Events of the Week

Sunday, July 30
9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
No Sunday School Today, instead join us for our 5th Sunday Fellowship & Snack in the Fellowship Hall
10:00a 5th Sunday Fellowship-Rm. 108
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:00-6:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307 & 110

Monday, July 31 Youth to Six Flags
11:30a Staff Mtg.-Rm. G3
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Tuesday, August 1
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Wednesday, August 2
10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202
10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
7:00-8:30p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, August 3
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
7:00p Florence Garner Circle-108

Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 5
9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot

Looking Ahead

Next 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.

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 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Summer in the Son: “Treasure Hunt”
Saturday and Sunday, 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 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

Attendance and Giving
July 23, 2023
Total in Worship Services 260
Average Worship Attendance 298

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 $384,661.32
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal $18,705.42
Amount given on 07-23-2023 $9,835.50

Building Fund
Building Debt $1,533,710.05
Available Funds for Building Debt $325,467.90
Amount given on 07-23-2023 $7,911.50

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.

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!

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

Prayer Requests
“...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.”
Philippians 4:6

July 30, 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

Confidential: __________ Yes ______ No

Request

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Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.

For more information, contact Joshua Page, Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org
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 Cindy LaTouf to the Glory of God and in honor of Mary Alice Beard who is celebrating her 70th birthday today, July 30th.

Worship Preview
August 6th
Broken: “Broken Spirits, Broken Dreams” Romans 8:1-11

9:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Karl Siegele
Acolytes/Ushers: Darla & Ken Hiltgen
Ushers: Scott Leazer, Ed Krauth
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Rick Huckaby
Acolytes/Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Chris Simonson
Ushers: Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Amy Simonson
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Gather for Worship - Baptism
Wyatt Lenz
Vermont Golden

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 10:30 am-12:00 pm & 6:00-7:30 pm starting August 17th
- Where: Room 312 on the third floor of the CLC
- How much: Each participant book is $15.00
- Please let Sydney Yancey know if you are interested in attending the morning class or the evening class.

Join a circle! This week’s circle spotlight: Florence Garner Florence Garner is a fun group of ladies that always welcomes visitors and new members. We are made up of moms, wives, single ladies, grandmothers, career women, and retirees. We share a love of Jesus, missions, family, and enjoying each other’s company. We always enjoy new faces. August through May we get together monthly on the first Thursday evening of the month at 7:00 pm. We are mission minded and contribute financially and by volunteering to many of the missions around the church. We also run the Angel Tree mission. Next meeting is 8/3!

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

Missions

Rip and Roll: Help us roll bandages, Wednesday, August 2nd from 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).

New Ministry! - Mats for the Homeless: Are you interested in helping start a brand-new mission for our church? We hope to start a ministry of crocheting plastic grocery sacks into thick mats for the homeless. The North Gwinnett Co-Op will distribute these as they encounter folks sleeping on the street. Start saving those plastic grocery sacks! Place them in the bin in the CLC Lobby. Please email Suzanne Clegg if this is a project you’d like to help us organize.

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, 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 also currently need creamy peanut butter and grape jam. Thank you.

Medical Supplies: Please donate for the Good News Clinic in Gainesville. Covid Tests, C-Pap machines, knee braces, etc. are needed. Drop donations in the bin in the CLC Lobby!

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

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Financial Secretary
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Director of Children & Family Ministry
Director of Online Worship
Director of Adult Ministry

Like Hidden Treasure
Matthew 13:44-46

HAPPY 70th BIRTHDAY!

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

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 also currently need creamy peanut butter and grape jam. Thank you.
The Worship of God

July 30, 2023
9:00 & 11:00 am

Ninth 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
“There Is Power in the Blood” (arr. Bryce Inman)
Organ and Piano Duet
Hank Morgan, Jean Ann Crites

†Call to Worship (p. 799)
Psalm 78:1-4
(9:00) Karl Siegele
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymns of Praise SLS No. 73
“Love Lifted Me” (v. 1, 3)
SMITH

SLS No. 74
“There is Power in the Blood” (v. 1, 2)
JONES

†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

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings
“Ivory Palaces” (arr. Lani Smith)
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
Rev. Buckman

LEARNING

Hymn of Preparation SLS No. 92
“The Lily of the Valley” (all)
BLISS

Sermon
Summer in the Son: “Treasure Hunt”
Scripture – Matthew 13:44-46
Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship SLS No. 82
“Sweet By and By” (v. 1, 3)
WEBSTER

†Benediction
Rev. Buckman

†Postlude
“Heaven Came Down & Glory Filled My Soul” (J. Peterson, arr. Fred Bock)
Organist

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings
“Sweet By and By” (v. 1, 3)
WEBSTER

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