

September 24, 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 24

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
10:00a Sunday School
10:00a Reception for Suzanne Clegg
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
5:00-6:00p The Gathering-Rm. 110
5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110
5:30-7:00p ESOL-Rm. 303 & 304

Monday, September 25

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
7:00-8:15p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1
7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110



5:00p The Pumpkins Arrive – Come help us set up the Pumpkin Patch
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 28

10:30a-12:00p & 6:00-7:30p Invitation to John-Rm. 312
1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
5:30-8:30p Pack 1534-Raingutter Regatta on the Lawn of the CLC

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

8:30a-2:00p **GREAT DAY of SERVICE starts in room 108**
9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot



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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 24, 2023
17th Sunday after Pentecost

It's Not Fair: "A Fair Wage"



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 & October

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

October 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

No G.L.O.W. on October 8th - Fall Break

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



Preschool News:

The children are getting used to their new school and surroundings. We are so happy school has started and can't believe it's fall already. This week we will learn all about transportation and the letter C.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Student Ministry

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!



Come and help us unload the pumpkins THIS WEDNESDAY at 5:00PM! EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO HELP! Many hands make light work! After we are done, we will have a pizza party to kick off pumpkin season! See you on Wednesday!

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

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

Attendance and Giving September 17, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Metric, Value. Total in Worship Services: 249, Average Worship Attendance: 310

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)

Table with 2 columns: Metric, Value. Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration: \$814,886.00, Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget: \$477,726.03, Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal: \$22,477.33, Amount given on 09-17-2023: \$9,416.58

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Metric, Value. Building Debt: \$1,523,450.00, Available Funds for Building Debt: \$317,934.33, Amount given on 09-17-2023: \$1,354.00

- 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 770-628-0752. (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

Blank lines for name and address

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

Blank lines for request details

Worship Preview

October 1st Enemies of Gratitude: “**Nostalgia**” Exodus 17:1-17
October 8th Enemies of Gratitude: “**Worry**” Philippians 4:1-9

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).



Today's flowers are given in honor of our daughter-in-law, Anna's birthday and to the praise and glory of God with love by Ken and Darla Hiltgen.



Join us this evening for The Gathering worship service at 5:00pm. This will be our last Gathering service and Sydney Yancey will bring the message. “It’s Hard to Be A Diamond in a Rhinestone World”
John 17:11-15

9:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Joyce Siegele
Acolytes/Ushers: Kenny & Cindy Karr
Ushers: Mike & Sandra Casper
Greeters: Amy & David Reed
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry
Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish
Ushers: David Lowry, Sherry Hall
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Barry Walker
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Ministry Staff

James Adair	Church Host	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 Outreach
Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool	Sydney Yancey	Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Ministry

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.



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!

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

Missions

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be Saturday, September 30th and we still have room for volunteers! 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.

Pray for our Missionaries! Currently we support the Germans as they seek to share Christ in Montenegro. They have served with Campus Crusade 7 years now! Are you planning to go on a mission trip sometime? We want to help those in our church who are called into mission! A simple application is all you need to apply for help.

Wellroot Offering: This ministry of the North Georgia Conference provides programs to support Foster Care, Transitional and Independent Living, and Family Housing. We are still taking donations. You can place a gift in the offering plate, or give online. Be sure to mark the gift “Wellroot”.

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 24, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

Seventeenth 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 “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (*arr. Matthew Machemer*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 742) **Psalm 5:8-12** (9:00) Joyce Siegele
(11:00) Evelyn Lowry

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 66 **“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”** (v. 1-3) LAUDA ANIMA

†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.

(9:00) Children’s Moment Susan Rosenthal

(11:00) Baptism *Lucas William Rogers* Rev. Buckman
The children are invited to go with Mrs. Susan to Children’s Church at this time.

Recognition of Suzanne Clegg for Years of Service Rev. Buckman
“I Thank My God for You” (*by J. Martin*) Chancel Choir

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
“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (*by H. R. Shelley*) Chancel Choir

†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
It’s Not Fair: **“A Fair Wage”**
Scripture – Matthew 20:1-16

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship
UMH No. 581 **“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”** (v. 1, 3, 4) BEACH SPRING

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude “Processional n B-flat” (*by Anthony Giamanco*) Organist