March 31, 2024

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

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I attended the 11:00am service			

**If you have any <u>changes</u>, 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, March 31 – Easter Sunday

9:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am Worship (Sanctuary & Online)

11:00am Korean Worship (306)

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR SMALL GROUPS)

Monday, April 1 PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK

11:00am Staff Meeting (G3)

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

5:00pm Pickleball (110)

5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)

7:00pm (NO CHANCEL RINGERS REHEARSAL)
Scouts(B) Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

Tuesday, April 2 PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK

2:00pm Grief Share (311)

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1) 6:00pm Youth Bible Study (109) 7:00pm Grief Share (311)

Wednesday, April 3 PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK

10:00am Knitting for Others (202) 5:00pm Open Gym (110) 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)

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7:30pm S-Anon (309)

Thursday, April 4 PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

5:00pm Pickleball (110)

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

9:00am Pickleball (110)

9:30am Al-Anon Live & Let Live (311)

10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)

Sunday, April 7

9:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) 10:00am Confirmation Class (304)

10:00am Sunday School (201, CLC 3RD Floor)

(NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL)

11:00am Korean Worship (306)

11:00am Traditional Worship (Sanctuary & Online)

12:10pm UMW Executive Meeting (108) 2:00pm Scout(G) Troop 17629 (G3)

5:30pm ESOL (303, 304 5:30pm Sunday Walking Group

(NO G.L.O.W.)



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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

"Let Go of the Stone"



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.

VBS - Registration continues but space is filling up fast! Go to Bufordfirstumc.org to register or volunteer!

G.L.O.W. God Lights Our World - No Glow Today - Happy Easter!

April - G.L.O.W. 5:30-7:00pm

No G.L.O.W. 4/7. We will meet on 4/14 and 4/21 with our last G.L.O.W. on 4/28 with our Movie Premiere of Jonah and the whale – Starring the G.L.O.W. kids (more info to come).

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



We are on Spring Break!! See you Next 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 24, 2024

Total in Worship Services 241 Average Worship Attendance 240

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	\$164,756.69
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goa	ıl \$14,717.40
Amount given on March 24, 2024	\$12,561.00

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,487,964.37
Available Funds for Building Debt	
Amount given on March 24, 2024	\$5,822.50

- 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

Mana

"...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				
your request. Confide	s and staff will be praying for ential prayer requests will be the pastor only.			
Confidential? _	Yes			
R	equest			

Worship Preview

April 7 "Been There: Stop Controlling That" Hebrews 4: 15-16
April 14 "Been There: When They Take You For Granted" Luke 17:12-17

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
Karen Merring
to the Glory of God and in celebration of
Jim's (April 1) and Karen's (April 2)
Birthdays.

9:00am Worship

Liturgist: Karl Siegele
Acolytes: Caraline Fonville (crucifer), Rose Richardson (light)
Ushers: Mike Casper, Sandra Casper, Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr
Greeters: Jack Griffis, Julia Griffis
Sound: Brenden R Smith
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Liturgist: Diane Shepherd
Acolytes: Noah Rogers (crucifer), Michael Thomas (light)
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman
Greeters: Dianne Beaumont, Marsha Huckaby
Sound: Brenden R Smith
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Guest Musicians

Austin DeRosa, *trumpet* Evan Atwell, *trumpet*

Chris Plummer, trombone Vicki Pinson, trombone Christi Lenz, *horn*Dick Atcheson, *percussion*

Ministry Staff

Rev. Jim Buckman
Roy Foster
Gary Lenz
Leandre Majerus
Hank Morgan

Senior Pastor
Office Manager
Director of Music & the Arts
Director of Preschool
Organist

DeeAnna Page
Joshua Page
Susan Rosenthal
Brendan Rossell Smith
Sydney Yancey

Director of Student Ministry
Director of Children & Family Ministry
Director of Outreach
Director of Adult Ministry

Adult Ministry

Ladies Spring Brunch: All ladies are invited to our annual Ladies Spring Brunch Saturday, April 20 at 10:00am. Our guest speaker is Susan Barge from *Lightway Recovery*. The theme this year is "April Showers bring May Flowers". Please plan to vote on your favorite decorated table with cash, coins, or a check. All proceeds will go to *Lightway Recovery*. Bring a dish to share and invite a friend to join us for a morning of food and fellowship!

Young at Heart: Hart County Botanical Gardens. This 8-acre site features 17 specialty gardens. The garden's design was a collaboration between UGA Environmental Design graduate students and Northeast Georgia Master Gardeners. The event date is Tuesday, April 16. RSVP by April 9. The cost is \$5 per person. The BFUMC van will load [at the church] at 9:00am and return around 3:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at Main Street Restaurant and Bakery in Lavonia. Let Debbie know you are coming by calling her at 770-965-3729 or emailing her at djatcheson@gmail.com.

Wellroot Easter Basket Project: Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Wellroot Easter Basket Project! There were 23 beautiful baskets and over \$200 donated! They were also very grateful for the diapers from the January drive.

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

Missions

Are you new to the church and looking for an area to serve in? Have you been at Buford First for years but are looking for a new mission's area to try out? Whatever you are looking for, there is an area for you! Check out the list below and ask Sydney Yancey if you would like to learn more about a specific area!

- English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes: We offer free English classes to folks in the community. We need help providing childcare.
- Sack Kids Hunger: We hand out sack lunches to kids in need and their families in the community every Saturday. We need help packing sacks, making sandwiches, and passing out the sacks.
- International Mission Trips: In 2025 we will be taking a youth team to El Salvador and a college/young adult team to Nicaragua. Join one of the teams!
- Local Day-Long Mission Trips & Service Opportunities: We have frequent opportunities to serve hands-on around Georgia whether that is tornado recovery efforts in Griffin or painting apartments for a women's shelter in Gainesville.
- Meals to Women's & Children's Shelters: We send meals to these shelters monthly and always need help with food donations/cooking!

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

The Worship of God

March 31, 2024 9:00 & 11:00am

Easter 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 The children are invited to go to Children's Church at this time.

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 "Introit for Easter" (by J. Raney) Chancel Choir

Chancel Ringers & percussion

†Call to Worship An Easter Proclamation

(9:00) Karl Siegele (11:00) Diane Shepherd

Leader: Rejoice, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

All: Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Leader: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

All: Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

All: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! He is risen, indeed!

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 318 "Christi Is Alive" (all) TRURO arr. V. Nehlybel

†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.

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (arr. R. Nichols) brass & percussion

†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 "He Is Risen Now" (by J. Purifoy) Chancel Choir

Chancel Ringers, brass & percussion

Sermon Rev. Buckman

"Let Go of the Stone" Scripture – Mark 16: 1-8

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 303 "The Day of Resurrection" (all)

arr. V. Nehlybel

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Maestoso, from the Royal Fireworks Music" (by G. F. Handel) Ord

Organist

LANCASHIRE