

May 7, 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, May 7

- 9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15p Graduating Sr.'s Reception-Rm. 108
- 5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
- 5:00p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307
- 5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304
- 6:00p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

Monday, May 8

- 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, May 9

- 10:30a-12:00p Effie Wood Circle-Rm. 108
- 11:00a Disciple I-Rm. 312
- 12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

Wednesday, May 10

- 11:30a Lunch Bunch to Red Lobster
- 1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet Recital-Rm. 110
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 305
- 6:30-8:30p Bahamas Team Mtg.-Rm. 108
- 7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, May 11

- 10:30a-12:00p Women's Bible Study-Rm. 312
- 11:30a-1:00p Preschool Parents Ice Cream Social-Rm. 108
- 1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-8:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 6:00-7:30p VBS Training-Rm. 108
- 7:00p Florence Garner Circle-Rm. 109

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

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



Please note that we have a different Pickleball schedule. We will play on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:00-8:00pm in the gym, room 110. Hope to see you on the court!



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

May 7, 2023
5th Sunday of Easter | Communion

Closer: "Living Stones"

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...

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)

5:00 p.m. – Susan will take the kids upstairs to room 201

5:00 – 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 have our ballet recital and our ice cream social!



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 @bfumcsm 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 MUSEUM
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 30, 2023

Total in Worship Services	297
Average Worship Attendance	316

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	\$227,922.91
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$16,770.37
Amount given on 04-30-2023	\$14,342.08

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,553,103.44
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$326,493.08
Amount given on 04-30-2023	\$1,103.50

- 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

May 14th

Closer: "The Air We Breathe"

John 14:15-21

May 21st

Closer: "Share the Stories"

Acts 1:6-14

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 Mark Nichols and Herman Runyan to the Glory of God and in memory of Mark's mother, Gene Nichols.



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

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Donna Hadden

Acolytes: Ava Ross Womack (*crucifer*), Lillie Fonville (*light*)

Ushers: Mark Nichols, Herman Runyan, Scott Leazer, Ed Krauth

Greeters: Donna Agee, Cindy LaTouf

Sound: Nora Lirette

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Lenna Applebee

Acolytes: Noah Rogers (*crucifer*), Charlie Redstrom (*light*)

Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman

Greeters: Terry Ellis, 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
Sylvia Beard Pianist
Rev. Jim Buckman Senior Pastor
Suzanne Clegg Director of Missions
Cindy LaTouf Office Manager
Gary Lenz Director of Music and the Arts

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

Adult Ministry



Homebound Ministry- New Carpool Ministry: Are you looking for a new ministry area to plug into? Would you be willing to pick someone up and bring them to church or take them home afterward? We have some folks in our church family who need help with transportation to and from church. If you would be interested in giving someone a ride weekly or even once a month, contact Sydney Yancey.



VBS Volunteers Needed: This year Vacation Bible School will be June 5th-9th. If you would like to volunteer, contact Susan Rosenthal (children.director@bufordfirstumc.org) to get more information.

Church T-Shirts: We are now stocking youth sizes of our BFUMC T-shirts. Another order will be coming in soon which will include different designs for the summer. If you would like to purchase one, see Brad Thomas on Sunday mornings at the front desk of the CLC.

You may also contact: Toni Pirkle (tonipirkle@gmail.com) or Tracey Yancey (tyancey@woodfruitticher.com) for more information and to order/purchase your T-shirts.

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

Missions



Wesley Woods Mother's Day Offering: A word from the Pastor:

"For many Ministers and United Methodists, Wesley Woods has been a retirement home that provides care these people would not have had otherwise. Your generosity makes this possible. Your gift is truly life changing! Thank you for supporting our Mother's Day Offering for Wesley Woods." ~ Jim Buckman

Plan to give to this important ministry of the North Georgia Conference by Sunday, May 14th, Mother's Day.

Sack Kids Hunger: THANK YOU for your generous support of this important ministry! We have been averaging 155 sack lunches every Saturday lately. We appreciate your help in every way. Financial donations allow us to buy the supplies we need for the lunches. Volunteers make sure sacks are packed, sandwiches are made, and lunches are handed out every Saturday from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Right now we are asking for donations of Capri Sun Juice Bags! Drop a box or two off in the donation bin in the CLC Lobby. Grape jam is also needed!



Good News Clinic: The Good News Clinic in Gainesville needs our donations! Help by donating covid tests, (expired tests are ok), C-pap machines, arm, neck, and knee braces, and unopened prescription medicines. Give meds to Teresa Fowler or Suzanne Clegg. Other donations may be placed in the bin in the CLC.

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

The Worship of God

May 7, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

5th Sunday of Easter | Communion | 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

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 Processional of “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (*by Charles Callahan*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 817)

Psalm 97:7-12

(9:00) Donna Hadden
(11:00) Lenna Applebee

†Hymn of Praise No. 715

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (*all*)

DARWALL’S 148th

†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) Recognition of our High School & College Graduating Students

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

Organist

“O Love Divine, How Sweet Thou Art” (*arr. Alice Jordan*)

If you would like to make a donation to our Good Samaritan Fund you may place your offering in the offering plate. Be sure to mark it for the Good Samaritan Fund.

†Doxology No. 95

OLD 100th

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

“We Are Blessed” (*by Andrea Ramsey*)

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

Sermon

Closer: **“Living Stones”**

Scripture – 1 Peter 2:2-10

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see insert*)

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 617

“I Come With Joy” (*v. 1, 3, 5*)

DOVE OF PEACE

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

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“O God, My Faithful God” (*arr. Carl F. Schalk*)

Organist