# **December 10, 2023**

#### **GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

\*\*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, December 10			
Last day to shop	the Alternative Christmas Mar		
9:00a-2:00p	Blood Drive Today		
9:00a	Worship-Sanctuary		
10:00a	Sunday School		
11:00a	Worship-Sanctuary & Online		
12:15p	Church Lunch (must have RS		
1:30p	Memorial Service-Sanctuary		

st have RSVP'd)-Rm. 108 Sanctuarv GLOW Christmas Play-Sanctuary Women's Small Group-Rm. 311 Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109 Sunday Walking Group

mas Market in the CLC!

#### Monday, December 11

5:30p

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1:00p 5:00p

7:00p

12:00p

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6:00p

7:30p

7:00-8:30p

5:00-7:30p

Staff Christmas Party-Rm.108 Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304 Pickleball-Rm, 110 6:00-8:30p Pack 589-Rm, 108 Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

#### **Tuesday, December 12**

KW Christmas-Rm. 108 10:00a-12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter January Calendar Info Is Due Today Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1 Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109 Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308, 309 Young Adult Bible Study Offsite

#### Wednesday, December 13

11:00a	Advent Bible Study-Rm. 301
1:00-1:45p	Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110
5:00-7:00p	AA MtgRm. 304
5:00-8:00p	Open Gym-Rm. 110
6:30-8:30p	Chancel Choir-Sanctuary
7:00-9:00p	S-Anon-Rm. 309

#### Thursday, December 14

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 Holiday Party Rm. 108, 110

#### Friday, December 15

No CCS until 2024 Christmas Meal Prep-Rm. 107, 108 2:00p

## Saturday, December 16

8:00a-12:00p Pickleball-Rm. 110 8:00a-3:00p Christmas Meal Delivery 9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311 10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot 3:00-5:00p Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary



#### 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

> > **December 10, 2023** Second Sunday of Advent

Songs of the Savior: "The Gift of Obedience"



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 December & January

December 10<sup>th</sup> – G.L.O.W. Christmas Play 5:30-7:00p January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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



We will continue to do all things Christmas this week. We will do letter M and we have our Christmas program too.

Our last day of school we will get a surprise guest!

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

# **Student Ministry**



BUFORD IS OFF TO ORLANDO! We will leave on 2/16 and come back on 2/19! This trip is open to all students! As of right now the total cost of the trip will be around \$400 (3 nights in a hotel, 2 days in the park, transportation, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners). Lunch will be on your own coming back! We will have lessons after the park each day with some down time to enjoy the pool on site!

#### Attendance and Giving **December 3, 2023**

Total in Worship Services	260
Average Worship Attendance	291

*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	.\$617,947.41
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$49,234.65
Amount given on 12-03-2023	\$16,222.00

#### **Building Fund**

Building Debt	\$1,511,812.42
Available Funds for Building Debt	
Amount given on 12-03-2023	

- 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 thanks giving let your requests be known to God." Philippians 4:6

# **December 10, 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.

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## **Worship Preview**

Lessons and Carols

December 17<sup>th</sup> December 24<sup>th</sup>

Songs of the Savior: "When God Calls"

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 Randy and Suzanne Clegg to the Glory of God and to celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversarv today!

## 9:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Kenny & Cindy Karr Ushers: Mike & Sandra Casper Greeters: Linda Chambers, Sound: Christi Lenz Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

# 11:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish Greeters: Sound: John Alford Live-stream monitor: Barry Walker Camera: Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

# **Ministry Staff**

Rev. Jim Buckman Senior Pastor Cindy LaTouf Office Manager Garv Lenz Director of Music and the Arts Leandre Maierus 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 Outreach Sydney Yancey Director of Adult Ministry



Luke 2:8-20

# **Adult Ministry**

Sign up to get your family's picture taken for the new Church Directory today! The photography days are December 27th, 28th, and 29th and time slots are from 2:00-8:00PM. Visit the link to sign up on the church website, sign up in person with Sydney Yancey in the CLC lobby before or after worship, or call the church office. Our new directories will be ready around the end of January!



Women's Small Group- We are offering a new women's small group at 5:30 PM in room 312 on Sunday nights. This Bible Study is structured so that you can jump in when you can. If you miss a week or two, no problem! Just join us when you are available! This is a great opportunity for those who aren't able to come to Sunday School on Sunday mornings and/or are looking for a smaller group of people to grow in faith with. Sydney Yancey will be facilitating this group so reach out to her if you are interested or have any questions (email address can be found below or call/text 770-880-6905).

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

# Missions

## Support Missions by purchasing a Carol Scott Circle Christmas Ornament: On the front of the ornament is the Buford First UMC exterior and on the back is printed the name of our church, the city, and the date our church was established. The cost is \$15. These can be displayed not just at Christmas but all year round on an ornament stand. These will be available for purchase in the CLC Lobby TODAY, before and after each service.

Annual Christmas Meal: We need volunteers to help with the Annual Christmas Meal in which we feed members of our community SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>! We need folks to help cook, assemble meals, and deliver them. If you would like to help, email Sydney Yancey!



Alternative Christmas Market: Purchase a Christmas gift in the form of a contribution to a mission's ministry. When you purchase a gift, you receive a card describing the gift you have given in someone's honor! You can make your gift purchase in the CLC lobby today. After today, you can order online through December 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

# The Worship of God

#### December 10, 2023

9:00 & 11:00 am

## Second Sunday in Advent | Liturgical Color: Blue

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 Leader: The peace of the	Lord be with you. All: And also with y	Hank Morgan, Organist ou. Gary Lenz, Leader		
Prelude	"The Joy of Christmas" (arr. Larson)	Chancel Ringers		
Lighting the Advent Candle	"Love"	(Joseph) Brayden Ouimet		
†Hymn of Praise No. 196	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	s" (all) HYFRYDOL		
†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"MEINEKEGlory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;<br/>as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Moment

# 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.

# <u>Giving</u>

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings	Chancel Ringers				
"Christmas Fantasy" (arr Watanabe)					
†Doxology No. 95	OLD 100 <sup>th</sup>				
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	"Love Car	me Down At Christmas" (by Joel Raney)	(9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir			
Sermon	Songs of	f the Savior: " <i>The Gift of Obedience</i> " <i>Scripture</i> – Matthew 1:18-25	Rev. Buckman			
Serving						
†Hymn of Discipleshi	p No. 242	"Love Came Down At Christmas" (a	II) GARTAN			
†Benediction			Rev. Buckman			

†Postlude Finale on "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (by Carson Cooman) Organist