

**January 14, 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 8:30am – 5:00pm  
The Church Office is Closed on Friday

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Buford, Georgia 30515  
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**Events of the Week**

**Sunday, January 14**

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 15**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MLK Jr Day**  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-7:00p AA Mtg.-Rm. 304  
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110  
7:00- 8:30p Chancel Ringers-Rm. G1 stage

**Tuesday, January 16**

9:00a YAH to Georgia Aquarium  
2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share-Rm. 311  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
6:00p Pack 542-Rm. 108  
6:00p Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109  
7:30p Young Adult Bible Study Offsite

**Wednesday, January 17**

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202  
10:30a-4:00p Thrift Shop Volunteers  
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 18**

**12:00p February Calendar Info Is Due**  
1:00-1:30p Preschool Playball-Rm. 110  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
5:00-7:30p Pickleball-Rm. 110  
6:00-8:00p Pack 1534-Rm. 108,110

**Friday, January 19**

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313  
10:00a-12:00p Carol Scott Circle-Rm. 201  
5:00-8:30p Pack 542 Pinewood Derby set up-Rm. 108

**Saturday, January 20**

8:00a-12:00p Pickleball-Rm. 108  
8:30a-3:00p Pack 542 Pinewood Derby-Rm. 108  
9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311  
10:30a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot

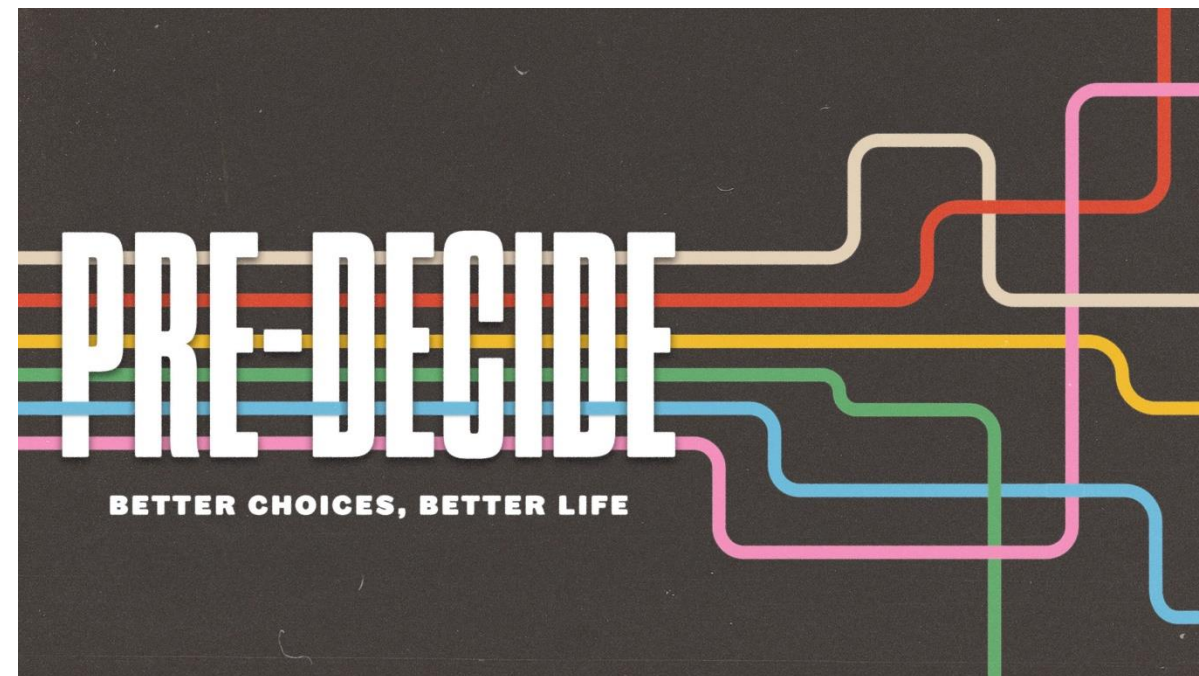
**Looking Ahead:**

Next Sunday Church Board will meet at 12:15-Rm. 312.



