

September 17, 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, September 17 – Wellroot Offering Sunday

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
12:15p Mission Mtg.-Rm. 309
5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304
6:00p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109

Monday, September 18

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
7:00-8:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1
7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308

Tuesday, September 19

9:00a YAH to The Governor’s Mansion
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

Wednesday, September 20

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202
11:00a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers
1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
7:00-8:15p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

Thursday, September 21

10:30a-12:00p & 6:00-7:30p Invitation to John-Rm. 312
12:00p October Calendar Information is Due
1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
5:30-8:00p Pack 1534-Rm. 108, 110, 305, 306

Friday, September 22

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313

Saturday, September 23

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



Looking Ahead--THE PUMPKINS ARRIVE

Next Wednesday, September 27th at 5:00pm.
Come help us set up the Pumpkin Patch!



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 17, 2023
16th Sunday after Pentecost

It's Not Fair: "Math of Forgiveness"

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

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:

This week we will learn about apples, the color red, and the letter B.

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 September 10, 2023

Total in Worship Services	249
Average Worship Attendance	312

*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	\$468,309.45
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$21,661.03
Amount given on 09-10-2023.....	\$11,710.50

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,528,215.56
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$316,580.33
Amount given on 09-10-2023	\$502.50

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

September 17, 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

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 24th

It's Not Fair: "A Fair Wage"

Matthew 20:1-16

October 1st

Enemies of Gratitude: "Nostalgia"

Exodus 17:1-17

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 Marsha Huckaby to the Glory of God and to honor Rick Huckaby and to celebrate his 80th birthday, September 22nd.
Happy Birthday Sweetheart!*



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. Today Sydney Yancey will bring the message. "9 to 5"

Matthew 22:15-22

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: DeeAnna Page

Acolytes: Ava Ross Womack (*crucifer*), Lillie Fonville (*light*)

Ushers: Mike Casper, Josh Page, Celina Countess, Pat Taylor

Greeters: Julia & Jack Griffis

Sound: Christi Lenz

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Rick Huckaby

Acolytes: Hans Failmezger (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)

Ushers: Ken Stewart, Brad Thomas, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman

Greeters: Butch Ballin

Sound: John Alford

Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt

Camera: Brendan Smith

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

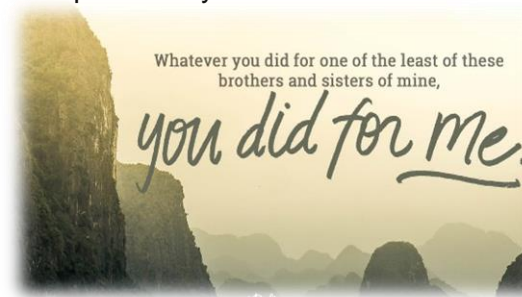
Ministry Staff

James Adair Custodian
Rev. Jim Buckman Senior Pastor
Suzanne Clegg Director of Missions
Cindy LaTouf Office Manager
Gary Lenz Director of Music and the Arts
Leandre Majerus Director of Preschool

Hank Morgan Organist
DeeAnna Page Financial Secretary
Joshua Page Director of Student Ministry
Susan Rosenthal Director of Children & Family Ministry
Brendan Rossell Smith Director of Online Worship
Sydney Yancey Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Ministry

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 \$107 for the whole weekend or \$20 for just the day on Saturday. Sign up with your \$25 deposit today!



Homebound Ministry- We need you! Through our homebound ministry we serve those senior members in our church family who are not able to attend church as often as they used to due to various health obstacles or because they live in long term care facilities. Will you consider helping to provide support and encouragement for these members? There are many ways you can help out with this

ministry. You can send cards, provide someone with a ride to and/or from church, or you can be paired with one of these folks and visit them. It's up to you! If you are interested or have questions, reach out to Sydney Yancey.

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

Missions

Wellroot Offering: We will take a special offering for Wellroot today. 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. Please give today!

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be Saturday, September 30th. A registration form is available in the bulletin and on the church website today. Plan now to help with one of the many projects on the list! Projects include: Sanctuary Clean Up, Bake and Take, Mats for the Homeless, The Gateway Shelter, The Gwinnett Children's Shelter, and more!

Medical Supplies: The Good News Clinic needs c-pap machines, blood pressure cuffs, knee braces, good or expired Covid Tests. This clinic serves those in need in our area. Place donations in the bin in the CLC Lobby. Give meds to Teresa Fowler.

Sack Kids Hunger: We are excited to announce we received our third grant from Jackson EMC in August! These funds will be used to buy the supplies we need for the sack lunches we give away every Saturday! And thanks to Keller Williams Real Estate for their generous shopping spree! They spent \$1,500.00 recently on Sack Kids Hunger. We appreciate the community support so much! We cannot keep this ministry going without faithful volunteers. Currently we need a team to help every 4th Saturday each month. Can you serve Saturday, November 25th? Please let Pam Billingsley know. Her cell number is 404-429-4356.

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

The Worship of God

September 17, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Sixteenth 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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (*arr. Stephen L. Aber*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 739)

Psalm 2:7-12 (9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 374 **“Standing on the Promises”** (*v. 1, 2, 4*) PROMISES

†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 “Two Children’s Hymns” (*arr. Wilbur Held*) 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

Message in Song

“Seventy Times Seven” (*by Joel Raney*) (9:00) ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

It’s Not Fair: **“Math of Forgiveness”**
Scripture – Matthew 18: 21-35

Rev. Jim Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 399 **“Take My Life, and Let It Be”** (*all*) MESSIAH

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“March in G” (*by John S. Dixon*) Organist