August 13, 2023

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY
I attended the 9:00am service ______
I attended the 11:00am service ______
Name ________________________________
Children ______________________________
Guest of ______________________________

**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 _______________________________________________________
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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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
9:00a-2:00p Blood Drive
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
12:15p Church Board Mtg.-Rm. 312
5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:00-6:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304
6:00p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

No Staff Mtg. Today
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 15

2:00-4:00p & 7:00-9:00p Grief Share-Rm. 311
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
6:00p Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109
6:00p YAH Dinner and Planning Mtg.-Rm. 108
7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Preschool Teacher Training Offsite
10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202
11:00a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

10:30a-12:00p & 6:00-7:30p Invitation to John-Rm. 312
12:00p September Calendar Info is Due
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:00p Pack 1534 on the lawn of the CLC
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 306, 308, 313
10:00a Carol Scott Circle-Rm. 201

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot
1:00-4:00p Pack 542-Rm. 108 & CLC Lawn

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August 13, 2023
11th Sunday after Pentecost
“The Book Bag”
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
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 Majorus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Student Ministry

JOIN US EVERY TUESDAY & SUNDAY NIGHT!
Tuesday Night Bible Study from 6:00p till 7:00p
Sunday Night Worship @5:00p
Sunday Night Youth from 6:00p till 7:00p

BFUMC Kids

Stay in the loop about youth events and happenings! Join our Student Ministry Remind Group to stay up to date! Text @bfumcspm to 81010 for weekly updates and reminders!

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

Attendance and Giving
August 6, 2023
Total in Worship Services 296
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 ............... $1,632,215.56
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal .... $19,108.78
Amount given on 08-06-2023 ......................... $13,012.08

Building Fund
Building Debt ........................................... $1,528,215.56
Available Funds for Building Debt ................. $316,778.12
Amount given on 08-06-2023 ....................... $1,992.00

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 770-628-0732. (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.

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

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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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

Name __________________________

For more information, contact Andrea, prayer@bufordfirstumc.org

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

August 20th Celebration Sunday
Broken: “Inseparable” Romans 8:26-39
August 27th
Broken: “You Mean Everyone” Romans 10:5-15

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 Mike and Susan Rosenthal to the Glory of God and in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary, August 14th.

9:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Lara Franklin
Acolytes/Ushers: Cindy & Kenny Karr
Ushers: Celina Countess
Greeters: Amy & David Reed
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist: Sarah Van Pelt
Acolytes/Ushers: Chris Simonson, Brad Thomas
Ushers: Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Butch Ballin, Amy Simonson
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

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 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 - 12:00 PM 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.

Circle Spotlight- Carol Scott: Are you looking to join a small group? Please come and enjoy fellowship with us on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00 AM. Suzanne Clegg is leading us this year. During the meetings we enjoy catching up with each other, having brunch, learning from a program, and working on mission projects in our community and abroad. We also support and pray for each other and others and have a card ministry. Please come and join us Friday, August 18th at 10:00 AM. Whether you have just joined the church or have been a member for years, we would love for you to join us.

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

Missions

Blood Drive: The LifeSouth Bus is on Hill St. today 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 CLC Lobby. Our training session will be Sunday, September 10th at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please email Suzanne Clegg if you plan to attend, or if this is a project you’d like to help us organize.

FREE English Class: Please consider supporting our ESL class! We had 16 students register last week! This is the largest group we’ve ever had register. See Suzanne to find out how you can help with this important ministry. 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!

HOME Project: We will have a Hands On Mission Experience Saturday, August 26th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Help us paint a small apartment for the Gateway Shelter in Gainesville. See Suzanne to sign up.

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

Ministry Staff

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Director of Adult Ministry
Director of Online Worship
Director of Student Ministry
Director of Adult Ministry

For more information, contact Suzanne Clegg, mission@bufordfirstumc.org
The Worship of God

August 13, 2023  9:00 & 11:00 am

Eleventh 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
(9:00) Joshua Page
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

PRAISING

Chiming of the Hour
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.  All: And also with you.
Hank Morgan, Organist
Prelude
“Join We All With One Accord” (arr. Károly Köpe)  Organist
†Call to Worship (p. 748) Psalm 16:5-8
(9:00) Lara Franklin
(11:00) Sarah Van Pelt
†Hymn of Praise UMNo. 529 “How Firm a Foundation” (v. 1-3, 5)  FOUNDATION
(9:00) Lara Franklin
(11:00) Sarah Van Pelt
†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.

PRAYING

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord’s Prayer
Sydney Yancey
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
“Promised Land” (arr. Don Phillips)
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

LEARNING

Message in Song
“Welcome to God’s Love!” (by Mark A. Miller)
Chancel Choir
†Hymn of Discipleship UMNo. 701 “When We All Get to Heaven” (all)
HEAVEN
†Benediction
(9:00) Joshua Page
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal
†Postlude “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” (by Adam Geibel, arr. Harold DeCou) Organist

SERVING

Children’s Moment
Susan Rosenthal

†Stand as you are able.