

March 12, 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

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, March 12

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
12:15p Church Board-Rm. 312
5:00-7:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110, 108
5:00p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304
6:00p Mental Health QPR-Rm. 108
6:00p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

Monday, March 13 - Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
6:30-8:30p Troop 542 Court of Honor-Rm. 108
7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312
7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

Tuesday, March 14

10:30a Effie Wood Circle-Rm. 108
11:00a Disciple I-Rm. 312
12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter
2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share-Rm. 311
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
7:00-8:00p Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308
7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

Wednesday, March 15

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202
11:00a-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-Rm. 110
7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00p Youth Small Group-Rm. 109
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, March 16

10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
12:00p April Calendar Info Is Due
1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
6:00-7:30p Pack 1534-Rm. 108, 110, 305, 306

Friday, March 17

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 108, 110, 202-204, 302-306, 308-311, 313
10:00a Carol Scott Circle-Rm. 201
5:00-7:00p Pack 1534 Setup for Pinewood Derby-Rm. 108

Saturday, March 18

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 & Parking Lot
10:00a-2:00p Pack 1534 Pinewood Derby-Rm. 108



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

March 12, 2023
Third Sunday in Lent

Heart to Heart: **“Does Jesus Know 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 5:00 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:

We are working on Letter W this week and we'll talk about birds and butterflies.

It is also teacher appreciation week at BFUMC Preschool.

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



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

March 5, 2023

Total in Worship Services	315
Average Worship Attendance	285

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	\$113,498.04
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$16,311.35
Amount given on 03-05-2023	\$16,754.87

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,564,995.41
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$309,318.43
Amount given on 03-05-2023	\$3,074.50

- 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:

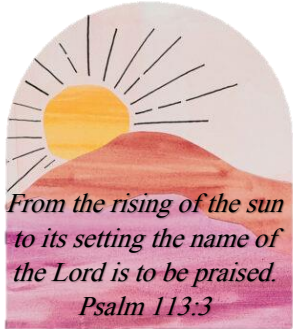
____ Yes ____ No

Request

Worship Preview

March 19th Heart to Heart: “Do We Know Jesus?” John 9:1-12
March 26th Heart to Heart: “Where Is Jesus When Things Go Wrong?” John 11:28-45

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 to the Glory of God.



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: Karl Siegele
Acolyte/Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen
Ushers: Mike Casper, Sandra Casper
Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Niki Redstrom
Acolyte/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish
Ushers: Sherry Hall
Greeters: Sherry Seabrooke, Amy Simonson
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Barry Walker
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

Young at Heart Outing: This month's YAH outing is to the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory. This is one of the largest premier art museums in the Southeast. It features major collections from many cultures including ancient Egyptian, Nubian, Greek, Roman, and more. This outing will be on Tuesday, March 21st. RSVP by March 14th by letting Debbie Atcheson know via phone (770-965-3729) or email (djatcheson@gmail.com). Cost is \$14 including gas. The group will be loading the van at 10:00 AM and then will return around 3:00 PM. Lunch will be on your own at General Muir Restaurant.

Holy Week Luncheons: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week (4/3-4/5) we will be having a lunch and program with a different meal and different speaker each day to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter. Each of these days we will begin at 12:00 PM and end around 1:00 PM. If you would like to bring a dish for one of the meals visit this Sign Up Genius page (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C4EA8AB229-holy>) or contact Sydney Yancey to find out which food slots are open. Everyone is invited to these events! Plan on coming one day or all three and consider signing up to bring food!

Young Parent Sunday School is 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

Rip and Roll: We have been given a ton of sheets! This is great, but we need lots of help rolling. Join us in March for **March Madness!** We will roll in the Fellowship Hall, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on March 16th, 23rd, and 28th!

Hands On Mission Experience: Sign up to go with a team to the UMCOR Warehouse in East Point Thursday, March 30th. Meet at 9:00 a.m. We'll pack flood buckets and hygiene kits. Bring a water, lunch, and a jacket. We return by 4:00 p.m. Let Suzanne Clegg know if you can help. Space is limited.

Thrift Shop: Volunteers are needed Wednesday, March 15th from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm. Let Suzanne know if you can help hang, sort, and straighten clothing. Even an hour is helpful!

Prayer Calendar: The Mission Committee asks you to pray during March! The calendar is available in the narthex and on the church website under Missions. Prayer is essential as we seek to carry out God's work. Let's all pray daily for the missions of BFUMC!

UMCOR Offering: UMCOR and its partners are responding to disasters across the globe every day. Please join us in prayer for the affected areas and consider giving to UMCOR International Disaster Response to support these efforts. The special offering we take March 19th will help finance UMCOR's administrative costs. Churches worldwide will collect. *This offering ensures that 100% of other gifts throughout the year will go directly to victims of disaster!*

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

The Worship of God

March 12, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Third 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 "O Innocent Lamb of God" (*setting by Johann Pachelbel*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 758) **Psalm 27:1-6** (9:00) Karl Siegele
(11:00) Niki Redstrom

†Hymn of Praise No. 732 **"Come, We That Love the Lord"** (*all*) ST. THOMAS

†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 Organist

"O Lamb of God Most Holy" (*arr. Emma Lou Diemer*)

†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 "I Worship You, Almighty God" (*arr. Tom Fettke*) (9:00) ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Rev. Buckman

Heart to Heart: **"Does Jesus Know Us?"**

Scripture – John 4:16-26

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 389 **"Freely, Freely"** (*all*) FREELY, FREELY

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

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "O Innocent Lamb of God" (*setting by Georg Philipp Telemann*) Organist