

March 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
(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 3/16

- 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 WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE) | KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 12:15 PM CHURCH BOARD (312)
- 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 3/17

St. Patrick's Day

- 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 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 3/18

- 2:00 PM GRIEF SHARE (311)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 6:30 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 589 (108 FH)

WEDNESDAY 3/19

- 10:00 AM KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)
- 10:00 AM LENTEN 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 PASSOVER SEDER MEAL (107, 108 FH)
- 7:00 PM SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 3/20

First Day of Spring

- 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)
- 9:00 PM FPC WEDDING RECEPTION (107, 108 FH)

FRIDAY 3/21

- 8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4:00 PM)
- 10:00 AM CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE (201)
- 2:00 PM FPC WEDDING SETUP (SANCTUARY, 107, 108 FH, 109)
- 6:00 PM FPC WEDDING (SANCTUARY, 109)

SATURDAY 3/22

- 10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)

SUNDAY 3/23

- 1:00 PM GIRL SCOUT TROOPS 23198 (305)
- 5:30 PM INQUIRE 101 (312)

ONLINE CALENDAR

<https://bit.ly/bfumcalendar> >>>



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 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

Coming Alive: "What Makes You Alive"



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 spring, weather, flowers and gardens. Yay for spring! We will also learn the Letter W. We will have spring and graduation pictures as well.

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 them achieve their 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
March 9, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Total in Worship Services (220), Average Worship Attendance (242)

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 (\$129,971), Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal (\$15,728), Amount Received on March 9, 2025 (\$19,103)

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Rows: Building Debt (\$1,404,525), Available Funds for Building Debt (\$449,525), Amount given on March 9, 2025 (\$1,067)

- 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

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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

Mar. 23
Mar. 30

Coming Alive: **“Give Me More Time”**
Coming Alive: **“Choosing The Darkness”**

Luke 13:1-9
Luke 15: 29-31

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 to the Glory of God.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

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

3 WAYS TO SIGN UP

- 1 VISIT <https://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>
- 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, Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki
Greeters: Jack Griffis, Julia Griffis
Liturgist: Karl Siegele
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Hans Failmezger (*crucifer*), Jacob VanPelt (*light*)
Ushers: Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards, Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom
Greeters: Marsha Huckaby, Linda Chambers
Liturgist: Brayden Ouimet
Sound: Christi Lenz
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

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN! Lenten Bible Study – Wednesdays at 10:00am through April 16, CLC room 312: 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. No book purchase required. Come as you are!

Young Adult Small Group Potluck – NEW DATE – Thursday, April 3: Bring a dish to share! Join us for food, fellowship & short devotional time at 7:00pm. RSVP with Sydney (770-880-6905) if you would like to join us for this event.

Mark your calendar! Inquire 101 New Member Class on Sunday, March 23 at 5:30pm: Whether you have recently joined the church or are considering becoming a member, this is a great opportunity to learn about BFUMC history, values, leadership, opportunities to get plugged in, and more. Please contact Sydney Yancey (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org) if you would like to join us. We will meet in CLC room 312 and refreshments will be provided!

Looking ahead: Ladies Spring Brunch: The theme this year is "Georgia on My Mind". Our wonderful guest speaker is Angie Brooks from *My Sister's Place*. All ladies are encouraged to join us on [Saturday, April 26 at 10:00am](#). We'll vote for our favorite decorated table with cash or checks. All proceeds will go to My Sister's Place. Bring a dish to share and invite a friend!

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.

Wellroot Easter Donations for Foster Children: Wellroot is one of our long-time ministry partners. This year, they are focusing on faith growth through Easter. Instead of pre-made Easter bags, we're hoping to collect individual items such as: Age-appropriate devotionals or faith-based books (English and Spanish), Age-appropriate Bibles (English and Spanish), Chocolate bunnies, Baseball caps, sun hats, or pairs of sunglasses. They serve newborns up to 18 years old. Additionally, since approximately 45% of the children and families they serve speak Spanish as their first language, we're also hoping to collect faith-based books and Bibles in Spanish. Please bring any donations of any of the above listed items for any age, male or female. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO PREPARE A FULL WRAPPED BASKET THIS YEAR.** We will have a donation bin in the CLC Lobby. Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful mission. Items are due March 24.

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

The Worship of God

March 16, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Second Sunday in Lent | Liturgical Color: Purple

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

“Deo Gracias - Fanfare & Chorale” (by Charles Callahan)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

PRAISING

†Call to Worship (p. 758)

Psalm 27:1-4

(9:00am) Karl Siegele
(11:00am) Brayden Ouimet

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 732

“Come, We That Love the Lord” (all)

ST. THOMAS

†Affirmation of Faith No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Jean Ann Crites, 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. 451

“Be Thou My Vision” (all)

SLANE

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

“Lantern Song” (by Douglas Bell)

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

Luke 13: 31-35

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Jesus, Savior, Friend” (by Joe Glass)

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

Sermon

Coming Alive: “***What Makes You Alive***”

Rev. Buckman

SERVING

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 580

“Lead On, O King Eternal” (all)

LANCASHIRE

†Benediction

Rev. Sloan-Couch

†Postlude

“Royal Tordion” (by Douglas Bell)

Organist