

August 6, 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, August 6

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304
6:00p **Town Hall Mtg. in the Sanctuary with
The Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz**

Monday, August 7

11:30a Staff Mtg. Luncheon-Rm. G3
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

Tuesday, August 8

12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

Wednesday, August 9

11:30a Lunch Bunch to Coastal Breeze
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
7:00p Church Board Mtg.-Rm. 312
7:00-8:30p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 306, 308, 313

Saturday, August 12

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

Attention Church Members!

Today 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, The Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Cruz will join us for this meeting to help with any questions you might have.



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

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10th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion

Broken: "Broken Spirits, Broken Dreams"

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 August - September

No G.L.O.W. Today

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



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!

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

WE WILL BE GOING BACK TO OUR REGULAR WEEKLY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY STARTING ON AUGUST 15TH. THIS WILL BE A WEEKLY TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY FROM 6:00 - 7:00PM! WE WILL HAVE 2 GROUPS (MIDDLE & HIGH) COVERING SIMILAR MATERIAL! COME AND JOIN US! ALL ARE WELCOME!

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

Attendance and Giving July 30, 2023

Total in Worship Services	276
Average Worship Attendance	297

*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	\$400,587.71
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$18,831.74
Amount given on 07-30-2023	\$15,926.39

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,533,710.05
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$328,049.41
Amount given on 07-30-2023	\$2,851.50

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

August 13th

“The Book Bag”

John 14:2-3

August 20th

Broken: “Inseparable”

Romans 8:26-39

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 Rindfusz (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



The Sanctuary flowers are given by Mary Alice Beard and Cindy LaTouf to the Glory of God and in honor of Jean Hudson as she celebrates her birthday today.



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Joshua Page will bring the message. “God Creates Rest” Genesis 1:31-2:3

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: DeeAnna Page
Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (*crucifer*), Ava Waters (*light*)
Ushers: Celina Countess, Pat Taylor, Joshua Page
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Donna Agee
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry
Acolytes: Michael Thomas (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman
Greeters: Dianne Beaumont, Marsha Huckaby
Sound: John Alford
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

Young at Heart: Now is the time to let Debbie know if you are interested in the Young at Heart Fried Chicken Potluck start-up dinner. It will be August 15th at 6 PM and the cost is \$5 a person plus bring a side or dessert. Drinks will be supplied. Contact Debbie Atcheson to RSVP (djatcheson@gmail.com or 770-965-3729).

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 starting August 17th. We will be offering two sessions on Thursdays so that you can pick which time works best for you: 10:30 AM- 12:00PM and 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- Where: Room 312 on the third floor of the CLC
- How much: Each participant book is \$15.00

If you would like to sign up for either session of this Bible study, contact Sydney Yancey.

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

Missions

Blood Drive: The LifeSouth Bus is on Hill St. Sunday, August 13th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We hope the extended time will enable more to give! Please plan to stop by the bus and donate. The blood supply always dwindles in the summer months, so donations are especially helpful!

New Ministry! - Mats for 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 Christian Life Center (CLC) Lobby. Our training session will be Sunday, September 10th at 3:30 p.m. in room 108. Please email Suzanne Clegg know if you plan to attend, or if this is a project you would like to help us organize.

FREE English Class: Please consider supporting our ESL class! We need more help with registration and in the classroom. See Suzanne to find out how you can be an assistant to one of our teachers. You don’t have to commit to every week. The classes are Sundays from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Sack Kids Hunger needs creamy peanut butter and grape jam. A bin for donations is in the CLC!

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

The Worship of God

August 6, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion | 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

“Wonderful Words of Life” (arr. Wilbur Held)

Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 805)

Psalm 84:1-4

(9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Evelyn Lowry

†Hymns of Praise UMH No. 57 **“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (v. 1-4, 7) AZMON

†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 3rd Grade Bible Presentation 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

Message in Song “A Spiritual Psalm” (arr. Benjamin Harlan) Chancel Choir
Jacob Lenz, electric bass
Mike Rosenthal, djembe

If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” you may place your offering in the offering plate. Be sure to mark it for the “Good Samaritan Fund”.

†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

Sermon Rev. Buckman

Broken: **“Broken Spirits, Broken Dreams”**
Scripture – Romans 8:1-11

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)
“Deep River” (arr. Gerald Near)

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 614 **“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”** (all) FOR THE BREAD

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude “The Great Physician” (arr. Harold DeCou) Organist