

February 25, 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 25

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
2:00p GSA Trop 17629 – G3
5:30p ESOL - 303 & 304
5:30p GLOW - 201, 307, 110
5:30p Sunday Night Youth - 109
5:30p Sunday Walking Group
5:30p Women's Small Group - 311

Monday, February 26

11:30a Staff Meeting – G3
5:00p Ladies Strength Training - G1
5:30p AA 5:30@Main St. - 304
5:00p Pickleball - 110
7:00p Chancel Ringers – Sanctuary
7:00p BSA Troop 542 – 305, 306, 308

Tuesday, February 27

2:00p & 7:00p Grief Share - 311
5:00p Ladies Strength Training - G1
6:00p BSA Pack 542 - 108
6:00p Youth Bible Study - 109

Wednesday, February 28

1:00p Preschool Ballet – 110 Gym
5:30p AA 5:30@Main St. - 304
5:00p Open Gym - 110
6:30p Chancel Choir - Sanctuary
7:30p S-Anon - 309

Thursday, February 29

1:00p Preschool Playball – 110 Gym
5:00p Ladies Strength Training - G1
5:00p Pickleball - 110
6:30p Pack 1534 - 108,110

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

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

Looking Ahead:

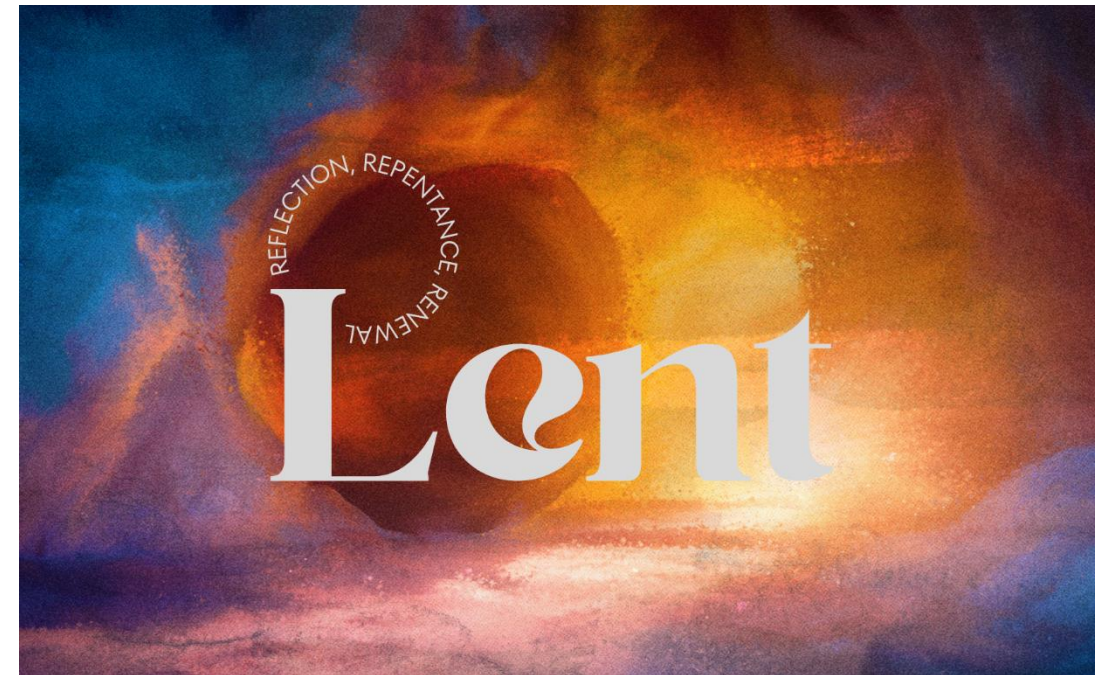
March 1 VBS Registration opens. All registrations online.
March 9 8:00a BSA Pack 589 Pine Wood Derby - 108
March 10 12:15p Church Board - 312



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

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 25, 2024

Second Sunday in Lent | Scouting Ministries Sunday

Disrupt: "Messing With Us Now"

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 March

February 25 – G.L.O.W. will meet

March 3 – G.L.O.W. will meet

March 10 – G.L.O.W. will meet

March 17 – G.L.O.W. will meet

March 24 – G.L.O.W. will meet

March 31 – No G.L.O.W. – Easter Sunday



Preschool News:

We will have a fun week of learning all about children's authors and doing fun things for Dr. Suess week! We will work on the letter "U".

