

**April 21, 2024**

**GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

I attended the 9:00am service \_\_\_\_\_

I attended the 11:00am service \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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 21**

- 8:00am BUMM Fellowship Breakfast (107, 108)
- 9:00am Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:00am Confirmation Class (304)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)
- 11:00am Korean Worship (306)
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15pm 2025 Youth Mission Trip Meeting (108)
- 2:00pm Scout(G) Troop 17629 (G3)
- 5:00pm 2025 Youth Mission Trip Meeting (108)
- 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 22**

- 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 (108, 305, 306, 308)

**Tuesday, April 23**

- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 6:00pm Youth Bible Study (109)
- 7:00pm Scout(C) Pack (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)

**Wednesday, April 24**

- 1:00pm Preschool Ballet (110)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:00pm Whispering Creeks HOA (108)
- 6:30pm Open Gym (110)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

**Thursday, April 25**

- 1:00pm Preschool Playball (110)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 5:00pm Pickleball (110)
- 6:30pm Scout(C) Pack 1534 (108, 110, 305, 306, 106)

**Friday, April 26**

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

**Saturday, April 27**

- 9:00am Pickleball (110)
- 9:30am AI-Anon Live & Let Live (311)
- 10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)
- 11:00am Girl Scouts Unicorn Party (107, 108)

**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 21, 2024**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Been There: “Ready to Quit”**



**9:00 and 11:00am Children’s Moment**

Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://bufordfirstumc.org)!**

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

We will meet on today with our last G.L.O.W. on 4/28 with our Movie Premiere of “Oh Jonah” – Starring the G.L.O.W. kids.

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, [children.director@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



**Preschool News:**

This is our last week for our weekly units we learn about. We will talk all about the ocean and learn all the different animals that live in the ocean.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:Joshua@bufordfirstumc.org)

**Attendance and Giving  
April 14, 2024**

Total in Worship Services	214
Average Worship Attendance	259

*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 .....	\$208,972.37

Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal...\$14,715.73	
Amount given on April 14, 2024.....	\$9,380.60

**Building Fund**

Building Debt .....	\$1,477,296.72
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$372,458.63
Amount given on April 14, 2024.....	\$1,047.00

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

**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](http://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*

**April 21, 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

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Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.

Confidential? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

Request

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## Worship Preview

April 28  
May 5

Been There: **“Break the Anger Cycle”**

Mark 3:1-6

Been There: **“When The Past Hurts Still Hurts”**

Matthew 27: 26-31

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 Lenna Applebee  
to the Glory of God,  
and in celebration of Chuck Applebee's birthday.*



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

### 9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: William Womack (crucifer), Ava Ross Womack (light)  
Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen, Ed Krauth, Scott Leazer  
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Michael Thomas (crucifer), Jacob Van Pelt (light)  
Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Ken Stewart, Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards  
Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Amy Simonson  
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  
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

**Women's Circle News:** The Florence Garner Circle will be hosting a lady's game night on Friday, [May 3 at 6:00pm](#) in the CLC Fellowship Hall (108). All ladies are welcome. Bring a friend, your favorite game, and a snack to share. The next meeting of the Florence Garner Circle will be [on May 7 at 6:30pm](#) in the Children's Church Classroom in the CLC (room 201). For our programming we will continue our book study of "Bad Girls of the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs. We will discuss Chapter 2, *Bored to Distraction: Potiphar's Wife*. After our book discussion we will have a short business meeting. All ladies are welcome. Please contact Christi Lenz for more information.

**Young Adult Breakfast:** 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).

**The Church's Website & Social Media:** Visit the church's website online at [bufordfirstumc.org](http://bufordfirstumc.org). Here you can access our online giving platform, information about our various ministry areas, a new digital calendar that is updated regularly throughout the month, and more! Instagram- [@bufordfirstumc](#) Facebook- Buford First UMC. [Do you get the church's weekly email newsletters? If not write your name and email address on the tear-off portion of your bulletin and place it in the offering plate or email Sydney Yancey!](#)

**For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto: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! [Sack Kids Hunger is also in need of donations of creamy peanut butter and grape jam.](#) A donation bin can be found in the CLC lobby for these items.

**Meal to Gwinnett Children's Shelter:** Each month our church provides a meal for the Gwinnett Children's Shelter and we need help with our May meal. The menu is lasagna, salad, rolls and dessert for 40 people. You pick an item to bring to church by 12:00pm on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would like to sign up to contribute an item to the meal, call Pam Billingsley (404-429-4356).

**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](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)**



# The Worship of God

April 21, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Fourth 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 "Joyous Spirit" (by V. Stephenson) Chancel Ringers

## PRAISING

Welcome and Announcements (9:00) DeeAnna Page  
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

†Hymn of Praise  
UMH No. 304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (all) REGENT SQUARE

†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. 189 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (v. 1, 2, 4) ST. ELIZABETH

## PRAYING

Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer Josh Page

**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 Chancel Ringers  
"Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King" (arr. S. Eithun)

†Doxology No. 95 OLD 100<sup>th</sup>  
**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 Leader

## LEARNING

Message In Song "Feed My Lambs" (arr. T. Fettke) (9:00am) ensemble  
(11:00am) Chancel Choir

Sermon Sydney Yancey  
Been There: "Ready to Quit"  
Scripture – John 21:15-17

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 170 "O How I Love Jesus" (all) O HOW I LOVE JESUS

†Benediction Sydney Yancey

†Postlude "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" (by Humphrey Turner) Organist