

**September 1, 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

facebook.com/bufordfirstumc

instagram.com/bufordfirstumc

x.com/bufordfirstumc

youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

**Events of the Week**

**Sunday, September 1**

- 9:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:00am Combined Adult School (108)
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201)
- 11:00am Korean Worship (306)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online
- 5:30pm ESOL *Inglés Tíng Anh* (303, 304)
- 5:30pm Sunday Walking Group

**Monday, September 2**



5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)

**Tuesday, September 3**

- 9:30am Stonehedge Garden Club (108)
- 10:00am Prayer Meeting (offsite)
- 2:00pm Grief Share (311)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 6:30pm Romans Bible Study (312)
- 7:00pm Florence Garner Circle (201)
- 7:00pm Scout Pack 542 (108, 305, 306, 308, 309)

**Wednesday, September 4**

- 10:00am 1 Corinthians Bible Study (312)
- 10:00am Knitting for Others (202)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:30pm Open Gym (110)
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

**Thursday, September 5**

5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

**Friday, September 6**

8:00am-4:00pm CC Home School (CLC)

**Saturday, September 7**

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

**Sunday, September 8**

- Preschool 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 5:30pm ESOL *Inglés Tíng Anh* (303, 304)
- 5:30pm G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)
- 5:30pm Sunday Night Youth (109)
- 5:30pm Sunday Walking Group
- 5:30pm Women's Small Group (311)

**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.*

**September 1, 2024**

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**We Are the Church: "The Heart of the Matter"**

## 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](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



## Preschool News:

We welcome the children back this week; we are so excited. This week we will spend time getting to know the kiddos and their new routine!

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

## Attendance and Giving August 25, 2024

Total in Worship Services	232
Average Worship Attendance	242

*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.....	\$ 442,971
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal .....	\$ 16,483
Amount given on August 25, 2024.....	\$ 11,006

### Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,453,586
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 376,281
Amount given on August 25, 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](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

## September 1, 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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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

Sept. 8 We Are the Church: “**A New Mindset**” Acts 2:42-47  
Sept. 15 We Are the Church: “**The Miracle You Need Most**” Mark 2:1-5

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 Lynda Knowles to the Glory of God, and in memory of mom.*



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: Caraline Fonville (*crucifer*), Rose Richardson (*light*)  
Ushers: Herman Runyan, Celina Countess, Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki  
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Cindy LaTouf  
Liturgist: Joyce Siegele  
Sound: Nora Lirette  
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Noah Rogers (*crucifer*), Kylie Summers (*light*)  
Ushers: Kevin Gohman, Mike Grant, Jim Failmezger, John Hladish  
Greeters: Marsha Huckaby, Linda Chambers  
Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt  
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

**Bible Studies:** This Fall we will have two Bible Studies you can choose from! [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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CLC. [1 Corinthians Morning Study](#) - Pastor Jim will be leading a study on the book of First Corinthians on Wednesday mornings from September 4 to October 23. This study will be at 10:00am in the Media Room (312) on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the CLC.

**BUMMRs (Buford United Methodist Men Retired):** Starting on September 10, this group will meet 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.

**Women's Circle News:** [Florence Garner Circle](#) will have their next regular meeting on September 3 in room 201 at 7:00pm. They will discuss chapter 3 of *Bad Girls of the Bible*, followed by their regular business meeting. [Effie Wood Circle](#) will meet on Tuesday, September 10, at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Pat Stanley will be our speaker on the topic of the history of Buford First United Church. Please join us for fellowship and this interesting and enlightening program.

**Young at Heart:** Fausett's Sunflower Farm and Burt's Pumpkin & Popcorn Farm tours on Tuesday, September 17. The cost is \$17 which includes entrance fees, hayride, and fuel. We will be leaving the church at 9:00am. RSVP with Debbie Atcheson by September 10 (770-965-3729 OR [djatcheson@gmail.com](mailto:djatcheson@gmail.com)).

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey, [adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto: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!

**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!

**El Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025:** We will be taking a team to El Salvador next summer in 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, contact Brendan at [outreach@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto: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](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)

# The Worship of God

September 1, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 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

Prelude

“A Praising” (by Gilbert M. Martin)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

## PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 819)

Psalm 99:1-5

(9:00am) Joyce Siegele  
(11:00am) Evelyn Lowry

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (v. 1, 2, 4)

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†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 are dismissed to Children’s Church at this time.*

## 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

“Cathedral Bells” (by Robert J. Powell)

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

“Redeemer of My Heart” (by J. Martin)

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

Sermon

We Are the Church: “The Heart of the Matter”  
*Scripture – Mark 7:1-8*

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

Aria on “I Surrender All” (by Harm Hoeve)

Organist

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship  
UMH No. 614

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (all)

FOR THE BREAD

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Postlude for Full Organ” (by Roger C. Wilson)

Organist