

**May 5, 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 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, May 5**

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  
2:00pm Scout(G) Troop 17629 (G3)  
5:00pm CCS Graduation (Sanctuary, 108)  
5:30pm ESOL (303, 304)  
5:30pm Sunday Night Youth (last) (109)  
5:30pm Sunday Walking Group  
6:00pm ESOL Celebration & Meal (G3)

**Monday, May 6**

11:30am Staff Meeting (offsite)  
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)  
5:00pm Pickleball (110)  
5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)  
7:00pm Scout(B) Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

**Tuesday, May 7**

9:30am Stonehedge Garden Club (312)  
10:00am Keller Williams (108)  
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)  
6:00pm Youth Bible Study (last) (109)  
7:00pm Florence Garner Circle (201)  
7:00pm Scout(C) Pack 542 (108, 106)

**Wednesday, May 8**

11:30am Lunch Bunch (offsite)  
1:00pm Preschool Ballet (110)  
5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)  
6:30pm Open Gym (110)  
7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:30pm S-Anon (309)

**Thursday, May 9**

1:00pm Preschool Playball (110)  
5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)  
5:00pm Pickleball (110)  
6:00pm VBS Training 1 (108)

**Friday, May 10**

10:00am Carol Scott Circle (201)

**Saturday, May 11**

9:00am Pickleball (110)  
9:30am Al-Anon Live & Let Live (311)  
10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)

**Online Calendar**

[bit.ly/bfumc-calendar](http://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.*

**May 5, 2024**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter | Communion**

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



**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 Registration will close on May 17! No late registrations will be accepted. Register Now!**

**We had a great Spring Session of G.L.O.W. We will resume in September.**

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



We will be reviewing everything we have learned this year until our last week of school! So hard to believe we are almost done!

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

**Student Ministry**

**OUR LAST SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH BIBLE STUDY MEETS TONIGHT AT 5:30PM! COME OUT AND ENJOY A NIGHT FILLED WITH FUN AND GAMES AND FOOD!**

**GAP FORMS ARE DUE TODAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SIGNED UP TO GO! HAVE QUESTIONS? SPEAK WITH JOSHUA!**

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

**Attendance and Giving  
April 28, 2024**

Total in Worship Services	233
Average Worship Attendance	255

*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 .....	\$231,823.65
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal...	\$14,898.51
Amount given on April 28, 2024.....	\$10,217.28

**Building Fund**

Building Debt .....	\$0,000,000.00
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$378,910.63
Amount given on April 28, 2024.....	\$744.50

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.
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](https://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*

**May 5, 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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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

May 12 *Mother's Day* Spirit Life: "The Presence of the Holy Spirit" John 14:15-21  
May 19 *Pentecost* Spirit Life: "The Power of the Holy Spirit" Acts 1:4-8

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 Darla & Ken Hiltgen to the Glory of God, and in thanksgiving of their life together on their upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 15.*



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: \_\_\_\_\_ (*crucifer*), Rose Richardson (*light*)  
Ushers: Bill Ogles, Ed Krauth, Celina Countess, Pat Taylor  
Greeters: Donna Agee, Jean Hudson  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Michael Thomas (*crucifer*), Kylie Summers (*light*)  
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, David Crossett, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeters: Terry Ellis, Sally Lord  
Sound: Dave Reynolds  
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams  
Camera: Kevin Walch  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

## Ministry Staff

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

## Adult Ministry

**Women's Circle News:** Ladies, want to meet other ladies at church? If so, please join Florence Garner Circle on May 7 at 6:30pm in 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 ([christi.lenz1@gmail.com](mailto:christi.lenz1@gmail.com)) for more information.

**Lunch Bunch:** This month, Lunch Bunch will meet at Coastal Breeze at 11:30am on May 8. If you would like to join the group for lunch, RSVP with Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday May 6.

**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

**Summer Hands-On Missions Opportunity - UMCOR Disaster Recovery Efforts in Griffin, GA.** In February of this year, our church sent a team for a day-long mission trip to Griffin, Georgia to help with the local recovery efforts that UMCOR has been leading since the tornadoes that heavily impacted the area in the last few years. We will be sending another team this summer, July 19 and 20. We will be doing more light construction/home repairs and staying at a local church though you do not have to stay in Griffin overnight on the 19<sup>th</sup> to participate. Anyone 13 years old or older can participate. [If you are interested, please reach out to Brendan Rossell Smith at \[outreach@bufordfirstumc.org\]\(mailto:outreach@bufordfirstumc.org\) and let him know you would like to come.](#)

**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 Billinglsey (404-429-4356).

**Sack Kids Hunger:** SKH is in need of donations of grape jam and creamy peanut butter. There is a donation bin for these items in the CLC lobby!

**For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [mission@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)**



# The Worship of God

May 5, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Sixth Sunday of Easter | Communion | 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.

Jean Ann Crites, Leader

**All: And also with you.**

Prelude

“TBD” (by someone)

Organist

## PRAISING

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 715

“Rejoice, The Lord is King” (v. 1, 3, 4)

DARWALL’S 148th

†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.**

*The children will be dismissed to Children’s Church at this time.*

Hymn of Preparation

UMH No. 314

“In the Garden” (all)

GARDEN

## 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

Offertory

“TBD” (by someone)

Organist

*If you would like to donate to our “Good Samaritan Fund” you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Please mark it for the “Good Samaritan Fund”.*

†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

“Give Me Jesus” (arr. C. Courtney)

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

Sermon

Been There: “The Past Still Hurts”

Scripture – Matthew 27: 26-31

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 714

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” (v. 1, 4)

EL NATHAN

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“TBD” (by someone)

Organist