

## February 4, 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

P.O. Box 329  
Buford, Georgia 30515  
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770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)  
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## Events of the Week

### Sunday, February 4

9:00a Worship-Sanctuary  
10:00a Sunday School  
10:00a Confirmation Kickoff-Rm. 312  
11:00a Worship-Sanctuary & Online  
Church Board Mtg.-Rm. 312  
12:15p Mission Trip Interest Mtg.-Rm. 108  
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, February 5

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 BS Troop 542-Rm. 305, 306, 308

### Tuesday, February 6

9:30a-12:00p Stonehedge Garden Club-Rm. 312  
2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share-Rm. 311  
5:00p Ladies Strength Training-Rm. G1  
6:00p BS Pack 542-Rm. 108, 305, 306, 308, 309  
6:00p Youth Bible Study-Rm. 109  
7:00p Florence Garner Circle-Rm. 201  
7:30p Young Adult Bible Study Offsite

### Wednesday, February 7

10:00a Knitting for Others-Rm. 202  
11:30a Lunch Bunch: Olive Garden  
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 8

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

### Friday, February 9

8:00a-4:00p CCS-Rm. 107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313  
6:00-8:00p Jesus Love Me Snowmuch-Rm. 108

### Saturday, February 10

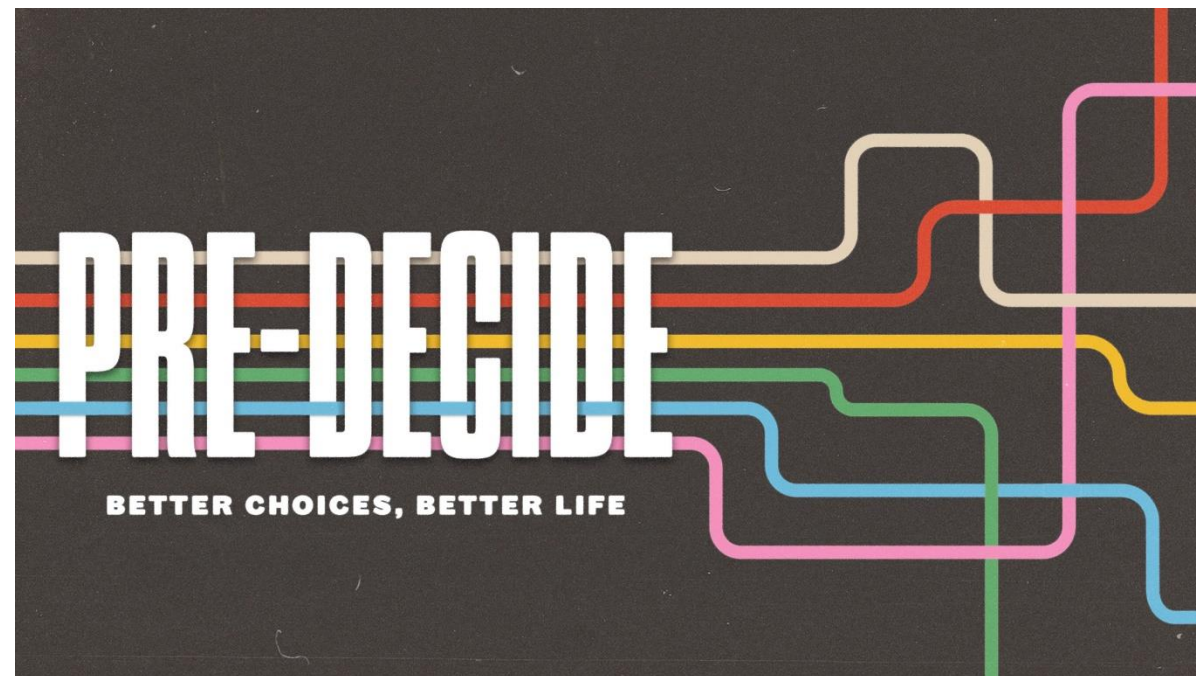
9:00a-12:00p Pickleball-Rm. 108  
9:00-11:30a Al-Anon Live & Let Live-Rm. 311  
10:00a-2:00p Sack Kids Hunger-Rm. 107 & Parking Lot  
12:00-5:00p Brayden Ouimet Birthday-Rm. 109  
UMCOR Disaster Relief Day Trip



# 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.*

## February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany | Communion

**Pre-Decide: "One Word That Will Change Your Life"**

## BFUMC Kids



### 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 – The kids will be with Mr. Gary from 5:30-7:00pm working on our songs for our upcoming musical "Jonah and the Whale".**

*No G.L.O.W on February 11<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 about healthy habits and talk all about our teeth!

