## **December 15, 2024**

## **GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY**

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I attended the 9:00am service		
I attended	d 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	
f you are i	new or your contact info has changed:	
Address_		
Phone		

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

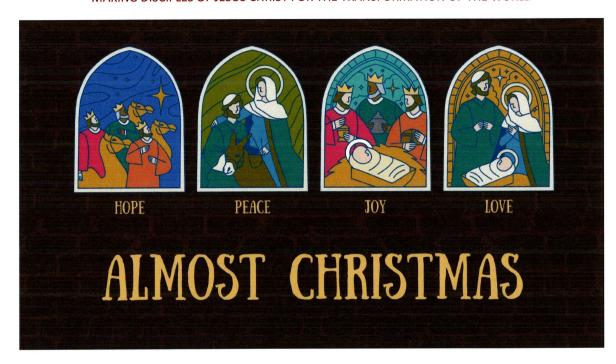
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## **Events of the Week**

8:00 am	ECEMBER 15 BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108)
9:00 am	WORSHIP: LESSONS & CAROLS (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: LESSONS & CAROLS (SANCTUARY & ONLINE
2:00 pm	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108, 109, 110, 202)
5:30 pm	CHRISTMAS PRAISE & WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
5:30 pm	SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
	ECEMBER 16
	ENDAR INFO DUE
11:30 am	STAFF MEETING (G3)
5:30 pm	LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
5:30 pm	AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
6:30 pm	CUB SCOUT PACK 1534 (108, 110)
7:00 pm	CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)
	ECEMBER 17
10:00 am	KELLER WILLIAMS (108)
5:00 pm	LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
7:00 pm	CUB SCOUT PACK 589 (108)
	Y, DECEMBER 18
	SCHOOL LAST DAY
10:00 am	ADVENT BIBLE STUDY (312)
10:30 am	THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS (OFFSITE)
1:00 pm	PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
1:30 pm	PACK SKH MEALS (107)
	AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
	OPEN GYM (110)
7:00 pm	CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
7:00 pm	SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
7:30 pm	S-ANON (309)
	DECEMBER 19
	LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23, 108, 202)
	FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)
FRIDAY, DEC	
	CC HOME SCHOOL
5:00 pm	AYUK-EZERIOHA WEDDING REHEARSAL (SANCTUARY)
	DECEMBER 21
8:00 am	CHRISTMAS MEAL PREP & DELIVERY (107, 108)
8:30 am	STREETS CLOSED - REINDEER RUN 5K/10K
10:00 am	SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
5:00 pm	AYUK-EZERIOHA WEDDING (SANCTUARY)
	EVE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
5:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
8:00 pm	CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
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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 15, 2024** 

**Third Sunday of Advent** 

Lessons & Carols: "A Thrill of Hope"

## **BFUMC Kids**



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.

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



This is our last week of school! We will have a special visitor from the North Pole this week and on our last day of school we will watch a Christmas movie in our pj's and have popcorn!

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

## **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 8, 2024

Total in Worship Services	264
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	\$ 669,952
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 24,553
Amount given on December 8, 2024	\$ 27,033

## **Building Fund**

Building Debt	\$ 1,423,823
Available Funds for Building Debt	
Amount given on December 8, 2024	

- 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 15, 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		
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. 22 Almost Christmas: "Almost Love" Luke 1:34-38
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve (5 & 8pm) Almost Christmas: "Almost Has Come"
Dec. 29 (10am only) Almost Christmas: "Experience Christmas"
John 1:1-14

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 Chuck & Lenna Applebee to the Glory of God, and in honor of their 28<sup>th</sup> 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: Caroline Fonville (*crucifer*), Rose Richardson (*light*)
Ushers: Celina Countess, Herman Runyan, Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg
Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
Liturgist: Bill Ogles
Sound: Brendan Rossell Smith
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## 11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Maggie Rogers (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)
Ushers: Ken Stewart, Mark Redstrom, Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Marsha Huckaby
Liturgist: Linda McQuaig
Sound: Brendan Rossell Smith
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Kevin Walch
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## **Ministry Staff**

Senior Pastor
Director of Adult Ministry
Director of Children & Family Ministry
Director of Music & the Arts
Director of Preschool
Director of Preschool
Director of Pastor
Director of Children & Family Ministry
Director of Preschool
Director of Preschool
Director of Student & Outreach Ministries
Facility Manager
Office Manager
Financial Secretary
DeeAnna Page
Hank Morgan

## **Adult Ministry**

#### **Christmas Services Spotlight**

Read below for details on our services for the rest of December!

Sunday, December 22 – 9:00am & 11:00am: For the fourth Sunday in Advent, we will have worship services at our regular times.

Tuesday, December 24 – 5:00pm & 8:00pm: We will have TWO Christmas Eve worship services at 5:00pm and 8:00pm. There will be nursery available for ages 4 years old and younger at the 5:00pm service. This service will include candle lighting and communion.

Sunday, December 29 – 10:00am: We will only have ONE worship service the Sunday after Christmas Day. Join us at 10:00am as we all worship together!

Please join us for worship and invite friends and family!

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 12/15, 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 15, 2024 9:00 & 11:00am

Third 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 "Good King Wenceslas" (arr. M. Ryan Taylor) brass ensemble

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jim Buckman

# **PRAISING**

†Call to Worship (p. 757)

Psalm 25:1-5

(9:00am) Bill Ogles (11:00am) Linda McQuaig

tHvmn of Praise

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (see insert)

arr. D. Forrest

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

"The Apostles' Creed"

Rev. Buckman

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.

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

(9:00) the Burger family (11:00) the Lindner family

Leader: ... Let us pray.

All: Loving God, we are filled with joy because we have hope and peace that you have sent your son for all that believe. Help us to be the voices that proclaim grace and truth. In Christ's name we pray. Amen."

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AWAY IN A MANGER (Murray)

A candle is burning, a candle of Joy; A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy. Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow As Joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

# **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

brass ensemble

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" (arr. Judith Katz)

†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

Rev. Buckman

# **LEARNING**

Message in Song

A Thrill of Hope

by Joel Raney

(see insert)

# **SERVING**

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 240 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (all)

MENDELSSOHN / Nelhybel

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" (by Anna Laura Page)

Organist