November 17, 2024

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

| I attended the 9:00am service |
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| 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 are new or your contact information has changed, please let us know: |
| Address |
| Phone |
| E-mail |

If you would like to join BFUMC, please fill out the membership card located in the church pew, or call or email the church office.

Church Office

770-945-7438 ~ office@bufordfirstumc.org Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 5:00pm (Closed on Friday)

Preschool Office

770-945-4161 ~ preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

<u>Facility Concerns</u> facility@bufordfirstumc.org

Mailing Address

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329
(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

Online

bufordfirstumc.org facebook.com/bufordfirstumc instagram.com/bufordfirstumc youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

| Mission Support Special Offerin | | |
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| 8:00am | BUMM Fellowship Breakfast (107, 108) | |
| 9:00am | Traditional Worship - Sanctuary | |

10:00am Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor)

11:00am Korean Worship (306)

11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online

2:00pm Girl Scout Troop 17629 (G3)

5:30pm ESOL (303, 304)

5:30pm G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)

5:30pm Sunday Night Youth (107, 108, 109)

5:30pm Sunday Walking Group

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Calendar Info Due

11:30am Staff Meeting (G3)

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
7:00pm Chancel Ringers (G1 stage)
7:00pm Scouting Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1) 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack 589 (108)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

11:00am Preschool Thanksgiving Day Celebration (110)

1:00pm Preschool Ballet (110)

1:30pm Pack Sack Kids Hunger Meals (107)

5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304) 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) 6:30pm Community Dinner (107, 108)

6:30pm Open Gym (110)

7:00pm Spanish Bible Study (303)

7:30pm S-Anon (309)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8:30am Young at Heart (offsite)

11:00am Preschool Thanksgiving Day Celebration (110)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:00am-4:00pm CC Home School (CLC)

7:00pm Young Adult Small Group (offsite)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

ERT Training (108)

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

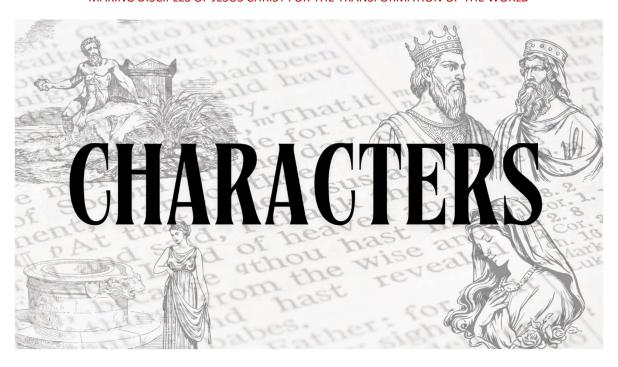
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

10am & 12pm
12:10pm
2:00pm
Alternative Christmas (CLC Lobby)
Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
Girl Scout Troop 17629 (G3)

6:15pm ESOL Dinner (108)



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.

November 17, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Characters: "Sharing The Water"

BFUMC Kids



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.

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



We will continue talking all about Thanksgiving and doing crafts. We will learn about the Letter K.

We will be celebrating the holiday with the parents making crafts together.

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

Student Ministry



Youth Friendsgiving

Our youth *Friendsgiving* is tonight at 5:30pm. Friends and family are welcomed! Please let Brendan know if you are coming tonight. Bring a dish to share.

Youth programming

- Sunday School: Come fellowship with other youth at 10:00am in the youth room (109) in the CLC.
- Sunday Night Fellowship: Join us for dinner at 5:30pm followed by a Bible study and activities.

For more information, contact Brendan Rossell Smith, studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Attendance and Giving November 10, 2024

| Total in Worship Services | 231 |
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| 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 |
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| Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget | \$ 591,482 |
| Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal | \$ 22,085 |
| Amount given on November 10, 2024 | \$ 8,885 |

Building Fund

| ١ | Building Debt\$ 1,430,514 | 4 |
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| | Available Funds for Building Debt\$ 388,45 | 2 |
| | Amount given on November 10, 2024\$ 10,82 | 5 |

- 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. MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS
- 2. You may setup 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.)
- 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 | | | | |
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| 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

Nov. 24 *Christ the King Sunday* Characters: "*Encountering the Unknown King*" John 20: 11-20 Dec. 1 Almost Christmas: "*Almost Hope*" Luke 1: 46-55

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 Sandra & Dwight Burgess to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary.



