

**May 21, 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 21**

*Confirmation Students Join the Church Today!*

9:00a	Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a	Confirmation Class Reception-Rm. 108
10:00a	Sunday School
11:00a	Worship-Sanctuary & Online
5:00-6:00p	The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:00p	GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
6:00p	Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

**Monday, May 22**

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

**Tuesday, May 23**

10:00a	Rip & Roll-Rm. 109
11:00a	Disciple I-Rm. 312
5:00p	Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-8:00p	Pickleball-Rm. 110
7:00p	Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

**Wednesday, May 24**

5:00-7:00p	AA Mtg.-Rm. 305
7:00-8:30p	Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p	S-Anon-Rm. 309

**Thursday, May 25**

10:30a-12:00p	Women's Bible Study-Rm. 312
5:00p	Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-8:00p	Pickleball-Rm. 110
6:00-7:30p	VBS Training-Rm. 108

**Friday, May 26**

**Saturday, May 27**

9:00-11:30a	AI-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
10:30a-2:00p	Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot
3:00-7:00p	Rm. 108 is Reserved

**Looking Ahead**

On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a VBS Volunteer Commissioning during The Gathering worship service at 5:00 p.m. We encourage you to attend this very special time to pray for the volunteers who will be helping to make a difference in the lives of over 200 children. *God blesses us so that we may be a blessing to others.*



**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 21, 2023**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Ascension Sunday**

Closer: **"Share the Stories"**

**BFUMC Kids**



**9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Children's Moment**

Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:joshua@bufordfirstumc.org)

**Attendance and Giving  
May 14, 2023**

**Prayer Requests**

“...but in everything, by prayer and

**Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2023)**

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration.....	\$814,886.00
Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget.....	\$255,378.49
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal...	\$16,954.77
Amount given on 05-14-2023 .....	\$15,444.08

**Building Fund**

Building Debt.....	\$1,543,086.66
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$309,937.01
Amount given on 05-14-2023 .....	\$1,172.50

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.
2. The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. 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**

1. 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.

**Worship Review**

May 28<sup>th</sup>

Closer: "He Has What We Need"

John 7:37-39

June 4<sup>th</sup>

Summer In The Son: "Summer Sharing"

Matthew 28:16-20

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 Joshua and Julie Page to the Glory of God and in celebration of Charlotte and Don Trawick's 38<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, May 18<sup>th</sup>.*



Join us this evening for **The Gathering** worship service at 5:00pm. Today Brendan R. Smith will bring the message. *Next Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial Day holiday weekend. We will not have a 5:00pm service that day.*

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Joyce Siegele  
 Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (*crucifer*), Lillie Fonville (*light*)  
 Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen  
 Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed  
 Sound: Christi Lenz  
 Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Sarah Van Pelt  
 Acolytes: Michael Thomas (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)  
 Ushers: Ken Stewart, Brad Thomas, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman  
 Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Marsha Huckaby  
 Sound: Dave Reynolds  
 Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams  
 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 Russell Smith	Director of Online Worship
		Suzanne Yancy	Director of Adult Ministry

## Adult Ministry

**Young Adult Small Group:** If you are a college/grad school student or young professional



## Missions

**Wesley Woods Offering:** It's not too late to give to our Wesley Woods Offering, but the deadline is today! Make checks to the church and mark Wesley Woods, or go to the church website and donate online. Wesley Woods provides a much-needed service to our senior adults. Thank you.

**Rip and Roll** – Stop by this Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am – 12 noon to help roll bandages. These bandages are shipped to the Baptist Medical Center in Ghana. We will meet in room 108 in the CLC, or you can 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 East Point. Thanks to everyone who gave to this worthy mission!



**God is at work.** We celebrated with the English Class students May 7<sup>th</sup> as the session finished up and the summer break is here. Students were asked to share a little about themselves with the group.

One student, a grandmother of 2, is from Venezuela where she was a schoolteacher. With tears in her eyes, she thanked her teacher, Darla Hiltgen, and said that she had received the greatest gift from Darla- learning a new language. It was such a special moment. Others expressed the same sentiment. It was a very meaningful celebration. It was evident that God had worked through this ministry to touch lives.

Please consider supporting our ESL class! We need more help in the classroom. See Suzanne to find out how you can be an assistant to one of our teachers when we start back August 6<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to commit to every week. The classes are Sundays from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact Suzanne Clegg at [sclegg@firstumc.com](mailto:sclegg@firstumc.com)

## The Worship of God

May 21, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter | Ascension Sunday | 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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (by Johann Gottfried Walther) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 781) **Psalm 47:5-9** (9:00) Joyce Siegele (11:00) Sarah Van Pelt

†Hymn of Praise No. 312 **"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"** (all) LLANFAIR

†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.**

(11:00) Confirmation and Reception of New Members No. 33

Rev. Buckman

*Benjamin Dean Conner  
Grant Christian Conner  
Lillie Suzanne Fonville  
Vincent O'Neil Miller*

*Reese McConnell Purcell  
Samuel Alexander Reynolds  
Kylie Marie Summers*

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 "Psalm 23 (He Leadeth Me)" (by Alice Jordan) Organist

†Doxology No. 95 OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**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 "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" (by Jerry Kirk) (9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon Rev. Buckman

Closer: **"Share the Stories"**  
*Scripture – Acts 1:6-14*

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 332 **"Spirit of Faith, Come Down"** (v. 1, 3, 4) BEALOTH  
*If you are joining the church today, please come forward during the final verse of the hymn.*

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (by Bernard Wayne Sanders) Organist