Agenda – Board Meeting January 21, 2024

**Buford First United Methodist Church**

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for The Transformation of The World

Our mission is to empower all people to experience the transformative love of Jesus Christ through service, tradition, and education.

Our vision is to serve as a diverse community of faithful people who worship passionately, serve authentically, and demonstrate unwavering hospitality.

12:15 - Opening prayer - Pastor

Spiritual Formation

In the Word – Chris Simonson

Business:

Election of Chair

Review the Guiding Principles –

* One Church Board – Structure and Function
* Meeting Minutes
* One Board for 2024: Two main responsibilities
	+ Business of Church – includes supporting staff and ministries
	+ Setting the Vision for BFUMC – short-term, medium-term, and long-term view

From the Pastor and Staff

* Church Secretary new hire
* Accountability report – Jim
* Attendance Report – December 2023 and 2023 as a whole
* Youth and Children’s Ministry

Discussion: Strategic Planning for 2024

Three main goals for this year – from 2023 Planning Session

* Increase Attendance and Membership
* Increase our Volunteer Base
* Increase our “Community Building” activities within and outside of our church

Financial Summary:

* Budget – Budgeting task force members list review
* Final 2023 review
* Quick review of 2024
* Employee Retention Credit update – should know in a few weeks
* Deanna Page can attend February meeting for detailed discussions as needed

Quick review of 2024 Calendar of Meetings and Board Retreat

Previous meeting open items:

Building Maintenance and Trustee Task Force – ongoing

Reserve Study – two quotes received, will be sent to Board for review and discussion

Trustee Task Force Liaison – who should this be?

Open Discussion - Items from individual members

Executive Session

James’ Position Backfill

Closing Prayer: a volunteer or Pastor Jim

Tentative Meeting Schedule – 2nd Sunday typically In The Word sharing

January 21 Chris Simonson

February 11 TBD

March 10 TBD

April 14 TBD

May 12 TBD

June 9 TBD

July 14 TBD

August 11 TBD

September 8 TBD

October 12 TBD

Nov 10 TBD