The roses on the altar are given by the Ouimet Family to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Olivia Ouimet.

9:00am Worship

Acolytes: William Womack (crucifer), Ava Ross Womack (light)
Ushers: Herman Runyan, Ed Krauth, Celina Countess, Bill Ogles
Greeters: Jack Griffis, Julia Griffis
Liturgist: Lara Franklin
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Lilly Claire Scott (*crucifer*), Jacob Van Pelt (*light*)
Ushers: Mark Redstrom, Ken Stewart, Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Marsha Huckaby, Linda Chambers
Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Rebecca Stewart

Ministry Staff

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

| Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Buckman | Director of Student & Outreach Ministries | Brendan Rossell Smith |
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| Director of Adult Ministry | Sydney Yancey | Facility Manager | Will Rogers |
| Director of Children & Family Ministry | Susan Rosenthal | Office Manager | Roy Foster |
| Director of Music & the Arts | Gary Lenz | Financial Secretary | DeeAnna Page |
| Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus | Organist | Hank Morgan |

Adult Ministry

Advent Bible Study: Pastor Jim will be leading an Advent Bible Study, "Almost Christmas", on Wednesdays in <u>December (12/4, 12/11, 12/18)</u> at 10:00am in room 312 of the CLC. There is no cost and no book required to participate in this study. Reach out to Sydney if you would like to attend this study or have any questions.

Young at Heart: The next YAH outing will be to the Northwinds Symphonic Band concert on <u>December 3</u>. We will be leaving the church at 5:00pm and going to the Longstreet Cafe to eat dinner before the concert. To go please RSVP to Debbie Atcheson by November 27 at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed! CLC Front Desk volunteers and Church Office Reception volunteers are needed on Wednesdays. We need someone to greet people in the CLC and open the front door for folks. We also need someone to help in the church office with basic administrative tasks. If you have any availability on Wednesday mornings or afternoons to help with either of these volunteer positions, please reach out to Sydney.

Have you been getting church emails including our weekly Adult Ministry & Mission Update Email Newsletter? If not, list your email address on the tear off portion of your bulletin that you also use to note your attendance in worship, and place it in the offering plate. If you have questions about church emails, please contact Sydney.

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

Missions

Knitting For Others: This group knits and crochets items for Sack Kids Hunger and various other non-profits in the area. **They are running low on yarn** so if you would like to donate some, there is a donation basket for this in the lobby of the CLC!

Sack Kids Hunger: We need volunteers to help pack sacks on Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00pm. If you are interested in helping in this ministry area, please contact Pam Billingsley at 404-429-4356.

Support Missions by purchasing a Carol Scott Circle Christmas Ornament: On the front of the ornament is the Buford First UMC exterior. Our name is printed on the back, along with the city and the date our church was established. The cost is \$15. These can be displayed not just at Christmas but all year round on an ornament stand. Contact Sydney for more information!

Annual Christmas Meal: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21^{ST.} We need volunteers to help as we feed members of our community! We need folks to help cook, assemble meals, and deliver them. If you would like to help, email Sydney Yancey.

Alternative Christmas Market: Purchase a Christmas gift in the form of a contribution to a mission's ministry. When you purchase a gift, you receive a card describing the gift you have given in someone's honor! You can make your gift purchase in the CLC lobby on 11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, or 12/22 (after each service).

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

The Worship of God

November 17, 2024 9:00 & 11:00am

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

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

Prelude "Ring Joyfully" (by Susan E. Geschke) Chancel Ringers

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 102 "Now Thank We All Our God" (all) NUN DANKET

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881 "The Apostles' Creed"

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

Leader

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. 468 "Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See" (all)

PRAYING

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

Rev. Buckman

HURSLEY

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

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Chancel Ringers

"Give Thanks" (arr. Susan E. Geschke)

†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

Ensemble

LEARNING

Message in Song "Jesus, Savior, Friend" (by Joe Glass)

Rev. Buckman

Characters: "Sharing The Water"

Scripture – John 4: 7-15

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

Sermon

UMH No. 430 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" (all)

MARYTON

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude "Now Thank We All Our God" (arr. Wilbur Held)

Organist