

August 20, 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

Our church was officially established August 19, 1871.

Today, Buford First United Methodist Church celebrates 152 years of worshiping, singing praises to God, and serving our community and our world through many missions and ministries. All Glory Is Given To God!

Sunday, August 20

- 9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15p **152 Years-Celebration Covered Dish-Rm. 108**
- 5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
- 5:00p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
- 5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304

Monday, August 21

- 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
- 7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

Tuesday, August 22

- 10:00a-12:00p Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
- 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
- 7:00-8:30p Pack 542-Rm. 108
- 7:00p Young Adult Bible Study-Offsite

Wednesday, August 23

- 9:00a-3:00p Preschool CPR Training-Rm. 108
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
- 7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, August 24

- 10:30a-12:00p & 6:00-7:30p Invitation to John-Rm. 312
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 6:30-8:30p Pack 1534-Rm. 108, 110, 305, 306

Friday, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

- 8:00a-3:00p Girl Scout Round-Up-Rm. 108
- 9:00-11:30a AI-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
- 9:00a-12:00p Fall Choir Workshop-Sanctuary
- 9:00a-2:00p Gateway Shelter Mission Work
- 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot
- 3:00-5:00p Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall Reserved



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

August 20, 2023

12th Sunday after Pentecost | Homecoming Celebration Sunday

Broken: "Inseparable"

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

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

September 10th – **Get Fired Up for Jesus Pep Rally 5:00 p.m. in the Gym.** Then at 5:30 p.m. the kids will go to music with Mr. Gary.

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

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



Preschool News:

The Ladies at preschool start back tomorrow! It will be a busy week of training and getting the classrooms ready! We are so excited to be back!

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!

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

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

Attendance and Giving

August 13, 2023

Total in Worship Services	262
Average Worship Attendance	296

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	\$423,013.79
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$19,593.61
Amount given on 08-13-2023.....	\$9,419.00

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,528,215.56
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$317,965.62
Amount given on 08-13-2023	\$1,187.50

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 27th

Broken: “**You Mean Everyone**”

Romans 10:5-15

September 3rd

Broken: “**Don’t Be Broken**”

Romans 12:9-21

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



The Sanctuary flowers are given by Chris Simonson to the Glory of God and in honor of Amy as she will be celebrating a very special birthday on August 23rd.



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Brendan R. Smith will bring the message. “Jesus Commands Rest” Matthew 11:28-30.

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: DeeAnna Page
Acolytes: Lillie Fonville (*crucifer*), Lukas Waters (*light*)
Ushers: Darla & Ken Hiltgen, Ed Krauth
Greeters: Deena & Jack Rindfus
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Diane Shepherd
Acolytes: Jacob Van Pelt (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)
Ushers: Ken Stewart, Brad Thomas, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
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



Grief Share started back on August 15th, but **it is not too late to join!** Grief Share is a class/support group for those processing the grief of a loved one who has passed away. This 13-week series led by Jean Ann Crites will help grieving individuals learn new ways to cope with and navigate their grief. Materials needed to participate will be provided. We meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm. You can pick which session works best for you.

They are identical and both are held every Tuesday during the series. If you have questions or would like to sign up, email Sydney Yancey at the email listed below.

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.

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

Missions

Rip and Roll – Volunteers are needed, Tuesday, August 22nd 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. These bandages are shipped to the Baptist Medical Center in Ghana. We will meet in room 108 in the CLC.

HOME Project: We will have a **H**ands **O**n **M**ission **E**xperience Saturday, August 26th, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. A team of 6 is needed to help us paint a small apartment for the Gateway Shelter in Gainesville. We have 4 planning to go. Can you help? See Suzanne to sign up.

Help our Church Preschool: Our Preschool keeps the fees as low as they can to ensure families can place their child in our program. If we donate supplies, it really makes a difference! These items are needed by August 27th. Drop them in the bin in the CLC Lobby. The following items are needed: magic erasers, laminating sheets, Purell disinfecting spray, colored sharpies, Little People toys (or any new toys), baby dolls, copy paper, card stock paper (white and colored), green frog tape, sidewalk chalk, playdoh, crayons, watercolors, paper towels, and sticky notes.

Hawaii Disaster Relief: Wildfires on Maui have caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. UMCOR is helping to process a grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, and hygiene items. The need there is great! Give in worship or online by August 27th. Be sure to mark your gift “Hawaii Relief”. Thank you.

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be Saturday, September 30th. Registration forms will be available in the bulletin and online soon! Plan now to help with one of the many projects!

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

The Worship of God

August 20, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | Homecoming | 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

“Jubilant Fanfare” (by K. McChesney)

Chancel Ringers

† Call to Worship (see insert)

“**A Homecoming Prayer**”

(9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Diane Shepherd

† Hymn of Praise UMH No. 98

“**To God Be the Glory**” (all)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

† 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

Chancel Ringers

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (arr. F. T. Simpson)

† 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

Message in Song

“He Never Failed Me Yet” (by Robert Ray)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Buckman

Broken “**Inseparable**”
Scripture – Romans 8:26-39

SERVING

† Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 561 “**Jesus, United By Thy Grace**” (v. 1-4, 6)

ST. AGNES

† Benediction

Rev. Buckman

† Postlude

“Higher Ground” (by Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Harold DeCou)

Organist