

March 17, 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

PO Box 329

Buford, Georgia 30515-0329

770-945-7438 (Church Office)

770-945-4161 (Preschool Office)

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Events of the Week

Sunday, March 17

9:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
10:00am Confirmation Class (304)
10:00am Sunday School
10:00am Young Parents Small Group (311)
11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online
11:00am Korean Worship (306)
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 18

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 19

2:00pm Grief Share (311)
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training - G1
6:00pm Scout(B) Pack 589 Blue & Gold (108)
6:00pm Youth Bible Study (109)
7:00pm Grief Share (311)

Wednesday, March 20

10:00am Knitting for Others (202)
10:30am Thrift Shop Volunteers (offsite)
11:00am 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 21

9:00am Young-at-Heart - College Football Hall of Fame
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
5:00pm Pickleball (110)
6:30pm Scout(C) Pack 1534 (108, 110, 305, 306)

Friday, March 22

8:00am-4:00pm CCS (107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313)

Saturday, March 23

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

ONLINE CALENDAR

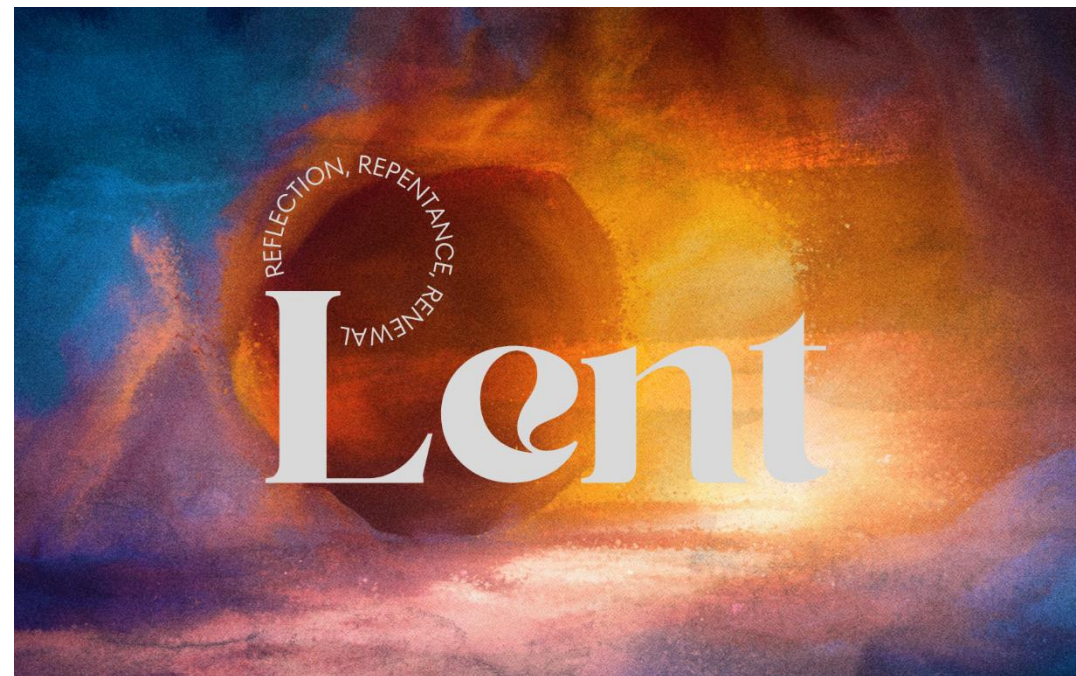
<https://bit.ly/bfumc-calendar> OR >



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.*

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

Disrupt: **“Truth About Living”**

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 3/17, 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:

Happy Spring! We will be talking all about Spring, flowers, weather, and gardens. We will work on letters “X” and “Y”. We will smile pretty for our Spring Graduation pictures too!
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 fellowshiping and painting with mom! We will be led by a local artist! The cost is \$40 per family which 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 10, 2024

Total in Worship Services	217
Average Worship Attendance	241

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	\$142,173.67
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal....	\$14,558.05
Amount given on March 10, 2024	\$11,710.50

