

April 7, 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, April 7

9:00am Worship – Sanctuary
10:00am Sunday School (201, CLC 3rd Floor)
11:00am Korean Worship – 306
11:00am 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.)

Monday, April 8

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)
7:00pm Scout(B) Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

Tuesday, April 9

2:00pm Grief Share (311)
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
6:00pm Youth Bible Study (109)
7:00pm Florence Garner Circle (201)
7:00pm Grief Share (311)
7:00pm Scout (C) Pack 542 (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)

Wednesday, April 10

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

Thursday, April 11

1:00pm Preschool Playball (110)
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training – (G1)
5:00pm Pickleball (110)

Friday, April 12

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

Saturday, April 13

9:00am Pickleball (110)
9:30am Al-Anon Live & Let Live (311)
10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)

Looking Ahead:

April 14 – Blood Drive 9:00am-4:00pm
– Church Board 12:15pm (312)
April 16 – YAH Botanical Gardens
9:00am-3:00pm

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.

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Been There: “Stop Controlling That”



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

NO G.L.O.W. today.

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

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

**ABC
Preschool News:**

We are back to school this week! We are doing Letter N and will talk all about snow, and snowmen and making all the snowflakes! Blue is our color of the month so we will wear blue to school this week 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! 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! Cost is \$40 per family, which includes painting and a light lunch! The date will be May 4 starting at 10:30am! Please email Joshua or Sydney to sign up!!

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

**Attendance and Giving
March 31, 2024**

Total in Worship Services	474
Average Worship Attendance	258

*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	\$768,178.00
Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget	\$179,581.27
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal... \$14,714.72	
Amount given on March 31, 2024	\$14,824.58

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,487,964.37
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$380,434.64
Amount given on March 31, 2024	\$1,655.50

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

Request

Worship Preview

April 14 Been There: **“When They Take You for Granted”** Luke 17:12-17
April 21 Been There: **“Ready to Quit”** John 21:15-17

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 Susan Rosenthal to the Glory of God. The rosebud on the altar is given by the Ouimet Family in memory of Olivia Ouimet and her 19th heavenly birthday.



9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen
Ushers: Ed Krauth, Scott Leazer
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Linda Chambers
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, David Lowry
Ushers: Sherry W. Hall, John Hladish
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord
Sound: _____*
Live-stream monitor: _____*
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

**Additional volunteers needed*

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 Senior Pastor
Roy Foster Office Manager
Gary Lenz Director of Music & the Arts
Leandre Majerus Director of Preschool
Hank Morgan Organist

DeeAnna Page Financial Secretary
Joshua Page Director of Student Ministry
Susan Rosenthal Director of Children & Family Ministry
Brendan Rossell Smith Director of Outreach
Sydney Yancey 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.

Young Adult Breakfast @ Reveille Café: Are you a college student, post grad, or young professional looking for a group to plug into? Join our Young Adult small group at [Reveille Café in Sugar Hill at 10:00am on April 27](#). If you would like more info or are interested in joining us, reach out to Sydney Yancey (770-880-6905).

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.

Knitting for Others: Knitting for Others is a hands-on, needle-work group that knits and crochets blankets for various charitable organizations and church members who are hospitalized or homebound. Come knit with us on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 10:00am – 12 noon.

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

The Worship of God

April 7, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Second Sunday of Easter | Communion | 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

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 "Prelude on Two Easter Hymntunes" (by Charles Callahan) Organist

PRAISING

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 371 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (v. 1, 2, 4) MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

†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

Hymn of Preparation
UMH No. 301 "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" (v. 1, 4) NEAR THE CROSS

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 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (arr. Lynn Trapp) Organist

If you would like to donate to our "Good Samaritan Fund" you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Please mark it for the "Good Samaritan Fund".

†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 "If You Knew Him" (by J. Habedank) Gary Lenz

Sermon Rev. Buckman

Been There: "Stop Controlling That"
Scripture – Hebrews 4: 14-16

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship
UMH No. 121 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (all) WELLESLEY

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude
Festive Postlude on "Llanfair" (Jesus Christ Is Risen Today) (arr. Lynn Trapp) Organist