

October 27, 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

Facility Concerns

facility@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

Today - Sunday, October 27 – Commitment Sunday

- 9:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
- 10:00am Sunday School (109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor)
- 11:00am Korean Worship (306)
- 11:00am Traditional Worship - Sanctuary & Online
- 5:30pm ESOL (303, 304)
- 5:30pm Sunday Night Youth (107, 108, 109)
- 5:30pm Sunday Walking Group
- 5:30pm Trunk-or-Treat (Parking Lot)

Monday, October 28

- 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 Scouting Troop 542 (305, 306, 308)

Tuesday, October 29

- 1:30pm Stonehedge Garden Club Interviews (312)
- 2:00pm Grief Share (311)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)
- 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 542 (108)
- 7:00pm Florence Garner Circle (offsite)

Wednesday, October 30

- 1:00pm Preschool Ballet (110)
- 1:30pm Pack Sack Kids Hunger Meals (107)
- 5:30pm AA 5:30@Main St. (304)
- 6:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm Open Gym (110)
- 7:30pm S-Anon (309)

Thursday, October 31

- 12:30pm Preschool Halloween Parade (110)
- 1:00pm Preschool Playball (110)
- 5:00pm Ladies Strength Training (G1)

Friday, November 1

- Women's Retreat (offsite)
- 8:00am-4:00pm CC Home School (CLC)

Saturday, November 2

- Women's Retreat (offsite)
- 10:30am-2:00pm Sack Kids Hunger (107 & Parking Lot)

Looking Ahead

- End of Daylight Savings Time: November 3
- Girl Scout Troop 17629: November 3, 2:00pm (G3)
- Stonehedge Garden Club: November 5, 9:30am (312)
- Prayer Meeting: November 5, 10:00am (offsite)
- Knitting for Others: November 6, 10:00am (202)
- Spanish Bible Study: November 6, 7:00pm (303)
- Youth Retreat: November 8-10 (offsite)

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.

October 27, 2024

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

More Than Enough: "Responsibility of Being Blessed"

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:

This week will be all about the Letter *H*. We hope to see you at Trunk-or-Treat! We will have a costume parade on Thursday and we also get to trick-or-treat to all of the classrooms.

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 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 October 20, 2024

Total in Worship Services	254
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	\$ 540,380
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 20,708
Amount given on October 20, 2024	\$ 6,799

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,437,656
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 380,359
Amount given on October 20, 2024	\$ 367

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

Nov. 3 *All Saints Sunday* Characters: “**Change of Clothes**” John 11:32-44
 Nov. 10 Characters: “**Messy Relationships**” 1 Samuel 20:35-42

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 Rindfus (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).



The Sanctuary flowers are given by Ray & DeeAnna Page to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their daughter's birthday, Lindsey Page King.

Sign up 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, Ed Krauth
 Ushers: Celina Countess, Bill Ogles
 Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed
 Liturgist: Joan Burger
 Sound: Nora Lirette
 Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Rowan Simonson, Michael Thomas
 Ushers: Chris Simonson, Brad Thomas
 Greeters: Amy Simonson, Susan Lynskey
 Liturgist: Brayden Ouimet
 Sound: Dave Reynolds
 Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
 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

Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays Seminar: Navigating the holiday season can be especially difficult for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Grief Share - *Surviving the Holidays*, is a seminar that offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and everything in between. This event will be held Tuesday, November 12 at 2:00pm in room 311 of the Christian Life Center. To register for this free seminar or get more information, please email Sydney.

Women's Circle News: The next **Effie Wood Circle** gathering on November 12 will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am. All women are invited to attend and enjoy a presentation by Sydney Yancey as she speaks on the topic of the Grief Share Program at Buford First United Methodist Church. The **Florence Garner Circle** will meet on October 29 at 7:00pm at the home of Toni Pirkle to make pumpkin flower arrangements. Attendees are requested to bring a small but real pumpkin to use as the container, a sharp knife, and \$10 for the flowers. Contact Holly Moreland for more information at 678-232-0619.

Young at Heart: The next YAH outing on November 21 will be the Scenic Blue Ridge Train Ride. The cost is \$53.65 (group rate admission) + \$6.35 for gas. Leaving the church at 8:30am and returning around 4:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at the turn-around point. Please RSVP with Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com by November 3.

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

Missions

ERT Certification Class: UMCOR's Early Response Teams are some of the first folks sent out after natural disasters like Hurricanes Milton and Helene to aid recovery efforts and help survivors. ERT Certification equips you to be able to join one of these teams and have the knowledge needed to serve effectively in disaster zones. We will be hosting a training class on Saturday, November 23 in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please reach out to Sydney or Brendan.

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. We need to finalize the number of people going. If you would like to go, please let Brendan know as soon as possible.

Turkey Time! Are you willing to donate \$30 so a family in Buford can have a Thanksgiving Turkey? The Sack Kids Hunger ministry partners with Buford First Baptist to help provide turkeys and other food items to families in the area. Please give by October 31. *Thank you.*

Sack Kids Hunger: 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 at 404-429-4356.

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

The Worship of God

October 27, 2024

9:00 & 11:00am

Twenty-third 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

Chiming of the Hour

Jean Ann Crites, Organist

Prelude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” (*arr. Carter/Holstein*)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p.789)

Psalm 65: 1-4

(9:00am) Joan Burger
(11:00am) Brayden Ouimet

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 62

“**All Creatures of Our God and King**” (*v. 1, 5, 7*) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†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

TFWS No. 2025 (*see insert*)

“**As the Deer**” (*all*)

AS THE DEER

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

“**Blessed Assurance**”

Jacob Lenz

†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

“**Blest Are They**” (*by David Haas*)

Chancel Choir

** The congregation is invited to sing along on the refrain. (see insert)*

Sermon

More Than Enough: “**Responsibility of Being Blessed**”

Rev. Buckman

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

TFWS No. 2036 (*see insert*)

“**Give Thanks**”

GIVE THANKS

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“**How Majestic Is Your Name**” (*arr. Carter/Holstein*)

Organist