We will work on the letter "S" too.

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 at 12:15pm in room 108, Fellowship Hall. This year we will be going to Kentucky.

Please contact Brendan Rossell 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, 2024, from 5:00 to 8:30pm at the Gas South Arena.

### SPRING 2024 SLR TRIP

We have the dates for SLR! We will be going March 15 to 17! 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. Cost is \$170!

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

## Attendance and Giving

### January 28, 2024

Total in Worship Services	267
Average Worship Attendance	231

*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	\$50,360.61
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$14,649.17
Amount given on January 28, 2024	\$7,827.00

### Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$383,999.92
Amount given on January 28, 2024	\$1,589.50

- 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.
- The Amount Received should be the aggregate total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
- 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

- You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it to our Post Office Box 329, Buford, GA 30515.
- You may set up online bill pay through your bank.
- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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

### February 4, 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 11	Pre-Decide: “Don’t Give Up”	2 Timothy 4:6-8
February 14	Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	
	“What About My Box of Chocolates”	Matthew 6:16-21
February 18	Disrupt: “Beginning of Disruption”	Mark 1:9-15

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  
Karl & Joyce Siegele  
to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

### 9:00am Worship

Acolytes: Lily Richardson (*crucifer*), Rose Richardson (*light*)  
Ushers: Ed Krauth, Scott Leazer, Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen  
Greeters: Donna Agee, Jean Hudson  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Michael Thomas (*crucifer*), Hans Failmezger (*light*)  
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman  
Greeters: Dianne Beaumont, Marsha Huckaby  
Sound: John Alford  
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt  
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, at 11:00am in the Christian Life Center, room 301. If you are interested or would like to join the study, email Sydney at [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org).

**Lunch Bunch:** This month Lunch Bunch will be at **11:00am on Wednesday, February 7, at Olive Garden**. Contact Marsha Huckaby at 470-350-4065 by Monday if you would like to join the group.

**Young at Heart:** Bunco & Lunch. Come and enjoy a catered box lunch and Bunco. There will be prizes! The event date is February 20. Please RSVP by February 13. Cost is \$12.50 per person for the lunch. Event will be from 11:00am-2:30pm. RSVP to Debbie at 770-965-3729 or [djatcheson@gmail.com](mailto:djatcheson@gmail.com).

**Chili Cook-Off February 11:** Join us after church at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall! 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, to help judge, set up, clean up, or would just like more information, email Sydney Yancey.

**Meal of Self-Denial & Ash Wednesday Service February 14:** All are invited. Buford First UMW is sponsoring a meal of self-denial in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm. We will also be taking up a collection for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. After the meal, join us in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship service at 7:00pm to kick-off the Lenten season. Nursery offered for children four and under.

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

## Missions

**HANDS-ON MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY:** In the aftermath of early 2023 tornadoes that swept across our state, North Georgia United Methodists are working with partners to bring hope and recovery to those affected — particularly those in hardest hit areas around West Point and Griffin. With 20 ongoing projects and more in the pipeline, now is the time for church work teams to join the disaster recovery effort. We are planning on taking a group down for a day-long mission trip on **Saturday, February 10**, to help support this Disaster Response Service Project. **If you are interested, please reach out to Brendan Rossell Smith at [outreach@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:outreach@bufordfirstumc.org) and let him know you would like to come.**

**Blood Drive TODAY! Head to the LifeSouth Blood Mobile parked on the Hill St. side of the campus and donate today between 9:00am and 2:00pm.**

**ESOL Class:** 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:** Are you looking for a Mission area to get plugged into? Sack Kids Hunger has many different areas to serve. You can help us pack the sacks on Wednesdays, shop for supplies, make sandwiches on Saturday mornings, or pass out sacks on Saturday afternoons. Pick something that works for your schedule!

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

# The Worship of God

February 4, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany | Communion | 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

“Light's Abode, Celestial Salem” (*arr. Lani Smith*) Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 854)

**Psalms 138:4-8**

(9:00am) DeeAnna Page  
(11:00am) Diane Shepherd

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 577 “**God of Grace and God of Glory**” (*all*) CWM RHONDDA

†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.**

\* *The children are now invited to go to Children's Church with our volunteers.*

## 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

“Christ Is the World's Light” (*arr. Wilbur Held*)

Organist

*If you would like to donate to our “Good Samaritan Fund” you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Please 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

Sermon

Pre-Decide: “**One Word That Will Change Your Life**”  
*Scripture – Habakkuk 2:1-4*

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see insert*)

“Come As You Are to the Table” (*by D. Mengel*)

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

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 500

“**Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart**” (*v. 1, 3, 5*) MORECAMBE

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (*arr. Robert Lind*)

Organist