



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



April 23, 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, 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

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 589-Rm. 108
- 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
- 7:00-8:30p 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 AI-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 312
- 10:00a-12:00p UMW Spring Brunch-Rm. 108

All Women Are Welcome



- 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot

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 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day
Closer: "The Air We Breathe"

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)

5:30 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



BUFORD FIRST UMC

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!

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

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

Attendance and Giving

April 16, 2023

Total in Worship Services	337
Average Worship Attendance	306

*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	\$151,263.91
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$16,590.55
Amount given on 04-16-2023.....	\$11,239.00

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,553,103.44
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$319,246.93
Amount given on 04-16-2023	\$841.50

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2023 should be an

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

April 23, 2023

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 21st
May 28th

Closer: “Share the Stories”
Closer: “He Has What We Need”

Acts 1:6-14
John 7: 37-39

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 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: Karl Siegele
Acolytes/Ushers: Celina Countess, Pat Taylor
Ushers: Bill Ogles, Scott Leazer
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Diane Shepherd
Acolytes/Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Chris Simonson
Ushers: Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
Camera: Brendan R. Smith
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

Adult Ministry

Sydney Yancey, Director of Adult Ministry

April 30th- 5th Sunday Fellowship Time @ 10AM: 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.

Women's Brunch: This year's Women's Spring Brunch will be at 10 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!

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.

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

Missions

Rip and Roll – Stop by Tuesday, May 23, 10:00 am – 12 noon to help roll bandages. We meet in 109 - CLC, or ask Suzanne Clegg today for some strips to take home and roll.

UMCOR Tornado Buckets Great news! The Effie Wood Circle was able to purchase the supplies for 50 feminine hygiene kits to complete 50 tornado buckets at the UMCOR Warehouse in Eastpoint. Thanks to everyone who gave to this worthy mission!

Thanks for the help! Thanks to the 4 volunteers who helped with cleaning gutters and yard work at Lydia's Place in Athens. Lydia's Place is the home to 8 young adults who have aged out of Foster Care and are transitioning to independent living.

English Class: We need another teacher to assist in the classroom. If you are willing to help when we start again in the fall, please let Suzanne know. The class meets Sundays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please consider helping out. **It is a very rewarding ministry!**

Knitting for Others will meet Wednesday May 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the church, then break for the summer. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome. Email Debbie Atcheson for more information at djatcheson@gmail.com
This group has knitted for new babies born to church families, the Sack Kids Hunger families, and the Gwinnett Police Department. We'd love for more knitters to join us!

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

The Worship of God

May 14, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

6th Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day | 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
Buckman

Rev. Jim

(11:00) Recognition the "Woman of the Year"

PRAISING

Chiming of the Hour
Organist

Hank Morgan,

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**
Leader

Gary Lenz,

Prelude "The Palms" (by Jean Baptiste Faure) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 738)
Siegele

Psalm 1:1-3

(9:00) Karl

Shepherd

(11:00) Diane

†Hymn of Praise No. 160
MARION

"Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart" (v. 1, 2, 3, 5)

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881
Leader

"The Apostles' Creed"

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
MEINEKE

"Glory Be to the Father"

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
Rosenthal

Susan

PRAYING

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer
Buckman

Rev

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 "Elevation" (by Otto Malling) Organist

†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
Buckman

Rev.

LEARNING

Message in Song

"Tree of Life" (by Pepper Choplin)

solo

Sermon

Closer: **"The Air We Breathe"**
Scripture – John 14: 15-21

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 172
GORDON

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” *(all)*

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

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Hosanna!” *(by Mark Andersen)*

Organist