

March 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, March 26

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
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 Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

Monday, March 27

11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. G3
12:00p District Youth Pastor's Lunch-Rm. 108
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
7:00p Disciple I-Rm. 312
7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308
7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

Tuesday, March 28

10:00a-12:00p Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
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
7:00-8:00p Pack 542-Rm. 108
7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

Wednesday, March 29 *Preschool Egg Hunt*

1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305
5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Chancel Choir rehearsal moved to Thursday

7:00p Youth Small Group-Rm. 109
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, March 30 *Preschool Egg Hunt*

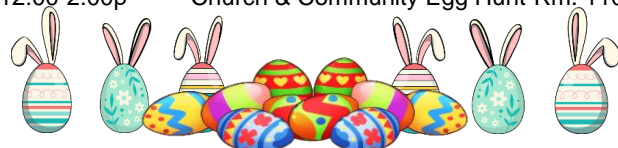
9:00a-4:00p HOME Project to UMCOR Warehouse
1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
6:30p ***Chancel Choir-Sanctuary***

Friday, March 31

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 108, 110, 202-204, 302-306,
308-311, 313
4:00p Setup for Church & Community
Egg Hunt-Rm. 110

Saturday, April 1

9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot
12:00-2:00p Church & Community Egg Hunt-Rm. 110



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 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Heart to Heart: "Where is Jesus When Things Go Wrong?"

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:

Letter Z. We have finished all of our letters! What an accomplishment for our children. This week we will talk all about Easter and the true meaning. We will have our egg hunts and our parent teacher conferences for our PreK.

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

Youth 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

March 19, 2023

Total in Worship Services	280
Average Worship Attendance	304

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	\$140,024.91
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$16,460.03
Amount given on 03-19-2023	\$12,934.87

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,553,103.44
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$318,405.43
Amount given on 03-19-2023	\$6,727.50

- 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

April 2nd Heart to Heart: **“What Happens When We Fail”** Matthew 26:31-35
April 6th **Maundy Thursday Service & Communion** John 18:1 – 19:42
April 9th Easter Sunday Closer: **“Stories Women Tell”** John 20:1-8

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 Jim and Karen M. Rears to the Glory of God and in celebration of their birthdays, April 1st & 2nd, respectively.



The roses on the altar are given by Uncle Brad Thomas to the Glory of God and to honor Michael Thomas who is celebrating his 11th birthday today.



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
Usher/Acolytes: Mark Nichols, Herman Runyan
Ushers: Celina Countess, Pat Taylor
Greeters: Linda Chambers, Cindy LaTouf
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

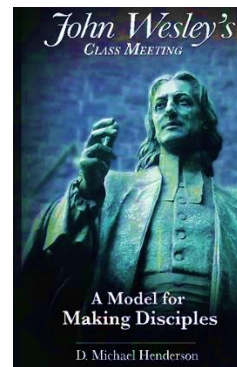
Liturgist: Diane Shepherd
Usher/Acolytes: Ken Stewart, Brad Thomas
Ushers: David Lowry, Sherry Hall
Greeters: Butch Ballin, Tracey Yancey
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

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

New Small Group - John Wesley's Class Meeting: We are gauging interest for a new accountability group open to all starting after Easter! Group meetings will be centered around digging deep into personal faith development and connecting with others wishing to do the same. Here are the basic expectations that will structure the group:



1. Be willing to love and be vulnerable to God.
2. Be able to attend all meetings unless there is a dire emergency.
3. Must participate, there are questions in the book that everyone will answer.
4. Everything spoken is kept within the group.
5. Commit to continuing the Class Meeting once the book is complete.

If you are interested in joining this group, email Sydney Yancey for more information.

Women's Bible Study: The next Women's Bible Study will begin Thursday, April 20th at 10:30 AM. Lynda Knowles will lead this group through a 6-week study of The Daniel Dilemma by Chris Hodges. If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, reach out to Lynda (lyndaknowles@charter.net).

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

Missions

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 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! The deadline to give is today! You can give online through the church website.*

Rip and Roll: We have been given a ton of sheets! This is great, but we need lots of help rolling. Join us Tuesday, March 28th from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

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!

Hands On Mission Experiences:

Please consider serving your neighbors this spring!

- **UMCOR Warehouse** – Sort flood buckets, Thursday, March 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Gateway Shelter** - Painting an apartment for victims of domestic violence, Friday, April 14th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Habitat** - Yard Clean Up in Sugar Hill, Saturday, April 15th, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- **Lydia's Place** – Gutter and yard clean up for a home in Athens used for Foster Children who have aged out of the system, Friday, May 5th, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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

The Worship of God

March 26, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Fifth 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 "Highland Cathedral" (arr. J. Turner & K. McChesney) Chancel Ringers

†Call to Worship (p. 767) **Psalm 33:1-8** (9:00) Lara Franklin (11:00) Diane Shepherd

†Hymn of Praise No. 371 **"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"** (v. 1-2, 4-5) MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

†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

(11:00) Baptism

Harlow Blaire Leazer

Rev. Buckman

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

"There Is a Fountain" (arr. Dan R. Edwards)

†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 "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land" (arr. K. Johnson) (9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Heart to Heart: **"Where is Jesus When Things Go Wrong?"** Rev. Buckman
Scripture – John 11:28-45

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 462 **"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"** (v. 1, 2, 4) TRUST IN JESUS
If you are joining the church today, please come forward during the final verse of the hymn.

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God" (arr. John A. Behnke) Organist