

November 24, 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 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

Facility Concerns

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 24

- 9:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS (CLC LOBBY)
- 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
- 11:00 am ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS (CLC LOBBY)
- 11:00 am KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
- 12:10 pm HANGING OF THE GREENS (SANCTUARY)
- 2:00 pm GIRL SCOUT TROOP 17629 (G3)
- 5:30 pm ESOL (303, 304)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NO CC HOME SCHOOL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- 10:30 am SACK KIDS HUNGER (107 & PARKING LOT)

LOOKING AHEAD

- 5:00 pm DEC 3 - BUFORD HOLIDAY MARKET
- 8:30 pm DEC 7 - SNOWBODY BETTER THAN JESUS PARTY

ONLINE CALENDAR

bit.ly/bfumc-cal



**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.

November 24, 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Characters: "Encountering the Unknown King"

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

ABC Preschool News:

Happy Thanksgiving from the Ladies at Buford First UMC Preschool.
We are so blessed and thankful.
We pray your holiday is filled with joy and love.

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

Student Ministry



Youth Update

There will be NO Youth Sunday Night Fellowship tonight, November 24.
Happy Thanksgiving! - We will meet back again next Sunday.

Youth programming

- Sunday School: Come fellowship with other youth at 10:00am in the youth room (109) in the CLC.
- Sunday Night Fellowship (except today 11/24): 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 17, 2024

Total in Worship Services	233
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
Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget	\$ 607,649
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 22,931
Amount given on November 17, 2024.....	\$ 16,167

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,430,514
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 389,215
Amount given on November 17, 2024.....	\$ 762

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.)
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

Dec. 1 Almost Christmas: “**Almost Hope**” Luke 1: 46-55
Dec. 8 Almost Christmas: “**Almost Peace**” Luke 1: 5-13

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 to the Glory of God.



Sign up 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: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr
Ushers: Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Liturgist: Joyce Siegele
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Brad Thomas, Michael Thomas
Ushers: John Hladish, Sherry W. Hall
Greeters: Linda McQuaig, Susan Lynskey
Liturgist: Lenna Applebee
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor	Rev. Jim Buckman	Director of Student & Outreach Ministries	Brendan Rossell Smith
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

Contact the church office to report a bulletin error or omission at: 770-945-7438 or office@bufordfirstumc.org.

Adult Ministry

Advent Bible Study: Pastor Jim will be leading an Advent Bible Study, “Almost Christmas”, on Wednesdays in December (12/4, 12/11, 12/18) 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 December 3. 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 21ST. 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 24, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Christ the King 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

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

"Coronation" Fanfares (by Robert Lau)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship

"A Greeting for Christ the King Sunday" (9:00am) Joyce Siegele
(11:00am) Lenna Applebee

Leader: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

All: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

Leader: Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

All: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Amen.

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 64

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (v. 1, 2, 4)

NICAEA

†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

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

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Jacob Lenz

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" (arr. Josh Garrels)

†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

"You Are My King" (arr. Larry Shackley)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

Characters: **"Encountering the Unknown King"**
Scripture – John 20: 11-20

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 176

"Majesty" (1x)

MAJESTY

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation - Fanfare" (by Don Michael Dicie)

Organist