

August 25, 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

Mailing Address

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329

Online

bufordfirstumc.org

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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

Sunday, August 25



- 9:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:00am Combined Adult Sunday School (108)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201)
- 11:00am Korean Worship (306)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online
- 12:15pm Celebration Potluck (108)
- 5:30pm ESOL **Inglés Tí?ng Anh** (303, 304)
- 5:30pm Sunday Walking Group
- 6:00pm Women's Small Group (offsite)

Monday, August 26

- 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 Scouts Pack 1534 (108, 110, 303, 309)

Tuesday, August 27

- 8:00am-12:00pm Preschool Open House (108)
- 2:00pm Grief Share (311)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 7:00pm Scouts Pack 542 (108)

Wednesday, August 28

- 8:00am-12:00pm Preschool Open House (108)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:30pm Open Gym (110)
- 6:30pm Florence Garner Circle (offsite)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

Thursday, August 29

- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

Friday, August 30

NO HOMESCHOOL TODAY

Saturday, August 31

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

Looking Ahead:

- ESOL (**Inglés Tí?ng Anh**) – September 1, 5:30pm (303, 304)
- Labor Day – **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** – September 2
- Stonehedge Garden Club – September 3
- Romans Bible Study – September 3, 6:30pm (312)
- Florence Garner Circle – September 3, 7:00pm (201)
- Scout Pack 542 – September 3, 7:00pm (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)
- 1 Corinthians Bible Study – September 4, 10:00am (312)
- Knitting for Others – September 4, 10:00am (202)

Online Calendar

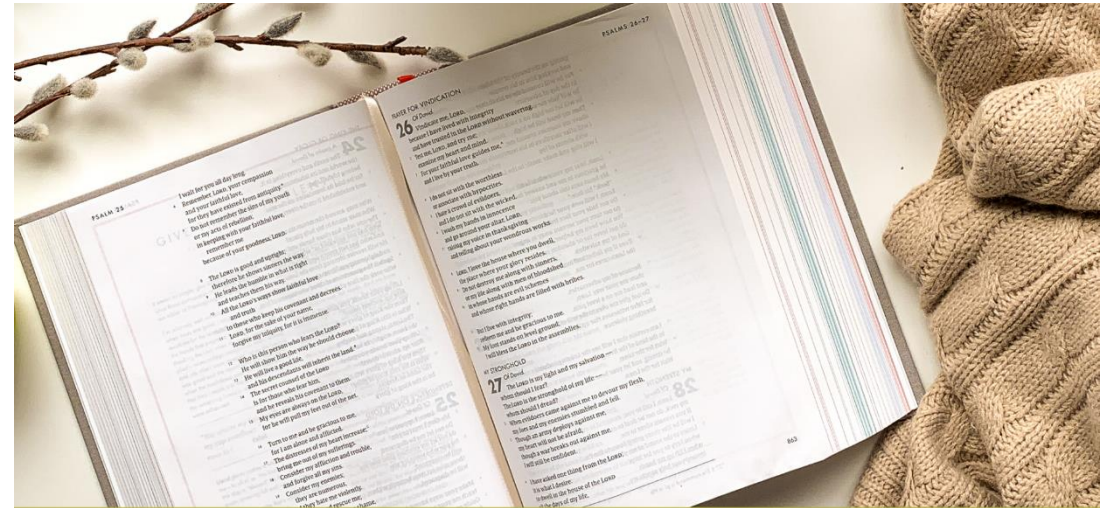
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BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



I Love This Book: Ephesians

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.

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Celebration Sunday

I Love This Book!: "Warning Labels"

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



Preschool News:

We are all set for the children to come back next Tuesday. This week we have Open House for our parents! We cannot wait to see the children. We want to thank you for your school supply donations, they are so appreciated.

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

Looking Ahead

Youth programming will start September 8

- Sunday School: come fellowship with other youth at 10:00am in the youth room in the CLC.
- Sunday Night Fellowship: Join us for dinner at 5:30pm and then we will have bible study and activities.

