

February 26, 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, February 26 Homeless Offering Today

- 9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15p Mission-Rm. 309
- 5:00p SKH Mtg. Rm. 312
- 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, February 27

- 11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. G3
- 5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312
- 7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308
- 7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

Tuesday, February 28

- 10:00a-12:00p Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
- 11:00a Disciple I-Rm. 312
- 2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share-Rm. 311 (& 108 at 2:00p)
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 6:00-8:00p Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308
- 7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

Wednesday, March 1 Preschool Early Release

VBS Registration Is Now Open!

- 10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202
- 10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305
- 5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:00p Youth Small Group-Rm. 109
- 7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, March 2 Preschool Early Release

- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 6:00-7:30p Pack 1543-Rm. 108 & 110
- 7:00p Florence Garner Circle-Rm. 109

Friday, March 3

- 8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 108, 110, 202-204, 302-306, 308-311, 313
- 6:00-9:00p Upward Volleyball-Rm. 110

Saturday, March 4

- 8:30a-2:30p Upward Basketball-Rm. 110
- 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

February 26, 2023
First Sunday in Lent

Heart to Heart: "What Tempts Us?"

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.

G.L.O.W. God lights our world...

G.L.O.W. is our children's music and Christian education program for children ages 3 through 5th grade that runs in conjunction with our Sunday Evening Gathering Service.

The program includes a weekly bible story, crafts, music, and recreation. The program is from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and meets in room 201. Need more information? Contact Susan Rosenthal.

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, children.director@bufordfirstumc.org



Preschool News:

This week will be all about Dr. Seuss. We will also work on Letter U.

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

Student Ministry



SUMMER MISSION

OPPORTUNITIES

G.A.P.-Gainesville Aid Project will be from June 21st to 25th. Come and serve in the Gainesville area alongside other youth groups!

Bahamas Mission Trip-There is still time to sign up! We will be going to Nassau July 8th to 15th! This trip is open to youth and adults!

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



BUFORD FIRST UMC

Stay in the loop about youth events and happenings!
Join our Student Ministry Remind Group to stay up to date!
Text @bfumcsmp to 81010 for weekly updates and reminders!

Attendance and Giving February 19, 2023

Total in Worship Services	278
Average Worship Attendance	279

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	\$88,881.17
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$16,133.44
Amount given on 02-19-2023	\$14,255.87

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,558,197.41
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$318,417.72
Amount given on 02-19-2023	\$6,624.50

- 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.
- 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.
- You may set up online bill pay through your bank.
- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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

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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:

____ Yes ____ No

Request

Worship Preview

March 5th Heart to Heart: “**What Will We Risk?**” John 3:1-17
March 12th Heart to Heart: “**Does Jesus Know Us?**” John 4:16-26

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 flowers are given by David and Donna Hadden to the Glory of God and to celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary, February 25th.



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Sydney Yancey will bring the message.

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Lara Franklin
Acolytes/Ushers: Scott Leazer, Ed Krauth
Ushers: Bill Ogles, Joshua Page
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Lenna Applebee
Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, Sherry Hall
Greeters: Linda Chambers, Sally Lord
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

Join us for **The Gathering**, our new modern worship service! Nursery is provided for children 2 and under. Children 3 years to 5th grade are invited to join G.L.O.W. in room 201. Join us at 5:00 PM for this new worship option! We need volunteers for this service (ushers, greeters, sound techs, etc)! If you are interested in helping with this service, reach out to Sydney Yancey.

Young Adult Bible Study: Are you a college student, graduate student, or young professional looking to become more involved in a 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.

Young Parent Sunday School: meeting at **10:00 am** in room **311** of the CLC. This group is geared towards young parents, parents with middle schoolers and high schoolers, and everyone in between. If you are not already plugged into a Sunday School class or small group, then this may be the group for you! Ken & Pam Stewart lead the class. If you would like more information, contact Sydney.

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

Missions

Easter Baskets for Foster Children: Would you be willing to put together an Easter Basket for a Foster Child? The Carol Scott Circle is collecting these in March. Email Jennifer Lewis at jenniferlush2002@yahoo.co.uk if you'd like to be assigned a child. Once you have their name, gender, and age you can shop! There is a list of specific items that go in each basket. Each basket is typically around \$50-60 and should contain:

- 1 new clothing item or pair of shoes (if requested)
- 1 new toy or activity
- 1 faith/devotional book (list with age recommendations will be included when you receive your child's information)
- 1 small chocolate bunny
- Please wrap the basket in clear cellophane & tie with a ribbon or bow
- Tie a tag on the outside of the basket with the child's name & age.

Bahamas Mission Trip - July 8th-15th, 2023 for youth and adults. We are signing people up to go on this GREAT trip to a beautiful country. And the people there are beautiful too! Aren't we blessed to be able to go and serve God in this place? Go with us! Youth in 8th grade and adults are needed. Sign up with a \$250.00 deposit and get started fund raising! **We need you.**

UMCOR Offering for Turkey: Give today and 100% of what you give will go to help the victims of the earthquake. Be sure to mark your gift UMCOR. We have collected \$1,050.00 so far.

For more information, contact Suzanne Clegg, mission@bufordfirstumc.org

The Worship of God

February 26, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

First Sunday in Lent | Liturgical Color: Purple

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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (*arr. Ron Mallory*) Chancel Ringers

†Call to Worship (p. 819) **Psalm 25:6-10** (9:00) Lara Franklin
(11:00) Lenna Applebee

†Hymn of Praise No. 154 **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** (*all*) CORONATION

†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 “Steal Away” (*arr. Sandra Eithun*) Chancel Ringers

†Doxology for the Season of Lent OLD 100th
Words: G. W. Dub Shepherd, 2006

***Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God’s love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.***

†Prayer of Consecration Rev. Buckman

LEARNING

Message in Song “O Bless the Lord, My Soul” (*by Stephen Walters*) (9:00) ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Rev. Buckman

Heart to Heart: **“What Tempts Us?”**
Scripture – Matthew 4:1-11

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 338 **“Where He Leads Me”** (*v. 1, 4*) NORRIS

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

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude “Hornpipe” (*by G. F. Handel*) Organist