

March 10, 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
770-945-7438 (Church Office)
770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY MARCH 10

9:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
10:00am Confirmation Class (304)
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Young Parents Small Group (311)
11:00am Korean Worship (306)
11:00am Traditional Worship – Sanctuary & Online
12:15pm Church Board (312)
2:00pm Scout(G) Troop 17629 (G3)
5:30pm ESOL (303, 304)
5:30pm G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)
5:30pm Sunday Night Youth (109)
5:30pm Sunday Walking Group
5:30pm Women's Small Group (311)

MONDAY MARCH 11

11:30am Staff Meeting (G3)
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
5:00pm Pickleball (110)
5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
7:00pm Chancel Ringers (G1 stage)
7:00pm Scout(B) Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY MARCH 12

10:30am Effie Wood Circle (108)
2:00pm Grief Share (311)
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
6:00pm Youth Bible Study (109)
7:00pm Grief Share (311)
7:00pm Scouts(B) Pack 542 (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY MARCH 13

10:30am Lenten Bible Study (301)
1:00pm Preschool Ballet (110)
5:00pm Open Gym (110)
5:30pm AA 5:30@ Main St. (304)
6:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
7:30pm S-Anon (309)

THURSDAY MARCH 14

1:00pm Preschool Playball
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
5:00pm Pickleball (110)
6:30pm Scout(C) Pack 1534 (108, 110, 305, 306)

FRIDAY MARCH 15

8:00am-4:00pm Spiritual Life Retreat (offsite)
CCS (107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313)
10:00am Carol Scott Circle (201)
6:00pm Ladies Game Night (108)

SATURDAY MARCH 16

9:00am Spiritual Life Retreat (offsite)
9:30am Pickleball (110)
9:30am Al-Anon Live & Let Live (311)
10:00am Sack Kids Hunger (parking lot)

ONLINE CALENDAR

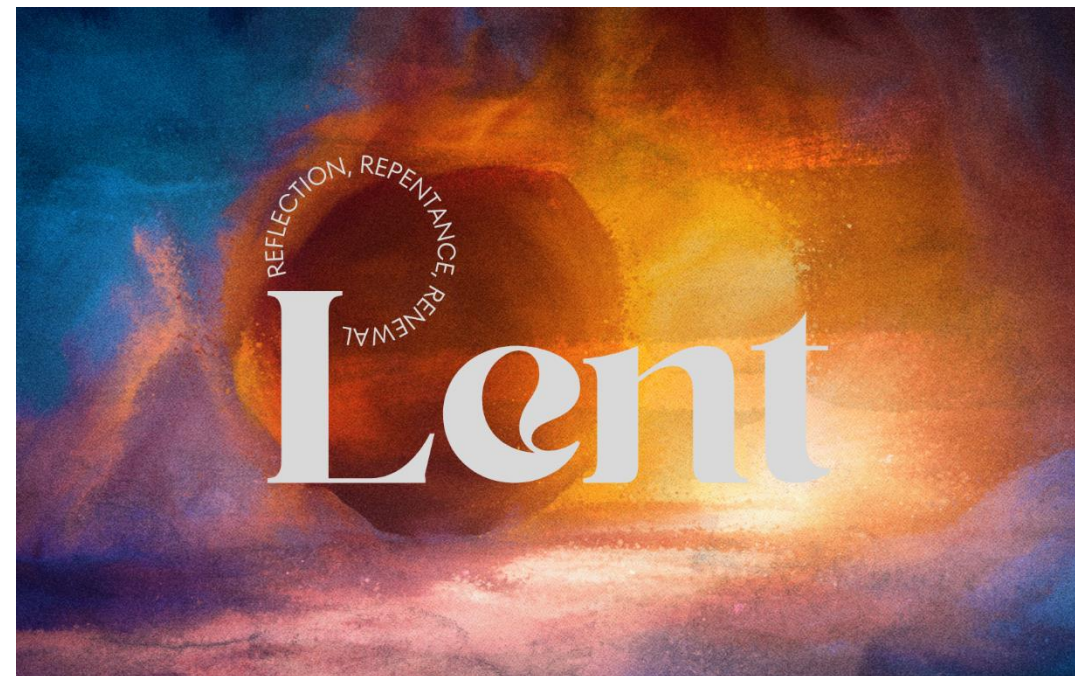
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BUFORD FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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.

