

**February 23, 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  
(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

ONLINE

bufordfirstumc.org facebook.com/bufordfirstumc  
instagram.com/bufordfirstumc  
youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

**Events of the Week**

**SUNDAY 2/23**

- 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 WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE) | KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 12:15 PM EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP MEETING (G3)
- 12:15 PM SPIRITUAL REVIVAL TASK FORCE (312)
- 1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 23198 (305)
- 2:00 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 202)
- 5:30 PM ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)
- 5:30 PM G.L.O.W. (110 GYM, 201, 307)
- 5:30 PM SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108 FH, 109)
- 5:30 PM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311) | SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

**MONDAY 2/24**

- 11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (G3)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:30 PM CJB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM, 303, 309)
- 7:00 PM CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)
- 7:00 PM SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

**TUESDAY 2/25**

- 10:30 AM MISSION AND OUTREACH TASK FORCE (312)
- 2:00 PM GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 PM 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 6:30 PM PRAYER TIME (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM CJB SCOUTS PACK 542 (107, 108 FH)

**WEDNESDAY 2/26**

- 10:00 AM ROMANS BIBLE STUDY (312)
- 1:00 PM PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
- 1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)
- 5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

**THURSDAY 2/27**

- 1:00 PM PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110 GYM)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23, 108 FH, 202)
- 7:30 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

**FRIDAY 2/28**

- 8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 PM)
- 5:00 PM CJB SCOUTS PACK 1534 PWD CHECK-IN (108 FH)

**SATURDAY 3/1**

- 9:00 AM CJB SCOUTS PACK 1534  
PINWOOD DERBY (108 FH)
- 10:00 AM PRAYER TIME (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 am SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)

**SUNDAY 3/2**

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

**ONLINE CALENDAR**

<https://bit.ly/bfumc-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.*

**February 23, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Say What?: "What Good Is It?"**



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:

We will continue talking about our favorite children's book authors and working on the Letter S.

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

Student Ministry



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS:

It is the 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 16, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Total in Worship Services (208), 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 2025)

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration (\$803,285), Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget (\$83,603), Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal (\$15,645), Amount Received on February 16, 2025 (\$8,966)

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Building Debt (\$1,411,304), Available Funds for Building Debt (\$452,539), Amount Received on February 16, 2025 (\$792)

- 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 contributed 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

February 23, 2025

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

Mar. 2 "I've Got It!" 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2  
 Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday Coming Alive: "Returning To The Lord" Joel 2:12-18  
 Mar. 9 Coming Alive: "Couлда, Woulda, Shoulda" Luke 4:1-13

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 Shawn Buckman to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Caleb's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday.*

*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/Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr  
 Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki  
 Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed  
 Liturgist: Joan Burger  
 Sound: Christi Lenz

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, Linda Chambers  
 Liturgist: Niki Redstrom  
 Sound: John Alford  
 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	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

### Save the Dates: Lenten Season Events

#### What is Lent?

"Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptations of Satan while preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection." -*umc.org*

#### How are we engaging with the Lenten season at BFUMC?

- **Ash Wednesday, March 5**
  - 6:00pm Meal of Self Denial (108 Fellowship Hall)
  - 7:00pm – Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)
- **Wednesday, March 19, at 6:30pm - Jesus in the Passover Seder Meal Event:** To be held in the Fellowship Hall, presented by Light of Messiah Ministries. "[Jesus] earthly ministry began with the words, 'Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'. His last meal was the Passover celebration. Passover, one of the most significant of all Jewish holidays, was central to the life of Jesus, the most famous Jew of all time. Come see and hear Light of Messiah Ministries unfold the story of redemption from the Israelites and the Egyptians to the coming of the Messiah in 'Jesus in the Passover'." Great for the whole family! Please reach out to Sydney if you would like to join us or you have ANY questions.
- **Lenten Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10:00am, March 12 – April 16:** Join us for this Bible Study led by Pastor Jim. Reach out to Sydney if you would like to be a part of this study.
- **And more to be announced soon!**

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

## Missions

**New Service Opportunity - Volunteering at the Lanier Community Garden:** Looking for a new way to get plugged in? Looking to learn about gardening or use your pre-existing gardening skills while making a positive impact in the community? Then this might be the opportunity for you! The Lanier Community Garden has plots for rent as well as plots dedicated to growing produce for the food bank. We will get to help in the efforts to grow food for those in need in our community. If you have any questions or are interested in serving in this new service opportunity, reach out to Sydney.

**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](mailto:mission@bufordfirstumc.org)**



# The Worship of God

February 23, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Seventh 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

“Immortal, Invisible” (*arr. Douglas E. Wagner*)

Chancel Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

## PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 757)

**Psalm 25:6-10**

(9:00am) Joan Burger  
(11:00am) Niki Redstrom

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 154

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (*v. 1, 3, 4, 6*)

CORONATION

†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. 171

“There’s Something About That Name” (2x)

THAT NAME

## 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

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee (*by Douglas E. Wagner*)

Chancel Ringers

†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

†Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:3-11

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Rise Up, O Children of God” (*by M. Patterson*)

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

Sermon

Say What?: “***What Good Is It?***”

Rev. Buckman

## SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 130

“God Will Take Care of You” (*v. 1, 3, 4*)

MARTIN

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

†Postlude

“Solemn March from ‘Joshua’ ” (*by G. F. Handel*)

Organist