July 23, 2023

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

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| I attended | d the 11:00am service |
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| 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 <u>changes</u>, please provide us with your current address, phone, and email addresses for your family.

For Guest Information or Changes

| Address | 3 | | |
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| 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, July 23

| 9:00a | Worship-Sanctuary |
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| 10:00a | Sunday School |
| 11:00a | Worship-Sanctuary & Online |
| 12:30p | Children's Work Area MtgRm. 201 |
| 5:00-6:00p | The Gathering-Rm. 110 |
| 5:00-6:30p | GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110 |

Monday, July 24 Youth Monday Movie Madness

11:30a Staff Mtg. Luncheon-Offsite 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304 5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Tuesday, July 25

10:00a-12:00p Rip & Roll-Rm. 108

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1

5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Wednesday, July 26

5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304

5:30p Women's Retreat Planning Mtg.-Rm. 108

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

Thursday, July 27

4:30p Meal to My Sister's Place 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Friday, July 28

Saturday, July 29

9:00-11:30a Al-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 Sanctuary 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 this meeting to help with any questions you might have.



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 23, 2023 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Summer in the Son: "Pulling Weeds"

BFUMC Kids W W



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

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

August 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



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 @bfumcsmp to 81010 for weekly updates and reminders!

SAVE THE DATE FOR SUMMER DATES

7/24-MONDAY MOVIE MADNESS 7/31-SIX FLAGS

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

Attendance and Giving July 16, 2023

Total in Worship Services 267 Average Worship Attendance 299

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 |
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| Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget | \$374,825.82 |
| Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Go | al\$18,335.84 |
| Amount given on 07-16-2023 | \$12,646.44 |
| Building Fund | |

| Building Debt | \$1,533,710.05 |
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| Available Funds for Building Debt | |
| Amount given on 07-16-2023 | |

- 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

July 23, 2023

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Worship Preview

July 30th Summer in the Son: "Treasure Hunt" Matthew 13:44-46 August 6th Broken: "Broken Spirits, Broken Dreams" Romans 8:1-11

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 Jeff and Becky Ramsey to the Glory of God.

"Friends come and go, but your church family is with you forever. Miss you all so much!" Jeff and Becky Ramsey

Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Joshua Page will bring the message. "Like Yeast" Matthew 13:33-35

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: TBD Acolytes/Ushers: Cindy & Kenny Karr Ushers: Mike & Sandra Casper Greeters: Linda Chambers, Cindy LaTouf Sound: Christi Lenz Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Lenna Applebee Acolytes/Ushers: David Lowry. Sherry Hall Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig Sound: John Alford Live-stream monitor: Barry Walker Camera: Brendan R. Smith

Ministry Staff

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

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

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 have 11 sessions.

- When: Thursdays at 5:00 PM starting August 17th
- Where: The media room on the third floor of the CLC
- How much: Each participant book is \$15.00
- If you would prefer a morning meeting time, please let Sydney Yancey know. We have had some folks ask about this and if enough people are interested, we can possibly open up another meeting time.

Our next 5th Sunday Fellowship Hour is Sunday July 30th: Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM during Sunday school hour for a time of food and fellowship.

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 7:30 PM in the CLC gym on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

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

Missions

Rip and Roll -Help us roll bandages, Tuesday, July 25th 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. These bandages are shipped to the Baptist Medical Center in Ghana. We will meet in room 108 in the CLC (Christian Life Center).

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

School Supplies for Sack Kids Hunger: We give away almost 120 sack lunches EVERY Saturday. Currently, we are also offering the children school supplies! We are asking for: Children's Scissors, Cravola 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!

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

The Worship of God

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

Eighth 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. Gary Lenz, Leader

Prelude "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" (arr. Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.) Organist

(11:00) Lenna Applebee

†Hymns of Praise SLS No. 47 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (v. 1) ALLEN

SLS No. 48 "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" (v. 1) GABRIEL SLS No. 49 "Standing On the Promises" (v. 1) CARTER

†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 "Sunshine in My Soul" (arr. Harold DeCou)

Organist

OLD 100th

†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

Hymn of Discipleship SLS No. 66 "In the Garden" (all)

MILES

Please remain seated for the singing of this hymn.

Sermon Rev. Buckman

Summer in the Son: "Pulling Weeds"

Scripture – Matthew 13:24-30

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship SLS No. 77 "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" (v. 1, 3)

MILES

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

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Work, for the Night Is Coming" (arr. Harold DeCou)

Organist