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Disrupt: “Darkness Shattered”



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
We will meet on 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24. **No G.L.O.W. on March 31 – Easter Sunday**

Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt – March 30, 12:00–2:00pm. Easter Story, egg hunts, crafts, snacks and prizes! In the Fellowship Hall and gym.

VBS – Registration is now open! Go to bufordfirstumc.org to sign up!

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



Preschool News:

This week will be all about birds, butterflies, and insects. We are working on the the letter “W”, and it is teacher appreciation week!

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!

Mother’s Day Painting Activity

Let’s Celebrate Mom! Save the Date! Come on out to our Mother/Son-Mother/Daughter painting lunch! We will be here at the church fellowshipping and painting with mom! We will be led by a local artist! Cost is \$40 per family-That includes painting and a light lunch! The date will be May 4 starting at 10:30am!

For more information, contact Joshua Page, Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org

Attendance and Giving
March 3, 2024

Total in Worship Services	236
Average Worship Attendance	243

*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	\$130,463.17
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal...	\$14,493.34
Amount given on March 3, 2024	\$16,615.02

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$383,540.93
Amount given on March 3, 2024	\$962.50

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*

March 10, 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

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 17

Disrupt: “Truth About Living”

John 12:20-33

March 24

Disrupt: “Now What?”

Mark 11:1-11

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.*

Signup online to give Sunday flowers
in memory of someone special
or in celebration of a significant event.
<https://bit.ly/bfumc-flowers> or QR:



9:00am Worship

Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Bill Ogles, Scott Leazer
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish, Sherry W. Hall, David Lowry
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Rebecca Stewart
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 & 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

Effie Wood Circle—Please join the ladies of this Circle Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30am in CLC room 108. This month the Circle will be assembling care packages for the college students in our congregation as well as candy bags for the children’s Easter program. For questions, please contact Lynne German at lynnegerm@hotmail.com. **Carol Scott Circle**—Please join this group on **Friday, March 15**, at 10:00am in room 201 of the CLC. This month the ladies will be assembling candy bags for the Easter program for the children. For questions, please contact either Sherryl Robertson at skrobertson53@gmail.com, or Becky Grant at grant_104@hotmail.com. Refreshments will be provided. Ladies, with these two groups, it is a great time to socialize and get to know others while assembling these great mission products. Join either (or both) Circles for fun! You don’t have to be a Circle member to attend.

Young at Heart- **Let Debbie know today** (770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com) if you plan on joining the YAH on the tour of the College Football Hall of Fame on March 21. Cost is \$30 per person which includes entrance fee, gas, and lunch from Chick-fil-A. The van will load at 9:00am and return around 3:00pm. We have four spots left!

Lunch Bunch is at 11:30am on March 13 at Red Lobster. Contact Marsha (470-350-4065) by Monday March 11 if you plan on joining! NOTE: **Due to this, Lenten Bible Study will begin at 10:30am** on March 13 ONLY so that folks can attend Bible Study AND Lunch Bunch if they would like.

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. Let Sydney know if you are interested in helping!

Our church offers a free English as a Second Language class for folks in the community. We need childcare volunteers!!! ESOL meets on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00pm. If you would like to help or get more information, contact Sydney.

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

The Worship of God

March 10, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Fourth Sunday in Lent | 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

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

Variations on "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" *(by Janet Linker)*

Organist

†Call to Worship (p. 758)

Psalm 27:1-6

(9:00am) Joan Burger
(11:00am) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 732

“Come, We That Love the Lord” *(all)*

ST. THOMAS

†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

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” *(arr. Emma Lou Diemer)*

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

“Children of Light!” *(by T. Boyd)*

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

Sermon

Disrupt: **“Darkness Shattered”**
Scripture – John 3: 14-21

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 206

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” *(all)*

MORECAMBE

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

Psalm 96: A Fanfare *(by Karen Beaumont)*

Organist