April 23, 2023

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

**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			
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 <u>770-945-7438</u>.

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, April 23

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

11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online

12:00p Confirmation Class & Mentors Lunch-Rm. 108

5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110 5:00p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307 5:00p Inquire 101-Rm. 312 5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304 6:00p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

Monday, April 24

11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. G3

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

Tuesday, April 25

10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 109 10:00a-2:00p KW-Rm. 108 11:00a Disciple I-Rm. 312

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, April 26

8:00-9:30a Preschool Pastries with Parents-Rm. 108

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

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

Thursday, April 27

8:00-9:30a Preschool Pastries with Parents-Rm. 108

 10:30a-12:00p
 Women's Bible Study-Rm. 312

 1:00-1:30p
 Preschool Playball-Rm. 110

 3:30p
 Meal to My Sister's Place

 5:00p
 Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

 6:00-7:30p
 Pack 1534-Rm. 108, 110, 305, 306

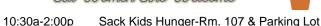
Friday, April 28

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107, 108, 110, 306, 308, 309, 311 5:00a-7:00p UMW Set up for Spring Brunch-Rm. 108

Saturday, April 29

9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311

10:00a-12:00p UMW Spring Brunch-Rm. 108





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

April 23, 2023
3rd Sunday of Easter

Closer: "Walking With Jesus"

BFUMC Kids WW



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...

During the Months of April – August, GLOW will be scheduled as follows:

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. – (The kids will attend the beginning music portion of The Gathering worship service)

5:30 p.m. - Susan will take the kids upstairs to room 201

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Will do Bible Story and Crafts

6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Recreation

Susan will remain until 7:00 p.m. for kids who have siblings in youth.

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



Preschool News:

This week we will talk all about the ocean and the beach!

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

Student Ministry



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!

SAVE THE DATE FOR JUNE 2023 SUMMER DATES

WEEK OF 6/5-VBS
6/9-LOCK-IN AFTER VBS
6/12-BIG FOOT MUSUEM
6/14-BUFORD PARK PICNIC
6/18-ANDRETTI'S
(AFTER THE GATHERING)
6/21-6/25-GAP
6/28-TUBING

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

Attendance and Giving April 16, 2023

Total in Worship Services 264 Average Worship Attendance 319

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	\$198,216.33
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Go	al\$16,666.75
Amount given on 04-16-2023	\$13,684.34
Building Fund	
Building Debt	.\$1,549,991.19

- 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.
- 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

April 23, 2023

Name		
encouragement	t, please ¡	send a note of provide the name erson in need.
Yes, p	olease se	end a note to
		will be praying for your ests will be given to the
Confidential:	_Yes	No
	Reques	st

Worship Preview

April 30th Closer: "Someone to Watch Over You" John 10:1-10 May 7th Closer: "Living Stones" 1 Peter 2:2-10

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 the Applebee family to the Glory of God and in celebration of Chuck Applebee's birthday, April 21st.

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

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Joan Burger
Acolytes/Ushers: Celina Countess, Pat Taylor
Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr
Greeter: DeeAnna Page
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Rick Huckaby
Acolytes/Ushers: Ken Stewart, Chris Simonson
Ushers: Kevin Gohman, Eric Lynskey
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Susan Lynskey
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Brenden R. Smith
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Ministry Staff

James Adair
Sylvia Beard
Pianist
Rev. Jim Buckman
Suzanne Clegg
Cindy LaTouf
Gary Lenz
Custodian
Pianist
Senior Pastor
Director of Missions
Office Manager
Director of Music and the Arts

Leandre Majerus
Hank Morgan
DeeAnna Page
Joshua Page
Susan Rosenthal
Brendan Rossell Smith
Sydney Yancey
Director of Preschool
Organist
Financial Secretary
Director of Student Ministry
Director of Children & Family Ministry
Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Ministry

New Member Class: Inquire 101 is for those who have recently joined Buford First and those considering church membership. Rev. Buckman will share some about the United Methodist Church and our congregation. Participants will meet some of our church leaders and hear about church ministries. Our next session will be Today Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00 PM in room 312. Email Suzanne Clegg at mission@bufordfirstumc.org if you plan to attend this session.

Women's Brunch: This year's Women's Spring Brunch will be at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 29th. The theme for this year's brunch is "Jesus Loves the Little Children" with a focus on Matthew 19:14. Our speaker will be Sharon Brewer from Wellroot (formerly known as the UM Children's Home). Bring a brunch dish to share and a friend!

April 30th is 5th Sunday Fellowship Time @ 10:00 AM: Mark your calendars! Sunday, April 30th is our next 5th Sunday Fellowship Event. Sunday school classes will not meet this day. Everyone is invited to come to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and time to gather with our church family and get to know our Bahamas Mission Trip Team.

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

Missions

<u>Rip and Roll</u> – Stop by Tuesday, April 25th, 10:00 am – 12 noon to help roll bandages. We meet in room 109, or ask Suzanne Clegg today for some strips to take home and roll.

My Sister's Place: We will be providing a meal for the residents of this shelter in Gainesville on Thursday, April 27th. The menu this time is chicken pot pie, veggie, salad, and dessert. We provide enough for 15 people. Please let Mary Susan Robertson know if you can help. marysusan@essentialingredients.com

<u>UMCOR Tornado Buckets:</u> In March, 5 volunteers went to the UMCOR warehouse to help prepare tornado buckets. We learned that 50 women's hygiene kits are urgently needed asap. The cost of each kit is \$24. Effie Wood Circle would like to collect monetary donations so that they can purchase the specific items in bulk. **Checks should be made out to Effie Wood Circle.** You can put a donation in the offering plate marked HYGEINE or give a donation to Lynda Knowles or Linda Chambers. Deadline to donate is April 30th!



Bahamas Yard Sale Saturday is May 6th! We will have a Church Yard Sale & Fish Fry to raise money for the Bahamas Mission Trip. If you can bring items for the sale, please drop them off Friday, May 5th between 5:00-7:00 pm, or Saturday morning, May 6th between 8:00-9:00 am. Thank you!

Thanks for the help! Thanks to the 5 volunteers who helped with the Gateway painting project April 14th, and the 12 who signed up for the Habitat Project, April 15th. We accomplished so much in those 2 days. We have so many willing volunteers at BFUMC! Way to go church!

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

The Worship of God

9:00 & 11:00 am April 23, 2023

3rd Sunday of Easter | Liturgical Color: White

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

Hank Morgan, Organist Chiming of the Hour

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. All: And also with you. Gary Lenz, Leader

Prelude Organist

Processional on "O Sons & Daughters, Let Us Sing!" (by Charles Callahan)

Psalm 118:21-24 †Call to Worship (p. 840) (9:00) Joan Burger

(11:00) Rick Huckaby

Leader

tHymn of Praise No. 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (all) REGENT SQUARE

"The Apostles' Creed"

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

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 guick 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" MFINEKE

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.

Susan Rosenthal Children's Moment

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

OLD 100th

"Easter Chimes" (by Lani Smith)

†Doxology No. 95

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

"Walk By Faith" (by J.P. Williams & J. Raney) Message in Song

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

Sermon Rev. Buckman

> Closer: "Walking With Jesus" Scripture – Luke 24:27-35

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 700

"Abide With Me" (v. 1. 3. 5)

EVENTIDE

Organist

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

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Paean" (by Gordon Young)