December 8, 2024

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

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lf you are nev please let us	w or your contact information h s know:	as changed
Address		
Phone		
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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)

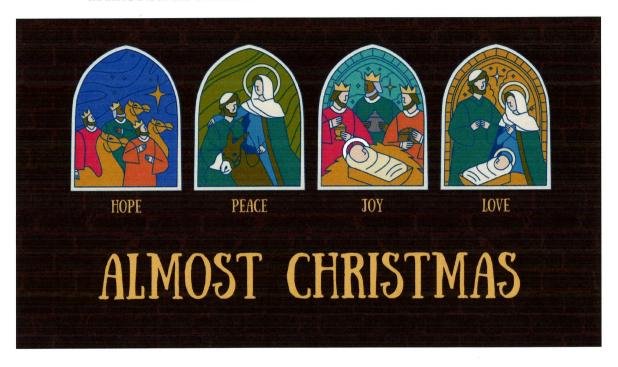
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vents	of the Week
SUNDAY, DE	ECEMBER 8
9:00 am	BLOOD DRIVE (UNTIL 2:00 pm)
9:00 am	WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
10:00 am	ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS (CLC LOBBY)
10:00 am	SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
11:00 am	ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS (CLC LOBBY)
11:00 am	KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
11:00 am	WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
12:15 pm	RENEW MISSION TRIP PASSPORTS (108)
2:00 pm	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)
2:00 pm	GIRL SCOUT TROOP 17629 (G3)
5:30 pm	G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)
5:30 pm	SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108, 109)
5:30 pm	SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
5:30 pm	WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)
	ECEMBER 9
11:30 am	STAFF MEETING (G3)
1:00 pm	STAFF+PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH (107, 108)
5:30 pm	LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
5:30 pm	AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
6:30 pm	CHANCEL CHOIR & RINGERS (SANCTUARY)
6:30 pm	CUB SCOUT PACK 1534 (108, 110)
7:00 pm	
	ECEMBER 10
10:00 am	
5:00 pm	
7:00 pm	CUB SCOUT PACK 542 (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)
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10:00 am	
1:00 pm	PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
1:30 pm	PACK SKH MEALS (107)
5:30 pm	AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
6:30 pm	CHANCEL CHOIR & RINGERS (SANCTUARY)
7:00 pm	SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
7:30 pm	S-ANON (309)
	DECEMBER 12
	PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (110)
1:00 pm	
5:00 pm	LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
6:30 pm	CHURCH BOARD (312)
6:30 pm	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23)
7:30 pm	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)
FRIDAY, DEC	
8:00 am	CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 pm)
10:00 am	CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE POTLUCK (OFFSITE)
4:00 pm	UMW SETUP FOR CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (107, 108)
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10:00 am	UMW LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH (107, 108)
10:00 am	SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
12:00 pm	PRIVATE EVENT (107, 108, 110)
5:00 pm	SPANISH MINISTRY EVENT (107, 108)
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8:00 am	BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108)
2:00 pm	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)



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.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Almost Christmas: "Almost Peace"

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 have enjoyed learning about Christmas and will continue to learn about it this week. We will also learn about the Letter M. We have our Christmas program this week for our parents. The children have been working hard on learning the songs.

Student Ministry



El Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025

We will be taking a team to El Salvador next summer, the first week in July, to build a home for a family in need and do other outreach work. If you are interested in joining the group, have more questions, or would like to support this mission in some way, reach out to Brendan at outreach@bufordfirstumc.org.

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 December 1, 2024

Total in Worship Services	221
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	\$ 642,924
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	
Amount given on December 1, 2024	\$ 14,114
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Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,430,514
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 390,840
Amount given on December 1, 2024	\$ 542

- 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

December 8, 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				
your request. Cor	teers and staff will be praying for nfidential prayer requests will be n to the pastor only.				
Confidential?	Yes				
	Request				

Worship Preview

Dec. 15 Lessons & Carols

"A Thrill of Hope"

Dec. 22 Almost Christmas: "Almost Love" Luke 1:34-38

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 Tommy Swinford to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Kathy & Tommy's 51st Wedding Anniversary.

2025 Flower Sign-ups Now Open! https://bit.ly/bfumc2025flowers, or scan the QR code, or call the church office at 770-945-7438.



9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed Liturgist: Darla Hiltgen Sound: Nora Lirette Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish Ushers: Sherry W. Hall, David Lowry Greeters: Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig Liturgist: Karen Rears Sound: John Alford

> Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt Camera: Kevin Walch

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

Ministry Staff

Director of Adult Ministry | Sydney Yancey Director of Children & Family Ministry Director of Music & the Arts | Gary Lenz

Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Buckman

Susan Rosenthal Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus

Director of Student & Outreach Ministries | Brendan Rossell Smith

Facility Manager Will Rogers Office Manager Roy Foster Financial Secretary | DeeAnna Page

Organist | Hank Morgan

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

Adult Ministry

Ladies Christmas Brunch: Saturday, December 14, at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall (108), Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun. Bring a dish to share and your favorite Christmas mug. Invite your daughters, moms, neighbors, and friends. You might even win a prize!

BUMMRs (Buford United Methodist Men Retired) THIS TUESDAY, December 10: This group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in room G3 of the main church building for coffee, donuts, fellowship, and a chat with Pastor Jim.

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!

Annual Christmas Meal: Saturday, December 21. 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.

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 12/8, 12/15, or 12/22 (after each service).

Angel Tree: There are two Angel Trees this year - a small one in the Narthex, and the main tree in the CLC Lobby. Both trees will have angels. Stop by and grab a paper angel off the tree which will include information about Christmas presents you can get for a family in need. Once you purchase the listed gift, wrap it, attach the angel to the package and place it under the tree you got the angel from. Please bring Angel Tree gifts to the church by the morning of December 22 (unless the back of the angel lists a different date).

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

The Worship of God

December 8, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Second Sunday of Advent | Liturgical Color: Blue

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

"Introit: Gaudete/Rejoice" (by Lynn Trapp)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 208)

"Canticle of Zechariah" pt. 2

(9:00am) Darla Hiltgen (11:00am) Karen Rears

†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 209

"Blessed Be the God of Israel" (all)

MERLE'S TUNE

†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"

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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.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

(9:00) the Knowles family (11:00) the Swinford family

Leader: ... Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we thank you for revealing yourself through Jesus, and we praise you for the greatness of your love. Help us to share your peace with others and live our lives more like Christ every day. In His name we pray. Amen.

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AWAY IN A MANGER (Murray)

A candle is burning, a candle of Peace; A candle to signal that conflict must cease. For Jesus is coming to show us the way; a message of Peace humbly laid in the hay.

Children's Moment

Susan Rosenthal

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

Organist

"Creator of the Stars of Night" (arr. David Lasky)

†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

"Lullaby" (by John Ness Beck)

(9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

Rev. Buckman

Almost Christmas: "Almost Peace" Scripture – Luke 1:5-13

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 431

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" (1x)

WORLD PEACE

†Benediction

†Postlude

"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" (arr. Dennis Zimmer)

Rev. Buckman
Organist