

**January 15, 2023**

**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, January 15**

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary  
10:00a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online  
5:00-7:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110, 108  
5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110  
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304  
6:00p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

**Monday, January 16**

**Church Office & Preschool Closed for Martin Luther King Day**

4:00-7:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312  
7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

**Tuesday, January 17**

9:45a YAH leaves for Stately Oaks Plantation  
11:00a Disciple I-Rm. 312  
2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share-Rm. 311  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110  
6:00-8:00p Pack 589-Rm. 108  
7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

**Wednesday, January 18**

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202  
10:30a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers  
1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110  
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305  
5:00-8:00p Pickleball Open Gym-Rm. 110  
7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary  
7:00p Youth Small Group-Rm. 109  
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

**Thursday, January 19**

10:30a Women's Bible Study-Rm. 312  
12:00p February Calendar Schedule Is Due  
1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
6:00-7:30p Pack 1543-Rm. 108 & 110

**Friday, January 20**

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 108, 110, 202-204, 302-306,  
308-311, 313  
10:00a-12:00p Carol Scott Circle-Rm. 201  
5:00-8:30p Pack 542 Derby Setup-Rm. 108  
6:00-9:00p Upward Volleyball-Rm. 110

**Saturday, January 21**

8:30a-3:00p Pack 542 Pinewood Wood Derby-Rm. 108  
9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311  
10:00a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & BFUMC  
Parking Lot



**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

**January 15, 2023**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Peace of Mind: "Things That Just Aren't True"**

## Missions

**January Diaper Drive** We will be collecting Diapers and Wipes in January for the Wellroot Ministry and the North Gwinnett Co-Op. Please drop donations in the bin in the CLC Lobby. All sizes are needed, but larger sizes are always in high demand! Thank you.

**English Classes started January 8<sup>th</sup>** Can you help by sponsoring a student? The book they need is \$25.00. Please help, and donate! Be sure to mark your gift "ESL".

**Bahamas Mission Trip** - July 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> We will provide VBS for the St. Michael's Methodist Church, plus visit and work at All Saints Camp. Youth in 8<sup>th</sup> grade now and older, plus adults are needed. Cost is \$1,250.00, but with fund raising we expect to pay closer to \$900.00 a person. Plan to help us raise funds and bring the cost down for your trip! **Sign up by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> with a \$250.00 deposit. Give this to Suzanne Clegg or Josh Page. Plan to come to a short meeting Sunday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm.**

**My Sister's Place** is a shelter for women and children in Gainesville. We feed these special people once a quarter. The first meal this year is Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Can you help with a portion of the meal? Contact Mary Susan Robertson at [marysusan@essentialingredients.com](mailto:marysusan@essentialingredients.com).

For more information, contact Suzanne Clegg, [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



**Preschool News:**

This week we will talk about winter animals like penguins and polar bears. We will have a visit from the animals from the North Georgia Wildlife Zoo. Our Letter for the week is Letter O.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org)

## Attendance and Giving January 08, 2023

Total in Worship Services	256
Average Worship Attendance	193

*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 2023)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration .....	\$814,886.00
Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget .....	\$20,475.38
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$15,576.68
Amount given on 01-08-2023.....	\$17,827.38

### Building Fund

Building Debt .....	\$1,564,995.41
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$310,422.30
Amount given on 01-08-2023 .....	\$4,517.50

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2023 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

**January 15, 2023**

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

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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

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## Worship Preview

January 22<sup>nd</sup> Peace of Mind: **“Heal My Anxious Mind”** Philippians 4:4-7  
January 29<sup>th</sup> Peace of Mind: **“Dealing With Depression”** Lamentations 3:1-9

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



*The Sanctuary arrangement is given to the Glory of God.*

*If you would like to provide the flowers for next Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, please email Cindy LaTouf in the church office, [office@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:office@bufordfirstumc.org).*

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Bill Ogles  
Acolytes: Caraline Fonville, Ava Ross Womack  
Ushers: Mark Nichols, Herman Runyan, Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen  
Greeters: Linda Chambers, Amy Reed  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Rick Huckaby  
Acolytes: Noah Rogers, Charlie Redstrom  
Ushers: Brad Thomas, Sherry Hall, Dick Atcheson, John Hladish  
Greeters: Butch Ballin, Tracey Yancey  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams  
Camera: Kevin Walch  
Children's Church: 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
Cindy LaTouf	Office Manager	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Online Worship
		Sydney Yancey	Director of Adult Ministry

## Adult Ministry

**Grief Share** is a support group for those processing the grief of a loved one who has passed away. This 13-week series will help grieving individuals learn new ways to cope. If you or someone you know would benefit from this group, it is not too late to join. We are offering two times on Tuesdays: **2:00pm** and **7:00pm** in room 311 located in the CLC. You can pick the time that works best for you. If you have questions or would like to sign up, email Sydney.

**Young Adult Bible Study:** 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 on Tuesday nights. If you would like more information or would like to join the group at our next meeting, reach out to Sydney.

**Volunteer Upward Coaches Needed:** Volleyball is for 6th to 12th graders on **Friday nights** (1/13/23-3/10/23) Basketball and cheerleading are for K to 5th graders on **Saturday mornings** (1/28/23-3/25/23). We need two adult coaches per team. Parents of players are invited to coach if interested, but you do not have to be a parent of a player to volunteer. If you are interested in coaching for any of these sports or have a child who would like to join a team in 2023 or have questions, please reach out to Joshua Page ([studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org)).

**For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org)**

## Youth Ministry

### 2023 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older will begin on February 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, by emailing Suzanne Clegg at [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)



NEXT SUNDAY is our Annual Chili Cookoff! Plan to bring some chili and stay and eat. We will start at 12:15p. We will have awards and an ALL NEW People's Choice Award.

Hope you will join us!  
*PROCEEDS SUPPORT 2023  
BAHAMAS MISSION TRIP.*

**For more information, contact Joshua Page, [Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org)**

# The Worship of God

January 15, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany| Liturgical Color: Green

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 "O Morning Star, How Fair & Bright" (*setting by Johann Christoph Bach*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 771) **Psalm 36:5-10** (9:00) Bill Ogles  
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise No. 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (v. 1-3) BEECHER

†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.**

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

"Pastorale" (*by David Schack*)

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

"He Never Failed Me Yet" (*by Robert Ray*)

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

Sermon

Peace of Mind: "Things That Just Aren't True"  
*Scripture* – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rev. Buckman

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

"Lord, Be Glorified" (*all*)

LORD, BE GLORIFIED



1. In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied.



In our lives, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

2. In our homes ...

3. In your church ...

4. In your world ...

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

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Praise the Lord, All Who Honor Him" (*setting by Johann Georg Herzog*) Organist