Other events: pick up info page in the narthex or CLC lobby.

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

Attendance and Giving August 18, 2024

Total in Worship Services	223
Average Worship Attendance	243

*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.....	\$ 768,178
Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget.....	\$ 442,971
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 16,483
Amount given on August 18, 2024.....	\$ 11,006

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,453,586
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 376,271
Amount given on August 18, 2024.....	\$ 712

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.) 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

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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

Sept. 1 We Are the Church: “**The Heart of the Matter**” Mark 7:1-8
 Sept. 8 We Are the Church: “**A New Mindset**” Acts 2:42-47

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 Priscilla Failmezger to the Glory of God, and in honor of Sydney Yancey's dedication to God, our church, and the Women's Group.



Signup 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: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen
 Ushers: Ed Krauth, Scott Leazer
 Welcome/Announcements: Rev. Buckman
 Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
 Sound: Christi Lenz

Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson
 Ushers: Brad Thomas, Michael Thomas
 Welcome/Announcements: Rev. Buckman
 Greeters: Amy Simonson, Linda McQuaig
 Sound: Dave Reynolds
 Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
 Camera: Rebecca Stewart

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	Office Manager	Roy Foster
Director of Children & Family Ministry	Susan Rosenthal	Financial Secretary	DeeAnna Page
Director of Music & the Arts	Gary Lenz	Organist	Hank Morgan
Director of Preschool	Leandre Majerus		

Adult Ministry

Women's Circle News: Florence Garner Circle will have a summer pool party at the home of Toni Pirkle on **August 28 at 6:30pm**. Please bring a dish to share. If you would like more information, please email Barbara Money at barbara_money@yahoo.com.

Special Program 10:00am Continues- 8/25 & 9/1: All church members are invited to join together for a combined Sunday School series on Thom Ranier's "Autopsy of a Deceased Church (12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive)" and "Anatomy of a Revived Church: Seven Findings about How Congregations Avoided Death". We will take the ideas from these SHORT books to discuss as a church family what areas our church is strong in and what areas we can grow in. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on August 25 and September 1 during the Sunday School hour. If you are so inclined, bring a snack to share and join in on this discussion. **You can still join this program even if you did not attend the first session last week!**

Bible Studies: This Fall we will have two Bible Studies you can choose from. No special books necessary; all you need is your Bible!

- **Romans Evening Study** - Brendan will be leading a study on the book of Romans on Tuesday nights from September 3 to October 22. This study will be at 6:30pm in the Media Room (312) on the 3rd floor of the CLC.
- **1 Corinthians Morning Study** - Pastor Jim will be leading a study on the book of First Corinthians, Wednesday mornings from September 4 to October 23. This study will be at 10:00am in the Media Room (312) on the 3rd floor of the CLC.

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

Missions

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be **Saturday, September 28**. Register with the form in the narthex, or by emailing Sydney! Plan now to help with one of many projects on the list including Bake & Take (visiting our homebound members), Sanctuary cleanup, working at the Gateway Shelter and more!

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.

Mats for the Homeless: Through our new Mat Ministry, we are working to provide weatherproof sleeping mats for the North Gwinnett Co-Op and Good News at Noon to distribute to the homeless individuals they serve. Please contact Sydney Yancey for more information.

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

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

The Worship of God

August 25, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Celebration Sunday | 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

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Gary Lenz, Leader

All: And also with you.

Prelude

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder” (arr. Wilbur Held)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

(9:00) _____
(11:00) Lenna Applebee

PRAISING

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 98

“To God Be the Glory” (all)

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

†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. 463

“Lord, Speak to Me” (all)

CANONBURY

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

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” (arr. Sam Batt Owens)

Organist

†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

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (arr. M. Hayes)

Chancel Choir

Sermon

I Love This Book!: “Warning Labels”

Scripture – Ephesians 5:15-20

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 99

“My Tribute”

MY TRIBUTE

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“March in B Flat” (by Darwin Hoffschildt)

Organist