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

Student Ministry

2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

We have three 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 18, 2024

Total in Worship Services	242
Average Worship Attendance	235

*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	\$99,530.15
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$14,535.65
Amount given on February 18, 2024	\$19,377.02

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$375,828.93
Amount given on February 18, 2024	\$3,362.50

- 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

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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

March 3 Disrupt: "Enough Is Enough" John 2:13-22
March 10 Disrupt: "Darkness Shattered" John 3:14-21

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
Suzanne and Randy Clegg
to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Suzanne's mother, Mary Ann Scogin,
on what would have been her 91st birthday.*

9:00am Worship

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

11:00am Worship

Ushers: (provided by our Scouts)
Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Amy Simonson
Sound: Dave Reynolds
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

Directory Photos: TODAY IS THE DEADLINE If you were not able to be present on the directory photography dates but you would still like your photo in the directory, you can send in a photo! Email your picture to Sydney by SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25. If you would rather bring a physical photo to have scanned at the church rather than emailing the photo, reach out to Sydney.

Lenten Bible Study: It's Not Too Late to Join! Pastor Jim and Brendan are co-facilitating a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays at 11:00am in the CLC, room 301. No book purchase required. The study will last through March 27. If you are interested or would like to join the study, email Sydney.

Circle News: The next meeting for the Florence Garner Circle will be on Tuesday, March 5, from 7:00-8:30pm, CLC room 201. Each month we have a different focus for programming including guest speakers, mission projects, or book studies. For the month of March, we will begin a book study on the book *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will be discussing the first chapter, "All About Eve". All women of the church are invited to attend. You don't need to read the book to attend. This is a great circle to attend if you can't make the day circles. We would love to meet and get to know you. For more information about the Florence Garner Circle please contact Christi Lenz at Christi.lenz1@gmail.com. The leaders are Holly Moreland and Barbara Money.

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

Missions

Wellroot Easter Baskets: The Carol Scott Circle is partnering with Wellroot Family Services to help provide Easter baskets for the children who receive their services. If you would like to get items for a basket or simply financially sponsor a basket, scan the QR code below or go to <https://bit.ly/49oIRc0>. Baskets should be returned to the church by March 14. Contact Sydney if you have any questions.



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. **We especially need help distributing sacks on the first or second Saturday of each month!**

Mats for the Homeless: Through our new Mat Ministry, we are working to provide weatherproof sleeping mats for the *North Gwinnett Co-Op* and *Good News at Noon* to distribute to the homeless individuals they serve. Please contact Sydney Yancey for more information.

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

The Worship of God

February 25, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Second Sunday in Lent | Scouting Ministries Sunday | Liturgical Color: Purple

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

Honoring our Scouting Ministries (*see insert*)

(9:00) Karl Siegele
(11:00) Jim Failmezger

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

“Trumpet Voluntary” (*arr. McChesney/Roth*)

Chancel Ringers

†Call to Worship (p. 757)

Psalms 25:6-10

(9:00am) Pat Stanley
(11:00am) Terry Ellis

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 154 **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** (*v. 1, 3, 4, 6*) CORONATION

†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

“I Must Tell Jesus” (*arr. L. Lamb*)

Chancel Ringers

†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

“Our God Saves” (*arr. D Williamson*)

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

Sermon

Disrupt: **“Messing With Us Now”**
Scripture – Mark 8: 31-38

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”
from The Faith We Sing, #2129

ASSAM

- I have decided to follow Jesus (3x), no turning back, no turning back.***
- The world behind me, the cross before me (3x), no turning back, no turning back.***
- Though none go with me, still I will follow (3x), no turning back, no turning back.***

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

Minuets from the Royal Fireworks Music (*by G. F. Handel*)

Organist