

July 16, 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, July 16

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
12:15p Town Hall Mtg.-Rm. 108
5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:00p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307

Monday, July 17 *Youth Monday Mexican Food Mania*

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Tuesday, July 18

10:00a-2:00p KW-Rm. 108
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Wednesday, July 19 *Youth Putt-Putt & Ice Cream*

11:00a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, July 20

12:00p August Calendar Information Is Due
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Friday, July 21

Saturday, July 22

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

Looking Ahead

On Sunday, August 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall we will have our second Town Hall Meeting regarding the possibility of disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz will join us for the August 6th meeting to help with any questions you might have. If you are unable to attend the Town Hall Meeting today at 12:15 p.m. or if you want to attend both meetings, please plan to join us.



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

July 16, 2023
7th Sunday after Pentecost

Summer in the Son: "Digging Georgia Clay"

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. Schedule for July - September

July 16th, 23rd & 30th - G.L.O.W. 5:00-6:30 p.m.

No G.L.O.W. on August 6th

August 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th - G.L.O.W. 5:00-6:30 p.m.

No G.L.O.W. on September 3rd

September 10th, 17th, 24th - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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



Preschool News:



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
SUMMER DATES

7/17-MONDAY MEXICAN FOOD MANIA

7/19-PUTT PUTT & ICE CREAM

7/24-MONDAY MOVIE MADNESS

7/31-SIX FLAGS

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

Attendance and Giving

July 9, 2023

Total in Worship Services	250
Average Worship Attendance	300

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	\$362,179.38
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$18,108.26
Amount given on 07-09-2023.....	\$16,170.58

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,533,710.05
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$315,142.43
Amount given on 07-09-2023	\$981.50

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.

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

July 23rd Summer in the Son: “**Pulling Weeds**” Matthew 13:24-30
July 30th Summer in the Son: “**Treasure Hunt**” Matthew 13:44-46

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 John and Marti Hladish to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary, July 12th.



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Sydney Yancey will bring the message. “Like A Mustard Seed” Matthew 13:31-32

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Pat Stanley
Acolytes/Ushers: Bill Ogles, Joshua Page
Ushers: Celina Countess, Pat Taylor
Greeters: Julia Griffis, Jack Griffis
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

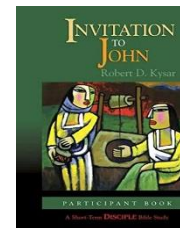
11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Heather White
Acolytes/Ushers: Ken Stewart, Eric Lynskey
Ushers: Kevin Gohman, Donnie McQuaig
Greeters: Linda McQuaig, Sally Lord
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



Bible Study Coming in the Fall: Starting in August we will be going through the “Invitation to John” Bible study made by the same creators of the Disciple Bible Study curriculum. This Bible study will be facilitated by Brendan Smith and will meet Thursday evenings. More information will be posted soon about this opportunity. If you are interested in joining this study, let Sydney Yancey know.

Homebound Ministry: The goal of this ministry is to support our older church members who are not able to attend church as much as they used to or are living in a long-term care facility. Volunteers in this ministry area can offer a wide variety of things for these older members of our church family. You may enjoy writing cards, making visits, or giving them rides to and from church. If you would like to support the Homebound Ministry in any way, please reach out to Sydney.

Pickleball: Whether you are a veteran player or it’s your first time, there is a place for you on the pickleball court! Come play during open gym from 5:00 to 7:30pm in the CLC gym on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

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

Missions



Buford Thrift Shop: The Buford Thrift Shop NEEDS help Wednesday, July 19th, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. They have a 25 cent sale that day, and volunteers help sort, hang, and straighten clothing. The shop is at 70 Wiley St., Buford. Please stop in and help an hour or two!

My Sister’s Place: We will be providing a meal for the residents of this shelter in Gainesville on Thursday, July 27th. My Sister’s Place provides a nurturing home, transportation assistance, nutritious meals and other basic necessities to single women and mothers with children. While staying at MSP, they are provided the tools and resources to help them to be in a better position when they leave than when they arrived. If you would like to help, please let Mary Susan Robertson know. marysusan@essentialingredients.com

Medical Supplies Needed: If you have expired covid tests (or unexpired!) you can donate to the Good News Clinic in Gainesville. Please drop them in the bin in the CLC Lobby! The clinic can use old c-pap machines, arm and knee braces, and unopened prescription medicines. Give the medication to Suzanne Clegg or Teresa Fowler. All other donations can be dropped in the bin marked Good News Clinic!

School Supplies for Sack Kids Hunger: We are asking for: Children’s Scissors, Crayola washable markers, composition notebooks, #2 pencils, pink block erasers, glue sticks, bottles of glue & 24 count crayons. Drop donations in the bin in the CLC Lobby through August 6th! We are also in need of CREAMY peanut butter!

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

The Worship of God

July 16, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

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.** Jean Ann Crites, Leader

Prelude

“Bringing in the Sheaves” (arr. Harold DeCou)

Organist

† Call to Worship (p. 769)

Pslam 34:1-8

(9:00) Pat Stanley
(11:00) Heather White

† Hymns of Praise SLS No. 108
SLS No. 111

“**Revive Us Again**” (v. 1, 4)
“**My Hope is Built**” (v. 1, 4)

HUSBAND
BRADBURY

† 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

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

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” (arr. Charles Callahan)

† 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

Hymn of Preparation SLS No. 100 “**I Love to Tell the Story**” (v. 1, 4)

FISCHER

Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.

Sermon

Summer in the Son: “**Digging Georgia Clay**”

Rev. Buckman

Scripture – Matthew 13:1-9

SERVING

† Hymn of Discipleship SLS No. 133 “**Take the Name of Jesus With You**” (v. 1, 4)

DOANE

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

† Benediction

Rev. Buckman

† Postlude

Trumpet Tune on “How Great Thou Art” (by Janet Linker)

Organist