

**January 28, 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 28**

- 9:00a Worship-Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15p UMW Exec. Mtg.-Rm. 108
- 2:00-4:00p Girl Scout Troop 17629-Rm. G3
- 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 29**

- 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
- 7:00-8:30p Troop 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308

**Tuesday, January 30**

- Preschool Registration Open to the Public
- 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 31**

- 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, February 1**

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

**Friday, February 2**

No CCS

**Saturday, February 3**

- 8:30a-1:45p Girl Scout Cookie Training-Rm.108
- 9:00a-12:00p Pickleball-Rm. 108
- 9:00-11:30a Al-Anon-Rm. 311
- 10:00a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot
- 2:00-6:00p Rm. 110 Reserved

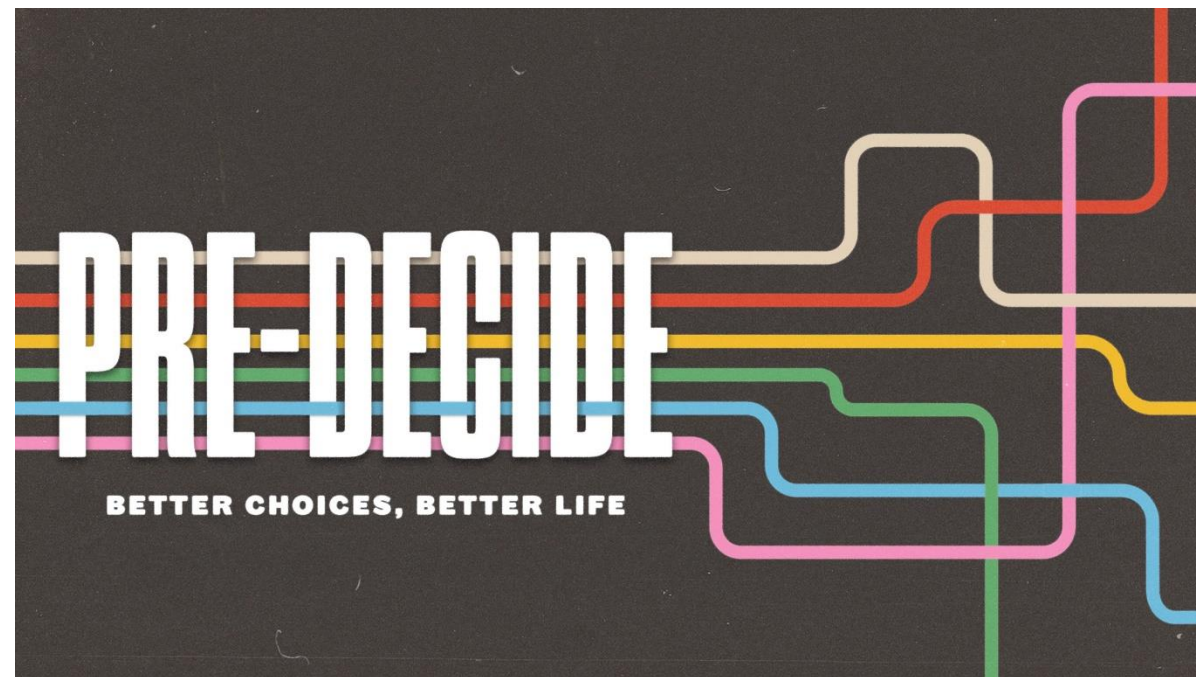
**Looking Ahead: Next Sunday 2/4**

- Blood Drive 9:00a-2:00p
- Confirmation Kick-off at 10:00a-Rm. 304
- Church Board will meet at 12:15p-Rm. 312.
- Mission Trip interest meeting at 12:15p-Rm. 108



**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 28, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Pre-Decide: "Power of Consistency"**



**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 February**

**February 4<sup>th</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**No G.L.O.W. on February 11<sup>th</sup> or February 18<sup>th</sup>**

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



**Preschool News:**

This week we will learn all about healthy habits and talk all about our teeth!  
We will work on Letter R.

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

**Student Ministry**

**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).

**WINTER JAM:**

We are taking a group to WINTER JAM this year! This is a star studded event with CAIN, CROWDER, NEWSONG & others! Date is February 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 5:00 to 8:30p at the Gas South Arena.

**SPRING 2024 SLR TRIP:**

We have the dates for SLR! We will be going March 15th to 17th! The Spiritual Life Retreat happens every spring in North Georgia on different weekends at Camp Glisson. Each year these retreats fill Camp Glisson with youth and adult leaders from all over the North Georgia Conference. The retreats are designed and led by other youth and adult leaders in the conference, offering another level of leadership development to youth in the conference.

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

**Attendance and Giving  
January 21, 2024**

Total in Worship Services	207
Average Worship Attendance	220

*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 2024)**

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration .....	\$768,170.00
Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget .....	\$42,533.61
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$14,512.73
Amount given on 01-21-2024.....	\$11,606.02

**Building Fund**

Building Debt .....	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$382,410.22
Amount given on 01-21-2024 .....	\$6,567.50

1. The amount needed by the last Sunday in 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 28, 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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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

February 4<sup>th</sup> Pre-Decide: “**One Word That Will Change Your Life**” Habakkuk 2:1-4  
February 11<sup>th</sup> Pre-Decide: “**Don’t Give Up**” 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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  
David & Evelyn Lowry  
to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

### 9:00am Worship

Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Mike Casper, Sandra Casper  
Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Ushers: Chris Simonson, Ian Simonson, Brad Thomas, Michael Thomas  
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Susan Lynskey  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams  
Camera: Kevin Walch  
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

**Lenten Bible Study:** Pastor Jim and Brendan will be co-facilitating a Lenten Bible Study starting **Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am** in the CLC Rm. 301. If you are interested or would like to join the study email Sydney (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org).

**Chili Cook-Off February 11<sup>th</sup>:** Join us after church at 12:15pm on Super Bowl Sunday in the Fellowship Hall! We need contestants & judges. Come and try some chili and all we ask for is a donation to missions! Donations from this event will go towards our coming international and domestic mission trips! If you are interested in entering a pot of chili in the Cook-off or helping judge, set up, or clean up, OR would like more information email Sydney Yancey.

**Meal of Self-Denial & Ash Wednesday Service February 14<sup>th</sup>:** All are invited. Buford First UMW is sponsoring a meal of self-denial on Wednesday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall @ 6:00pm (before the Ash Wednesday service). The meal will consist of meatless soups and bread and water for all to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made for us. We will also be taking up a collection for the North Gwinnett Co-Op to provide food for those in need in our community. After the meal, join us in the sanctuary for our annual Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm to kick-off the Lenten season.

**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.

**Sack Kids Hunger:** Current Needs-We need additional monthly volunteers to help 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 28, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Fourth 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

“He Is Exalted” (arr. Michael Ryan)

Chancel Ringers

†Call to Worship (p. 794)

**Psalm 71:1-6**

(9:00) Karl Siegele  
(11:00) Niki Redstrom

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 368

**“My Hope is Built”** (all)

THE SOLID ROCK

†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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” (arr. L. Lamb)

Chancel Ringers

†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

“Trust In the Lord and Do Good” (by J. Martin)

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

Sermon

Pre-Decide: **“Power of Consistency”**  
*Scripture – Romans 7:15-20*

Rev. Buckman

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 389

**“Freely, Freely”** (all)

FREELY, FREELY

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Lord Christ, the Only Son of God” (setting Stephen Rosebrock)

Organist