

December 10, 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, December 10

Last day to shop the Alternative Christmas Market in the CLC!

- 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 RSVP'd*)-Rm. 108
- 1:30p Memorial Service-Sanctuary
- 5:30p GLOW Christmas Play-Sanctuary
- 5:30p Women's Small Group-Rm. 311
- 5:30p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109
- 5:30p Sunday Walking Group

Monday, December 11

- 1:00p Staff Christmas Party-Rm.108
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304
- 5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110
- 6:00-8:30p Pack 589-Rm. 108
- 7:00p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1

Tuesday, December 12

- 10:00a-12:00p KW Christmas-Rm. 108
- 12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter
- 12:00p **January Calendar Info Is Due Today**
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1
- 6:00p Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109
- 7:00-8:30p Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308, 309
- 7:30p 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 Mtg.-Rm. 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
- 2:00p Christmas Meal Prep-Rm. 107, 108

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



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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

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday of Advent

Songs of the Savior: "The Gift of Obedience"

Worship Preview

December 17th

Lessons and Carols

December 24th

Songs of the Savior: **"When God Calls"**

Luke 2:8-20

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 40th wedding anniversary 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
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 Outreach
Sydney Yancey Director of Adult Ministry

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 16TH! 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 17th.

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

Hank Morgan, Organist

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.** 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” (*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”

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

“Christmas Fantasy” (*arr Watanabe*)

†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

“Love Came Down At Christmas” (*by Joel Raney*)

(9:00) ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

Songs of the Savior: “***The Gift of Obedience***”

Rev. Buckman

Scripture – Matthew 1:18-25

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship No. 242

“Love Came Down At Christmas” (*all*)

GARTAN

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

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