**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 14, 2024**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Pre-Decide: “Take Back Your Life”**



**9:00 and 11:00am Children’s Moment**

Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>** - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00pm

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, [children.director@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



**Preschool News:**

We will be talking all about Penguins, polar bears, and all the winter animals.  
We will learn Letter O.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org)

**Student Ministry**

**2024 Confirmation Class:** Confirmation classes for students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older will begin on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation meets for 16 weeks on Sunday mornings during the 10:00am Sunday School hour. It will be taught by Joshua Page, Brendan Smith, Pastor Jim, and a few other 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 21<sup>st</sup> by emailing Joshua Page.

**2024 MISSION TRIP:**

If you are interested in joining us for our 2024 mission trip, we will be having an interest meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. This year we will be going to Kentucky. Please contact Brendan Smith if you are interested at [outreach@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:outreach@bufordfirstumc.org).

For more information, contact Joshua Page, [Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org)

**Attendance and Giving  
January 7, 2024**

Total in Worship Services	365
Average Worship Attendance	365

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

**Offerings & Needs for 2023 (2024) Budget**

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration .....	\$768,170.00
Year to Date Received for 2023 Budget .....	\$18,903.59
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$14,408.97
Amount given on 01-07-2024.....	\$18,903.59

**Building Fund**

Building Debt .....	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$372,159.86
Amount given on 01-07-2024 .....	\$2,021.50

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 2023 (2024) 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

**January 14, 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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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## Worship Preview

January 21<sup>st</sup> Pre-Decide: “Overcoming Temptation” 1 Corinthians 10:11-13  
January 28<sup>th</sup> Pre-Decide: “Power of Consistency” Romans 7:15-20

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 Rindsusz (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Ray Page  
to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
DeeAnna's 64<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

*Happy Birthday from your loving husband, Ray.*

*The rosebud on the altar is given by Ray and DeeAnna Page in honor  
of our new granddaughter Eileen Mae Page (Leni) who was born  
January 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Joshua and Julie Page.*

### 9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen  
Ushers: Ed Krauth, Scott Leazer  
Greeters: Cindy LaTouf, Linda Chambers  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish  
Ushers: Sherry W. Hall, David Lowry  
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt  
Camera: Jacob Van Pelt  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

Rev. Jim Buckman	Senior Pastor	DeeAnna Page	Financial Secretary
Roy Foster	Office Manager	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
Hank Morgan	Organist	Sydney Yancey	Director of Adult Ministry

## Adult Ministry

**Grief Share is starting back Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>!** Grief Share is a class/support group for those processing the grief of a loved one who has passed away. This 13-week series led by Jean Ann Crites will help grieving individuals learn new ways to navigate their grief. Materials needed to participate will be provided. Meetings are at 2:00pm or 7:00pm. You can pick which of these identical sessions works best for your schedule. If you have questions or would like to sign up, email Sydney Yancey at [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org). If you do not need this resource at this time but know someone who would benefit from joining this group, please share this information with them!

### Fellowship Opportunities: Get Plugged-In in 2024

**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!

**Walking Group:** If you would prefer something a little different from a small group but are still looking for a new fellowship opportunity, consider the walking group! This group meets in the CLC Lobby at 5:30pm and then heads out to walk together in Buford, weather permitting. Amy Simonson is heading up this group! Contact her if you are interested or have any questions (404-307-9097).

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

## Missions

**Looking forward: 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.

**Starting back TONIGHT- 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-Starting 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 14, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Second Sunday after the Epiphany | 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

“Now That Daylight Fills the Sky” (*arr. Carl F. Schalk*)

Organist

† Call to Worship (p. 771)

**Psalms 36:5-10**

(9:00) Lara Franklin  
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 384

“**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**” (*v. 1, 2, 3*)

BEECHER

† 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

“Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word” (*arr. Piet Post*)

Organist

† 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

“Show Me Thy Ways” (*by M. Patterson*)

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

Sermon

Pre-Decide: “**Take Back Your Life**”  
*Scripture – Isaiah 43:16-19*

Rev. Buckman

## SERVING

† Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 580

“**Lead On, O King Eternal**” (*all verses*)

LANCASHIRE

† Benediction

Rev. Buckman

† Postlude

“To Jordan Came the Christ Our Lord” (*arr. Carl F. Schalk*)

Organist