

February 16, 2025

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 info has changed:

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
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ONLINE

bufordfirstumc.org facebook.com/bufordfirstumc
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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 2/16

- 8:00 am BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108 FH)
- 9:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
- 11:00 am FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SETUP 23, 108 FH, 110 GYM)
- 11:00 am KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 11:00 am WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
- 12:15 pm VIBE Task Force (312 MED)
- 2:00 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 202)
- 5:30 pm ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (OFFSITE) [NO G.L.O.W.]
- 5:30 pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
- 5:30 pm WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)

MONDAY 2/17

- CALENDAR INFO DUE
- 11:30 am STAFF MEETING (G1)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)

TUESDAY 2/18

- 9:30 am YOUNG AT HEART (OFFSITE)
- 10:30 am GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 am LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 6:30 pm CUB SCOUTS PACK 589 (108 FH)
- 6:30 pm PRAYER TIME (SANCTUARY)
- 6:30 pm CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 2/19

- 8:00 am PASTRIES WITH PARENTS (108 FH)
- 10:00 am KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)
- 10:00 am ROMANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 10:30 am THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS (OFFSITE)
- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
- 1:30 pm PACK SKH MEALS (107)
- 5:30 pm AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 pm COMMUNITY DINNER (107, 108 FH)
- 7:00 pm CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 pm SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 pm S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 2/20

- 8:00 am PASTRIES WITH PARENTS (108 FH)
- 1:00 pm PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110 GYM)
- 5:00 pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (CHOIR 23, 108 FH, 202)
- 7:30 pm FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

FRIDAY 2/21

- 8:00 am CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 pm)
- 10:00 am CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE (201)

SATURDAY 2/22

- 8:30 am PIANO FESTIVAL (G1, SANCTUARY, 13, 14, 20, 23, 26)
- 10:00 am PRAYER TIME (301 BEACON ROOM)



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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.

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Say What?: “Being Who God Wants Me to Be”



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

ABC Preschool News:

This week we will learn about our favorite children's book authors. We will read a lot of books this week! We will work on Letter S and host Pastries with Parents.

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Student Ministry



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS:

It is that time of year for graduating seniors to start applying for the scholarships that generous church groups and members so humbly provide to help you achieve your higher education goals. This year we have three scholarships:

- Legacy Scholarship
Olivia Rae Ouimet Scholarship
Florence Garner Scholarship

If you would like to apply to any of these scholarships, please contact me to get all the information for each individual scholarship. If you would like to be a generous donor for a new scholarship, email me and let's talk about it.

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

Attendance and Giving February 9, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Total in Worship Services: 283, Average Worship Attendance: 248

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 2025)

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration: \$803,285, Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget: \$74,636, Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal: \$15,503, Amount Received on February 9, 2025: \$12,511

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Building Debt: \$1,411,304, Available Funds for Building Debt: \$451,746, Amount Received on February 9, 2025: \$1,059

- 1. The amount needed by the last Sunday of the year is the combined total of our financial needs of Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
2. The Amount Received should be the complete total of funds received for budgetary purposes.
3. The Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal will change each week based on the number of weeks left in the year, offset by all financial 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 online through 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 a transaction fee is subtracted from the amount the church receives.)
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 a transaction fee is subtracted from the amount the church receives.)
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

Blank lines for name and address

Our prayer volunteers and staff will be praying for your request. Confidential prayer requests will be given to the pastor only.

Confidential? Yes

Request

Blank lines for request details

Worship Preview

Feb. 23
Mar. 2 Communion Sunday

Say What?: **“What Good Is It?”**
“I Get It!”

Genesis 45:3-11
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

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 rose on the altar is given by Dianne & Steve Kennedy to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the birth of Angela Grace Sanders, on February 3.

Give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special, or in celebration of a significant event.

3 WAYS TO SIGN UP

- 1 VISIT <https://bit.ly/bfumc2025flowers>
- 2 SCAN the QR code → → → →
- 3 CALL the church office at 770-945-7438



9:00am Worship

Acolytes: William Womack (*crucifer*), Ava Ross Womack (*light*)
Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen, Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Liturgist: Joyce Siegele
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Lilly Claire Scott (*crucifer*), Hans Failmezger (*light*)
Ushers: Dick Atcheson, Sherry Hall, David Lowry, Eric Lynskey
Greeters: Marsha Huckaby, Linda McQuaig
Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry
Sound: Dave Reynolds
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	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

Sanctuary Open for Prayer Time: Everyone is invited to come and pray during our various opportunities throughout the week: Tuesday nights at 6:30pm or Saturday mornings at 10:00am. Drop in to pray individually for as long as you feel led to do so, take self-serve communion, and/or have a staff member pray with you. Another option is to join us as we gather at the front of the sanctuary 15 minutes before each worship service to pray together over the service and to prepare our hearts for worship. Join us at 8:45 or 10:45am as Pastor Jim leads us in prayer together.

Women's Ministry Events: The Florence Garner Circle is hosting a *Ladies Game Night* on Friday March 14. Come and share snacks starting at 6:00pm and we'll start the game playing at 6:30. The Carol Scott Circle will meet on February 21 at 10:00am in Room 201 of the CLC. All ladies are invited to attend. We will have a short business meeting and refreshments and Sherry Seabrooke will be giving this month's program in which the group will learn about one of the "unknown" ladies in the Bible. Please come if you are interested in getting to know other ladies of the church. You don't have to join, but just come and meet others. Our church family is so important and we want to meet you and get to know you.

Spiritual S.P.A.: Recently, Pastor Jim shared a message on authentic service and we had an insert in the bulletin (that acts as a guide to start to discern where you might want to serve) entitled "Spiritual S.P.A.". It is not too late to use this tool. If you would prefer to utilize this tool digitally, go to this link (forms.gle/pGfSnaDU72Ez3xJW6). If you would rather use the paper version request a copy of the form from Sydney. Reach out to Sydney if you have any questions!

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

Missions

Sack Kids Hunger Needs: We need creamy peanut butter and grape jam donations and 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).

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.

Rent-a-Kid: Do you have a home project such as yard work that you need assistance with? Would you be willing to give a donation towards missions for this assistance? We have students planning on going on the El Salvador mission trip this summer. They need to fundraise to cover the cost of their trip and are willing to participate in this opportunity to do so. If you are interested in hosting a Rent-A-Kid at your home, reach out to Sydney.

Special thanks from the Florence Garner Circle to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree project at Christmas time. Our church was able to help 19 families in need through this project!

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

The Worship of God

February 16, 2025

9:00 am & 11:00am

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany | 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

Prelude

“To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King” (*arr. Lynn Trapp*)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 821)

Psalm 100:1-5

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

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 88

“Maker, in Whom We Live” (*all*)

DIADEMATA

†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. 472

“Near to the Heart of God” (*all*)

McAFEE

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

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings Siciliana on "The Call" (*by Douglas E. Wagner*)

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

†Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Trust in the Lord” (*by J. & A. Barnard*)

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

Sermon

Say What?: **“Being Who God Wants Me to Be”**

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 399

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” (*all*)

MESSIAH

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“I Love Your Kingdom” (*arr. Michael Burkhardt*)

Organist