

September 22, 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

Events of the Week

Sunday, September 22

9:00am	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
10:00am	Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3 rd Floor)
11:00am	Korean Worship (306)
11:00am	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online
12:15pm	Acolyte Training (Sanctuary)
12:15pm	Church Board (312)
2:00pm	Girl Scout Troop 17629 (G3)
5:30pm	ESOL (303, 304)
5:30pm	G.L.O.W. (110, 201, 307)
5:30pm	Sunday Night Youth (107, 108, 109)
5:30pm	Sunday Walking Group
5:30pm	Women's Small Group (311)

Monday, September 23

11:30am	Staff Meeting (G3)
5:00pm	Ladies Strength Training (G1)
5:30pm	AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
6:30pm	Scout Pack 1534 (108, 110, 303, 309)
7:00pm	Chancel Ringers (G1 stage)
7:00pm	Scouting Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

Tuesday, September 24

2:00pm	Grief Share (311)
5:00pm	Ladies Strength Training (G1)
6:30pm	Romans Bible Study (312)
7:00pm	Scouting Pack 542 (108)

Wednesday, September 25

10:00am	1 Corinthians Bible Study (312)
1:00pm	Preschool Ballet (110)
1:30pm	Pack Sack Kids Hunger Meals (107)
5:00pm	Unload Pumpkins (Parking Lot)
5:30pm	AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
6:30pm	Community Dinner (107,108)
6:30pm	Open Gym (110)
7:00pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
7:30pm	S-Anon (309)

Thursday, September 26

1:00pm	Preschool Playball (110)
5:00pm	Ladies Strength Training (G1)

Friday, September 27

8:00am-4:00pm	CC Home School (CLC)
9:00am	Preschool/Staff AED Training (201)

Saturday, September 28

8:30am	Great Day of Service (108)
10:30am-2:00pm	Sack Kids Hunger (Parking Lot)

Sunday, September 29

10:00am	Volunteer Appreciation / Reception & Spiritual Gifts Workshop (108)
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ONLINE CALENDAR >



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 22, 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We Are the Church: "Letting Go of Loneliness"

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



This week we will learn about the letter C and all about apples! We will also have our first fire drill. The kiddos are getting adjusted to their new routines nicely.

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 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 Rossell Smith, studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org

Attendance and Giving September 15, 2024

Total in Worship Services	196
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.....	\$ 768,178
Year to Date Received for 2024 Budget	\$ 484,965
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 17,700
Amount given on September 15, 2024.....	\$ 14,629

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,445,252
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 367,157
Amount given on September 15, 2024.....	\$ 1,207

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

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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. 29 We Are the Church: **“Gifted To Love”** Ephesians 4:11-16
Oct. 6 More Than Enough: **“Love Gives”** 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

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 Ken & Darla Hiltgen to the Glory of God, and in honor of their daughter-in-law, Anna's, birthday today.

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: Herman Runyan, Ken Hiltgen
Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki
Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed
Liturgist: DeeAnna Page
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
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Linda Chambers
Liturgist: Lenna Applebee
Sound: Dave Reynolds
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
Camera: Kevin Walch
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	Facility Manager	Will Rogers
Director of Children & Family Ministry	Susan Rosenthal	Office Manager	Roy Foster
Director of Music & the Arts	Gary Lenz	Financial Secretary	DeeAnna Page
Director of Preschool	Leandre Majerus	Organist	Hank Morgan

Adult Ministry

SIGN UP TODAY! Join us for this year's Fall Women's Retreat!

- Where: Christwalk In the Valley, Clarkesville, GA
- When: November 1-3 but if you can't come for the whole weekend, you can join us for the day on Saturday, November 2nd!
- Cost: \$110 for the whole weekend or \$20 for just the day on Saturday. Deposit is \$25.

Donna Thomas will be our speaker this year! All beds are single twin beds. Space is limited so register early to ensure your spot. If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to sign up for the retreat, email Sydney.

Sunday Night Women's Group Sundays at 5:30pm: This group is comprised of women from many different life stages, from moms with kindergarteners to grandmothers and ladies without kids. All ladies are welcome and if you can come one week but can't come for a few after that, no worries! Jump in when you can. We meet every Sunday night when GLOW and Youth Group are also meeting. We do not follow a specific study book or go through a book of the Bible chronologically. Instead, each week is its own stand-alone topical Bible study where we look at multiple pieces of scripture that are connected to that week's topic. Join us tonight at 5:30pm in room 311 of the CLC.

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.

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!

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 have more questions or would like to support this mission in some way, contact Brendan at outreach@bufordfirstumc.org. Sign up to join the team by the end of October!

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

September 22, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 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

(9:00) Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

(9:00) Prelude

“Summer Psalm” (by Harri Viitanen)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship

(9:00) UMH p. 811
(11:00) (see insert)

Psalm 92:1-4

DeeAnna Page
Lenna Applebee

†Hymn of Praise

(9:00) UMH No. 400
(11:00) (see insert)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (all)
“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON
arr. Bob Fitts

†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.

(9:00) †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

(9:00) UMH No. 408
(11:00) (see insert)

“The Gift of Love” (all)
“Your Name Is Holy”

GIFT OF LOVE
arr. Phil Wickham

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

Gary Lenz, vocal

“I Am Not Alone”

Brendan Rossell Smith, keys

Jacob Lenz, guitar

Mike Rosenthal, cajon

arr. Kari Jobe

†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

Sermon

We Are the Church: “Letting Go of Loneliness”
Scripture – Genesis 2:18-23

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

(9:00) UMH No. 438
(11:00) (see insert)

“Forth In Thy Name, O Lord” (v. 1, 2, 4)
“The Gift of Love”

DUKE STREET
arr. G. W. Lenz

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

(9:00) Postlude

“Festpostludium 2016” (by Thomas Lennert)

Organist