

April 14, 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 14

- 9:00am-3:00pm Blood Drive
- 9:00am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:00am Confirmation Class (304)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor)
- 11:00am Korean Worship (306)
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15pm Church Board (312)
- 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, April 15

- 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) Trop 542 (305, 306, 308)

Tuesday, April 16

- 9:00am-4:00pm Young-at-Heart Botanical Gardens
- 9:30am Preschool Advisory Board (201)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 6:00pm Scout(B) Pack 589 Blue & Gold (108)
- 6:00pm Youth Bible Study (109)

Wednesday, April 17

- 10:00am Knitting for Others (202)
- 10:30am-4:00pm Thrift Shop Volunteers (offsite)
- 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 18

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

Friday, April 19

- 8:00am-4:00pm CCS (107-108, 110, 202-204, 302-313)
- 10:00am Carol Scott Circle (201)
- 5:00pm UMW Spring Brunch Setup (107, 108)

Saturday, April 20

- 9:00am CPR & Pediatric First Aid (201)
- 9:00am Pickleball (110)
- 9:30am AI-Anon Live & Let Live (311)
- 10:00am UMW Spring Brunch (107, 108)
- 10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)

Online Calendar

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 14, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Been There: “When They Take You For Granted”



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: Space is filling up quickly! Register now at bufordfirstumc.org!

G.L.O.W. God Lights Our World - G.L.O.W. Schedule for March

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



Preschool News:

We will talk about the things we do when we go camping! We will eat smores over a pretend campfire (made out of paper of course). Our therapy dogs will also come visit this week.

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

Student Ministry

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!

When? May 4 starting at 10:30am!

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

Attendance and Giving

April 7, 2024

Total in Worship Services	261
Average Worship Attendance	262

*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	\$199,591.77
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal...	\$14,578.93
Amount given on April 7, 2024.....	\$20,010.50

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$1,487,964.37
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$381,176.44
Amount given on April 7, 2024.....	\$1,329.50

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.) 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 21 Been There: **“Ready to Quit”** John 21:15-17
April 28 Been There: **“Break the Anger Cycle”** Mark 3:1-6

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 Billy Cochran and Barry Walker to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their 15th Anniversary on April 17.



Signup online to give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special or in celebration of a significant event. bit.ly/bfumc-flowers or scan the QR.

9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Pat Taylor, Herman Runyan
Ushers: Celina Countess,
Greeters: Cindy LaTouf, Linda Chambers
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Chris Simonson, Ian Simonson
Ushers: Brad Thomas, Michael Thomas
Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig
Sound: Christi Lenz
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 & 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

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!

Women’s Circle News: All ladies are invited to join the Carol Scott Circle in Room 201 on [Friday, April 19 at 10:00am](#). Our guest speaker will be Sydney Yancey and the topic will be on GriefShare. So many ladies do not realize that grieving the loss of a loved one does not have to be recent. Sometimes people grieve for years and don’t realize they need help. Please join us to learn how this ministry works. You do not have to be a member to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Sherryl Robertson at srobertsonscs@hotmail.com.

Worship Tech Volunteers Needed: Sound, Live-Stream Monitor, and Camera. Whether you can serve one Sunday a month or one Sunday every few months, we could use your help in this area! Our sound, live-stream, and camera volunteers are essential in supporting audio during in-person worship and ensuring that those watching worship from home can engage in our online platforms. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE ANY PRIOR EXPERIENCE TO QUALIFY TO SERVE IN THIS AREA AND ALL NEEDED TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.** If you would like to learn more or are interested in assisting with this area, contact Gary Lenz (music@bufordfirstumc.org) or Brendan Rossell Smith (outreach@bufordfirstumc.org).

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

April 14, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Third Sunday of Easter | 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 "This Joyful Eastertide" (arr. Charles Callahan) Organist

PRAISING

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jim Buckman

†Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 327 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (all) DIADEMATA

†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. 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (v. 1, 2) OPEN MY EYES

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 "Bells of Easter" (by David Paxton) 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 "I Will Give Thanks to the Lord" (by L. Larson) (9:00am) ensemble
(11:00am) Chancel Choir

Sermon Joshua Page
Been There: "When They Take You for Granted"
Scripture – Luke 17:12-17

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship
UMH No. 88 "Maker, In Whom We Live" (v. 1, 2, 4) DIADEMATA

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Variations on "This Joyful Eastertide"" (by Lothar Graap) Organist