael Ryan)

Chancel Ringers

This piece includes the well-known melody "Carol of the Bells", which originated from Ukraine.

Today, we play this music with thoughts and prayers for the people of Ukraine.

†Call to Worship (p. 806)

Psalm 85:8-13

(9:00) Bill Ogles

(11:00) Linda McQuaig

†Hymn of Preparation No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (all) HYFRYDOL/Nelhybel

†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 Knowles Family (11:00) The Moreland 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.

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AWAY IN A MANGER

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.

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

Chancel Ringers

"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime" (arr. C. Moklebust)

†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...

"God So Loved the World..."

(see insert)

<u>SERVING</u>

†Carol No. 240 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" (all) MENDELSSOHN/Nelhybel

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

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Let All Together Praise Our God" (arr. John Eggert)

Organist