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$1,501,022.69
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$384,603.43
Amount given on March 10, 2024	\$1,062.50

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:
PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329.
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.) <https://bit.ly/bfumc-give>
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

March 24 *Palm Sunday*

March 28 *Maundy Thursday*

March 31 *Easter*

Disrupt: “Now What?”
Tenebrae Service
“Let Go of the Stone”

Mark 11:1-11
John 18:1 – 19:42
Mark 16:1-8

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
Debbie & Dick Acheson
to the Glory of God and in celebration of
Saint Patrick’s Day.*

Sunday flower signup:
<https://bit.ly/bfumc-flowers> or



9:00am Worship

Acolytes: William Womack (*crucifer*), Ava Ross Womack (*light*)
Ushers: Ed Krauth, Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen, Bill Ogles
Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Hans Failmezger (*crucifer*), Jacob Van Pelt (*light*)
Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Ken Stewart, Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Linda McQuaig, Amy Simonson
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
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

Lenten Lunch & Learn Potluck | Wednesday March 27 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Although this is a continuation of our Lenten Bible Study all are welcome. We will have food and good discussion. Both Rev. Buckman and Brendan Smith will be answering questions that you have about faith or interpretations. If you would like to submit your question, contact Sydney Yancey. While registering is not necessary, it will help us prepare.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service | Join us on Thursday March 28 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary for this special service of Communion and Tenebrae. The choir leads us in remembering the last couple of days that led to the cross. We journey through music depicted in the perspective of the observer, alongside one’s own personal experience.

Good Friday Fish Fry | Friday March 29 at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a meal and fellowship in this time leading up to Easter.

Good Friday Prayer Time | Friday March 29 in the Sanctuary. Come any time between 8:00am and 2:00pm on Good Friday for a time of prayer and reflection.

Ladies Spring Brunch | Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Susan Barge from Lightway Recovery. Bring a dish to share and invite a friend to join us for a morning of food and fellowship!

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. Let Sydney know if you are interested in helping!

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.

UMCOR Sunday is Next Sunday March 24! Consider giving towards this special offering. What is UMCOR Sunday? “Originally founded in 1940 in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of World War II, The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a ministry of The United Methodist Church through the General Board of Global Ministries. Their goal is to assist the most vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need. Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday strengthen the church’s global humanitarian response by underwriting UMCOR’s administrative costs. This allows UMCOR to use 100% of additional funds for specific programs like US Disaster Response, International Disaster Response, and Global Migration.”

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

The Worship of God		
March 17, 2024	9:00 & 11:00am	
Fifth 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.		
<i>Please place your electronic devices on silent mode and refrain from flash photography during worship.</i>		
† Stand as you are able.		
<u>GATHERING</u>		
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Jim Buckman	
<u>PRAISING</u>		
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	“O Lamb of God Most Holy!” (arr. Lyndell Leatherman) (quoting Mozart's Ave Verum)	Organist
†Call to Worship (p. 788)	Psalm 63:1-4	(9:00am) DeeAnna Page (11:00am) Evelyn Lowry
†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 139	“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (v. 1, 2, 5)	LOBE DEN HERREN
†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	

<u>PRAYING</u>		
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. <i>Amen.</i>		
<u>GIVING</u>		
Offertory	“Song of the Wayfarer” (by George F. McKay)	Organist
†Doxology No. 95	OLD 100 th	
<i>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.</i>		
†Prayer of Consecration	Rev. Buckman	
<u>LEARNING</u>		
Message In Song	“I Will Follow” (arr. D. Allen)	(9:00am) ensemble (11:00am) Chancel Choir
Sermon	Rev. Buckman	
Disrupt: “ Truth About Living ” <i>Scripture</i> – John 12: 20-33		
<u>SERVING</u>		
†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 128	“He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” (v. 1, 2)	HE LEADETH ME
†Benediction	Rev. Buckman	
†Postlude	“Fantasia” (by J.S. Bach)	Organist