

September 3, 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

P.O. Box 329
Buford, Georgia 30515
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770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)
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Events of the Week

Sunday, September 3

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304

No Evening Worship Today

No GLOW Today

No Sunday Night Youth Today

Monday, September 4

Church Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day

5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
No Chancel Ringers Today

Tuesday, September 5 *First Day of Preschool*

9:30a-12:00p Stonehedge Garden Club-Rm. 312
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, 305, 306, 308, 309

Wednesday, September 6

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 201
10:00a Rip & Roll-Rm. 108
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
7:00p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, September 7

10:30a-12:00p & 6:00-7:30p Invitation to John-Rm. 312
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-6:40p Pickleball-Rm. 110
6:00-8:00p Pack 1534-Rm. 108, 110, 305, 306

Friday, September 8

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313
6:00-9:00p Ladies Game Night-Rm. 108

Saturday, September 9

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

Looking Ahead: Our Church Board will meet next Sunday, September 10th at 12:15 p.m. in room 312.



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

September 3, 2023
14th Sunday after Pentecost | Communion

Broken: "Don't Be Broken"

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 September

No G.L.O.W. Today

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

We Need Your Help!



Preschool News:

We are looking for volunteers to sit at the CLC front desk while there are church events going on during preschool hours! Please call or email Leandre if you would like to volunteer. We only need one or two hour increments! She can be reached at 770-945-4161 or at the email listed below.

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 27, 2023

Total in Worship Services	329
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	\$444,022.87
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$20,603.51
Amount given on 08-27-2023.....	\$10,420.00

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,528,215.56
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$326,663.62
Amount given on 08-27-2023	\$3,061.50

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

September 10th It's Not Fair: "**Fight Like a Christian**" Matthew 18:5-20
September 17th It's Not Fair: "**Math of Forgiveness**" Matthew 18:21-35

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 Lynda Knowles to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mom and all she was to us on this first missed birthday.



Due to the holiday weekend, we will not have The Gathering worship service, nor will we have the Evening of Prayer service.
See you next Sunday!

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Karl Siegele
Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (*crucifer*), Lillie Fonville (*light*)
Ushers: Kenny & Cindy Karr, Scott Leazer, Pat Taylor
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Donna Agee
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Heather White
Acolytes: Michael Thomas (*crucifer*), Jacob Van Pelt (*light*)
Ushers: John Hladish, Eric Lynskey, Donnie McQuaig, Brad Thomas
Greeters: Sherry Seabrooke, Amy Simonson
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
Camera: Brendan Smith
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

Ladies Game Night: All Women are Welcome! Join the ladies in the Fellowship Hall for some fun, food, and fellowship on Friday, September 8th from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. *Bring a dish to share, a game you want to play, and consider bringing a friend!*

Young at Heart Event: Governor's Mansion Tour- Tour the 30-room Greek Revival home that has housed the last 9 governors of Georgia. Did you know that the state of Georgia owns all the art and furnishing? **Event date is Tuesday, September 19th- RSVP by September 12th.** Cost is \$3.00 per person. Van will load at 9:00 A.M. and return around 3:00 P.M. Lunch will be on your own at Ok Café. Let Debbie Atcheson know by calling 770-965-3729 or emailing her at djatcheson@gmail.com

Women's Retreat: We will be having our annual **Fall Women's Retreat November 3rd – 5th** at Christwalk in the Valley Retreat Center in Clarkesville, GA. We will have food, fellowship, guided Bible Study sessions, and more! If you cannot stay the whole weekend but still want to join the fun, we will have a group just attending for the day that Saturday the 4th. The cost is \$97 for the whole weekend if you sign up by today, September 3rd or \$20 for just the day on Saturday. Sign up with your \$25 deposit today!

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

Missions

Rip and Roll – Volunteers are needed, Wednesday, September 6th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in room 108 in the CLC. We use old sheets to cut and roll for use as bandages. These bandages are shipped to the Baptist Medical Center in Ghana Africa. Church member, Dr. Teresa Fowler, is at this hospital now, serving for several weeks. Pray for her!

Wellroot Offering: We will take a special offering for Wellroot Sunday, September 17th. This is the new name of the United Methodist Children's Home Ministry, and provides programs to support Foster Care, Transitional and Independent Living, and Family Housing. Plan now to give!

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be Saturday, September 30th. Register with the form in the narthex, or on the church website! Plan now to help with one of many projects on the list! Projects include: North Gwinnett Co-Op, The Gateway Shelter, Cat Rangers, Sack Kids Hunger, Bake and Take, Church Grounds, and Rip and Roll.

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. Our training session will be Sunday, September 10th at 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have the supplies you need but bring a 15 mm crochet hook if you can. Kathryn Rodriguez and Linda Chambers will lead the session.

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

The Worship of God

September 3, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 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 “Fanfare – In Christ There Is No East or West” (by Charles Callahan) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 859) **Psalm 147:1-6** (9:00) Karl Siegele (11:00) Heather White

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 117 “O God, Our Help In Ages Past” (all) ST. ANNE

†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

Offertory “In This Sweet Summertime, a Swedish hymn” (arr. Jouko Saari) Organist

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: “Don’t Be Broken”
Scripture – Romans 12:9-21

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)
“Come to the Table” (by Albrecht/Althouse) (9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 672 “God Be With You Till We Meet Again” (v. 1, 4) GOD BE WITH YOU

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (setting by Gordon Young) Organist