

March 2, 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

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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 3/2 *Transfiguration Sunday*

- 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)
- 12:10 PM CHARGE CONFERENCE (SANCTUARY)
- 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 3/3

- 11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (OFFSITE)
- 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, 110 GYM, 303, 309)
- 7:00 PM CHANCEL RINGERS (G1/SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY 3/4

- 10:00 AM PRAYER MEETING (OFFSITE)
- 10:00 AM STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB (312)
- 2:00 PM GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 PM PRAYER TIME (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 309)
- 7:00 PM FLORENCE GARNER CIRCLE (201)

WEDNESDAY 3/5 *Ash Wednesday*

- 10:00 AM KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)
- 1:00 PM PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)
- 1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)
- 5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)
- 6:00 PM LENTEN MEAL (108 FH)
- 7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303) | 7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 3/6

- 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 3/7

- SLR SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT (OFFSITE)
- 8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 PM)
- 6:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 589 (108 FH)

SATURDAY 3/8

- SLR SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT (OFFSITE)
- 8:00 AM BUFORD BASEBALL/SOFTBALL OPENING DAY PARADE
- 8:00 AM CUB SCOUTS PACK 589 (108 FH)
- 10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)

SUNDAY 3/9

- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS
- SLR SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT (OFFSITE)

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.

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday | Communion

"I Get 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:

This week we will talk about Dr. Seuss, read his books and make fun crafts. We will also learn the Letter U.

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

Student Ministry



EI Salvador Mission Trip Summer 2025

We will be taking a team to EI Salvador this 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 followed by a Bible study and activities.

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

Attendance and Giving
February 23, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Total in Worship Services (283), Average Worship Attendance (247)

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 (\$92,586), Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal (\$15,793), Amount Received on February 23, 2025 (\$8,983)

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Building Debt (\$1,411,304), Available Funds for Building Debt (\$453,913), Amount Received on February 23, 2025 (\$1,374)

- 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

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

Confidential? _____ Yes

Request

Multiple horizontal lines for writing names and addresses.

Worship Preview

Mar. 5 *Ash Wednesday* Coming Alive: **“Returning to the Lord”** Joel 2:12-18
Mar. 9 Coming Alive: **“Coulda, Woulda, Shoulda”** Luke 4: 1-13
Mar. 16 Coming Alive: **“What Makes You Alive”** Luke 13: 31-35

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 to the Glory of God.

*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: Alayna Davis (*crucifer*), Rose Richardson (*light*)
Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen, Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Cindy LaTouf
Liturgist: Lara Franklin
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Maggie Rogers (*crucifer*), Noah Rogers (*light*)
Ushers: Mike Grant, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman, David Lowry
Greeters: Sally Lord, Terry Ellis
Liturgist: Diane Shepherd
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

Lenten Season Events

- **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**
- **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.

Young at Heart: Waffle House Museum & DeKalb Farmers Market on Wednesday, March 19:

Where do they cook 341 slices of bacon, 238 hashbrowns, 145 waffles and 127 cups of coffee per minute? Yes, the Waffle House, which was started on Labor Day in 1955. From the first site in Avondale Estates, it has grown into 2,000 locations of which 132 are in Atlanta. Cost is \$2.00 for gas. Leaving the church at 10:00am and returning around 4:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at the DeKalb Farmers Market Cafeteria which only accepts cash payments but has many options. RSVP by Tuesday, March 11, to Debbie Atcheson at 770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com.

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.

For more information, contact Sydney Yancey 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 Brendan.

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 Brendan.

Thanks to all who participated in the January Diaper Drive sponsored by [Carol Scott Circle](#). We collected 3,619 diapers and 5,536 wipes to be distributed to the North Gwinnett Co-Op and Wellroot Family Services.

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

The Worship of God

March 2, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Transfiguration Sunday | 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 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (*setting by Johann Gottfried Walther*) Organist

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (*see below*) **A Greeting for Transfiguration Sunday** (9:00am) Lara Franklin
(11:00am) Diane Shepherd

Leader: The Lord is Sovereign; let the people tremble in awe.

All: God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion, and is high above all peoples.

All: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship Yahweh upon the holy mountain.

†Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 258 **“O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”** (*all*) WAREHAM

†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

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 Pastorale (*by Douglas E. Wagner*) Organist
If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Be sure to mark it for the “Good Samaritan Fund”.

†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 Luke 9: 28-36 Rev. Buckman

Message in Song “Open Our Eyes Lord” (*arr. P. Kristianson*) (9:00am) ensemble
(11:00am) Chancel Choir

Sermon **“I Get It!”** Rev. Sloan-Couch

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see insert*)
“Children of the Heavenly Father” (*by Thomas Åberg*) Organist

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship
UMH No. 389 **“Freely, Freely”** (*all*) FREELY, FREELY

†Benediction Rev. Buckman

†Postlude
“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star” (*setting by G.F. Kauffmann*) Organist