

February 11, 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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Events of the Week

Sunday, February 11

- 8:30a Canned Food Drive
- 9:00a Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:00a Sunday School
- 10:00a Confirmation Class - 304
- 10:00a Young Parents Small Group - 311
- 11:00a Worship - Sanctuary & Online
- 11:00a Korean Worship - 306
- 12:15p Chili Cook-Off – 108 Fellowship Hall
- 2:00p Girl Scout Troop 17629 - G3
- 5:30p ESOL - 303 & 304
- 5:30p Sunday Walking Group

Monday, February 12

- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training - G1
- 5:00-7:00p AA Meeting - 304
- 5:00-7:30p Pickleball - 110
- 7:00-8:30p BSA Troop 542 - 305, 306, 308
- 7:00-8:30p Chancel Ringers - G1 stage

Tuesday, February 13

- 10:30a-12:00p Effie Wood Circle - 108, 312
- 12:00p Meal to Children's Shelter
- 2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share - 311
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training - G1
- 6:00p Youth Bible Study - 109
- 7:00-8:30p BSA Pack 542 - 108, 305, 306, 308, 309
- 7:30p Young Adult Bible Study Offsite

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

- 1:00-1:45p Preschool Ballet - 110
- 5:00-7:00p AA Meeting - 304
- 5:00-8:00p Open Gym – 110 Gym
- 6:00-6:45p Meal of Prayer & Self-denial – 108 Fellowship Hall
- 7:00-8:00p Ash Wednesday Worship - Sanctuary
- 7:00-9:00p S-Anon - 309

Thursday, February 15

- March Calendar Info Due
- 5:00p Ladies Strength Training - G1
- 5:00-7:30p Pickleball – 110 Gym

Friday, February 16

- NO CCS Home School – President's Day Break
- 10:00a-12:00p Carol Scott Circle - 201

Saturday, February 17

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



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.

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Transfiguration Sunday

Pre-Decide: "Don't Give Up"

BFUMC Kids



9:00 and 11:00am 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 February

February 18 & 25 - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00pm

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, children.director@bufordfirstumc.org



Preschool News:

This week will be filled with hearts and love all over the place! We will have our Valentine exchange and work on the letter "S" too.

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

Student Ministry

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

We have 3 amazing scholarships for graduating high school seniors!

The BFUMC Legacy Scholarship, Florence Garner Scholarship & the Olivia Rae Ouimet Memorial Scholarship. All applications are due back to the church office on April 8!

Please email Joshua Page for info and application process!

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

Attendance and Giving February 4, 2024

Total in Worship Services	219
Average Worship Attendance	232

*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	\$68,671.13
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal ...	\$14,572.89
Amount given on February 4, 2024.....	\$18,310.52

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$372,068.93
Amount given on February 4, 2024.....	\$1,462.50

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

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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

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

Worship Preview

February 14 **“What About My Box of Chocolates”** Matthew 6:16-21
Ash Wednesday 7:00pm

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



*The Sanctuary flowers are given to
the glory of God.
The rosebud on the altar is given by
Leigh Ouimet in honor of her son
Brayden’s 14th birthday.*



9:00am Worship

Ushers: Herman Runyan, Bill Ogles, Celina Countess, Pat Taylor
Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish, David Lowry, Sherry W. Hall
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Barry Walker
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

Chili Cook-Off February 11 TODAY: Join us after church at 12:15pm in 108 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!

Meal of Self-Denial & Ash Wednesday Service February 14: All are invited. Buford First UMW is sponsoring a meal of self-denial in Fellowship Hall (Room 108) 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.

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.

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.

Fellowship Event - Hoagie-Okee: Join us Saturday, February 24 at 6:00pm in the Gym (room 110) for karaoke and a make-your-own hoagie dinner. Cost is \$10 per person. You do not have to sing but you are invited to! If you have questions or would like to come, reach out to Brendan at media@bufordfirstumc.org.

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Missions

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!

Mats for the Homeless: Through our new Mat Ministry, we are working to provide weather-proof sleeping mats for the *North Gwinnett Co-Op* and *Good News at Noon* to distribute to the homeless individuals they serve. There are many ways to help with this ministry: Collect your plastic grocery bags and drop them off at the church, learn how to turn the bags into "plarn" (plastic yarn) and take some bags home to make plarn for those who are crocheting the mats. We will have a plarn and mat-making day at church soon! If you would like more information about this mission opportunity, reach out to Sydney.

Summer 2024- West Virginia Mission Trip: We will be going to West Virginia this summer from July 13 to 19. The Appalachian region is represented by 25 million people living in an area of 205,000 square miles that spans over 420 counties in 13 states. From upstate New York to Mississippi, the region may be larger than you think it is! The region has some of the richest landscapes in the entire country, with wooded hills and valleys, streams, and waterfalls. But aside from its obvious natural beauty, it tragically is also one of the most financially impoverished areas in the United States. Come and join us on this amazing trip!! **Cost is \$600 per person!** We hope to fundraise to get this amount down!! **This trip is open to adults and youth!**

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, mission@bufordfirstumc.org

The Worship of God

February 11, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Transfiguration 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 Call & Response and Chorale - "Christ Is the World's Light" (by David Lasky) Organist

†Call to Worship from Hope to Joy (U.S.A., 20th Century, alt.) (9:00am) Ken Hiltgen (11:00pm) Sarah Van Pelt

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

All: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 258 **"O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair"** (v. 1, 4, 5) WAREHAM

†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 Meditation on "Christ Is the World's Light" (by David Lasky) Organist

†Doxology No. 95 OLD 100th

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 "We Will Run the Race" (by P. Drennan) (9:00am) ensemble (11:00am) Chancel Choir

Sermon Pre-Decide: **"Don't Give Up"** Rev. Buckman
Scripture – 2 Timothy 4:6-8

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 451 **"Be Thou My Vision"** (all) SLANE

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude Trumpet Tune on "Christ Is the World's Light" (by David Lasky) Organist