

**January 7, 2024**

**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

P.O. Box 329

Buford, Georgia 30515

770-945-7438 (Church Office)

770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)

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**Events of the Week**

**Sunday, January 7**

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary  
10:00a Sunday School  
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online  
5:30p GLOW-Rm. 201, 307, 110  
5:30p Women's Small Group-Rm. 311  
5:30p Sunday Night Youth-Rm. 109  
5:30p Sunday Walking Group

**Monday, January 8**

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

**Tuesday, January 9**

9:30a- 12:00p Stonebridge Garden Club- Rm. 312  
10:30a- 12:00p Effie Wood Circle- Rm. 108  
12:00p Staff Planning Session-Rm G3  
12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter  
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  
7:00p Florence Garner Circle-Rm. 201  
7:30p Young Adult Bible Study Offsite

**Wednesday, January 10**

11:30a Lunch Bunch-Coastal Breeze  
1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet-Rm. 110  
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304  
5:00-8:00p Open Gym-Rm. 110  
7:00-8:30p Chancel Choir-Sanctuary  
7:00-9:00p S-Anon-Rm. 309

**Thursday, January 11**

1:00p Preschool Playball-Rm 110  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110

**Friday, January 12**

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

**Saturday, January 13**

8:00a-12:00p Pickleball-Rm. 108  
9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311  
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot

If you would like to reserve a date to provide the sanctuary flowers, please email the office at [Office@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:Office@bufordfirstumc.org) to request a particular Sunday. The flowers are \$48.00 and at the end of the 11:00am service, they are yours to take home.



**BUFORD FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY - SERVE AUTHENTICALLY - DEMONSTRATE UNWAVERING HOSPITALITY

*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.*

**January 7, 2024**  
**Epiphany Sunday**  
**"A Change of Mind"**



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 January

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



Preschool News:

We are back to school this week! We are doing Letter N and will talk all about snow, and snowmen and making all the snowflakes! Blue is our color of the month so we will wear blue to school this week too.

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

Student Ministry

2024 Confirmation Class

Confirmation Classes for students in 6th grade and older will begin on February 4th. Confirmation meets for 16 weeks on Sunday mornings during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday School hour, and is taught by Joshua Page, Brendan Smith, Pastor Jim, and a few volunteers!

This is a great experience for young people and helps them to understand the Christian Faith and make it their own. The class will have the opportunity to join the church in May.

Please sign up by January 21st, by emailing Joshua Page at Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org

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

Attendance and Giving December 31, 2023

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Total in Worship Services: 132, Average Worship Attendance: 290

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7

2023 Year End Report

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration: \$814,886.00, Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget: \$696,233.08, Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal: \$118,652.92, Amount given on 12-31-2023: \$11,151.00

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Building Debt: \$1,501,022.69, Available Funds for Building Debt: \$340,008.59, Amount given on 12-31-2023: \$43,523.06

- 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.
4. Give By Text. You simply text the amount you wish to give to 770-628-0752.
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.

Prayer Requests

...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.

Philippians 4:6

January 7, 2024

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

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Pre-Decide: **“Take Back Your Life”**

Isaiah 43:16-19

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Pre-Decide: **“Overcoming Temptation”**

1 Corinthians 10:11-13

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  
Audree & Susan Rosenthal  
to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
Mike Rosenthal's birthday on January 6<sup>th</sup>!*

### 9:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (*crucifier*), Ava Waters (*light*)  
Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Mike Casper, Sandra Casper  
Greeters: Donna Agee, Jean Hudson  
Sound: Nora Lirette  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Acolytes: Michael Thomas (*crucifier*), Noah Rogers (*light*)  
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman  
Greeters: Dianne Beaumont, Marsha Huckaby  
Sound: John Alford  
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams  
Camera: Kevin Walch  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	Joshua Page	Director of Student Ministry
Gary Lenz	Director of Music and the Arts	Susan Rosenthal	Director of Children & Family Ministry
Leandre Majerus	Director of Preschool	Brendan Rossell Smith	Director of Outreach
DeeAnna Page	Financial Secretary	Sydney Yancey	Director of Adult Ministry

## Adult Ministry

[Fellowship Opportunities: Get Plugged-In in 2024](#)

**Sunday School Classes:** Every Sunday morning at 10AM, between the 9AM and 11AM worship services, adult Sunday School classes meet on the third floor of the CLC. These groups include the Beacon Class, New Spirit, Friends & Family, & Young Parent Class. There is a class for everyone!

**Women's Circles:** Our United Methodist Women's Circles are missions-focused groups that meet monthly have a program, fellowship with one another, and work to advance the various missions projects of our church. Each group (Florence Garner, Effie Wood, & Carol Scott) has a different monthly meeting time so you are sure to find one that works for your schedule!

**BUMMs:** The Buford United Methodist Men meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 8AM in the Fellowship Hall for Fellowship Breakfast. All men are invited!

**Sunday Night Women's Small Group:** This small group is made up mostly of women with children in elementary and middle school. We meet at 5:30PM on Sunday nights in rm. 312 of the CLC. We do short no-homework-required Bible studies so you can jump in at any time!

[If you are interested or have questions about any of these groups, reach out to Sydney Yancey!](#)

**For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org)**

## Missions

**DISPOSABLE DIAPER COLLECTION IN JANUARY:** The United Methodist Children's Home office in Gainesville, GA and the North Gwinnett Co-Op in Buford, have ministries that give diapers to families. During the month of January, we will collect disposable diapers and wipes. We need all sizes for both boys and girls, but larger sized diapers and pull-ups are in high demand! A collection box is in the CLC Lobby.

**Our church offers a free English as a Second Language class for folks in the community.** To keep this program going, we need volunteers especially for childcare. ESOL meets on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00pm. If you would like to help or get more information, contact Sydney Yancey!

**Sack Kids Hunger:** Current Needs-Staring in January, we will need new monthly volunteers (captains) to distribute sack lunches on the first Saturday of each month. If you are interested in helping with distribution on Saturdays, packing sacks on Wednesdays, or making sandwiches on Saturday mornings, email Sydney Yancey! **SKH is also in need of grape jam. A donation bin is in the CLC!**

**For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)**

# The Worship of God

January 7, 2024

9:00 & 11:00 am

Epiphany Sunday | Liturgical Color: White

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 “Carol of the Bells/We Three Kings” (*arr. Bryce Inman*)

Hank Morgan, organ  
Jean Ann Crites, piano

†Call to Worship (p. 817)

**Psalm 97:1-6**

(9:00) Joan Burger  
(11:00) Lenna Applebee

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 249

**“There’s a Song in the Air”** (*all verses*)

CHRISTMAS SONG

†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

Offertory

“Wexford Carol” (*arr. Jack Jones*)

organist

*If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Be sure to mark it for the “Good Samaritan Fund”.*

†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

“One King” (*arr. P. Keveren*)

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

Sermon

**“A Change of Mind”**  
*Scripture – Matthew 2:7-12*

Rev. Buckman

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 251

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”** (*all verses*) GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Masters in This Hall” (*arr. John Dixon*)

Organist