

**March 30, 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 3/30**

- 9:00 AM WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC3RD FLOOR)
- 11:00 AM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SETUP: 23, 108 FH, 110 GYM)
- 11:00 AM WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE) | KOREAN WORSHIP (306)
- 1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 23198 (305)
- 2:00 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 202, 203)
- 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 3/31**

- 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 4/1**

- 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)
- 7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)
- 7:00 PM FLORENCE GARNER CIRCLE (201)

**WEDNESDAY 4/2**

- 10:00 AM KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)
- 10:00 AM LENTEN 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)
- 6:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
- 7:00 PM SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
- 7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

**THURSDAY 4/3**

- 1:00 PM PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110 GYM)
- 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
- 6:30 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23, 108 FH, 202, 203)
- 7:00 PM YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP POTLUCK (OFFSITE)
- 7:30 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

**FRIDAY 4/4**

NO CC HOME SCHOOL

**SATURDAY 4/5**

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

**SUNDAY 4/6**

- 12:10 PM UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (309)
- 12:15 PM CHURCH BOARD (312)
- 1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 23198 (305)

**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 30, 2025**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Coming Alive: "Choosing The Darkness"**



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



This week we will learn about dinosaurs!
We will finish our letters with Z.

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 23, 2025

Table with 2 columns: Metric, Value. Total in Worship Services: 237, Average Worship Attendance: 239

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: Item, Amount. Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration: \$ 803,285, Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget: \$ 208,352, Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal: \$ 14,510, Amount Received on March 23, 2025: \$ 67,309

Building Fund

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Building Debt: \$ 1,404,529, Available Funds for Building Debt: \$ 458,910, Amount Received on March 23, 2025: \$ 1,434

- 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

March 30, 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

Apr. 6 Coming Alive: **“Is That Really Necessary?”** John 12:1-8  
 Apr. 13 Coming Alive: **“Betrayed With A Kiss”** Luke 22:47-53  
 Apr. 18 *Good Friday 7pm* Tenebrae Service: **“Lamentations of the Lamb”**

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 Jim & Karen Rears to the Glory of God, and in celebration of Jim's birthday on April 1<sup>st</sup> and Karen's birthday on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special, or in celebration of a significant event, over the next 12 months.*

### 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



Signup to provide Sunday flowers: <https://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>

Birthdays, Memorials and Honorariums: <https://bit.ly/bfumc-bmh>

### 9:00am Worship

Acolytes: Eric Fonville (*crucifer*), Caraline Fonville (*light*)  
 Ushers: Ed Krauth, Bill Ogles, Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg  
 Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed  
 Liturgist: Ken Hiltgen  
 Sound: Nora Lirette  
 Children's Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

### 11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Jacob Van Pelt (*crucifer*), Lily Claire Scott (*light*)  
 Ushers: Ken Stewart, Dave Webster, Josh Page, Dick Atcheson  
 Greeters: Sally Lord, Susan Lynskey  
 Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry  
 Sound: John Alford  
 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

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

### Young at Heart: Swan House & Gardens and Smith Farm - RSVP by Tuesday, April 8.

Swan House is included on the list of National Historic Places. It was built in 1924 for wealthy businessman Edward Inman (cotton broker, real estate, transportation, and banking), and his wife Emily (philanthropist, political advocate, and socialite). The renowned architect Philip Trammell Shutze designed the house and gardens. In 1966 the Atlanta Historical Society purchased the house, and establishing a museum which opened in 1967. The Swan house was featured in the Hunger Games films *Catching Fire* and *Mockingjay*. The Smith Farm is a small plantation farmhouse, built c. 1840 by Robert and Elizabeth Smith. It is Atlanta's oldest surviving farmhouse. Cost: \$20.00 entrance fee + 2.00 gas = \$22.00. We will be leaving the church at 10:00am, returning around 3:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at *OK Café*.

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

## Missions

**Hands on Local Missions Opportunity** - Join us at the Lanier Community Garden on [Saturday, April 12 from 9:00am to 11:00am](#)! We have a new partnership with the Lanier Community Garden which is just roughly five minutes down the road from the church at 2547 Buford Dam Rd, Buford, GA 30518. We are helping to maintain plots to grow food for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. All you need to bring is a pair of gloves, a bottle of water, and a willingness to help. We will plant, weed, and get the plots ready for the growing season. Contact Sydney if you would like to help.

**Volunteers Needed for Community Outreach Event - Moms Night Out for moms of special needs individuals:** On Saturday, April 26 at 6:00pm we will be having a *Moms Night Out* event for mothers of kids and adults with special needs. We will be providing childcare here at the church and then the moms will have their night of fun and respite right down the road at Brightside Café. If you would like to volunteer for this event OR you know a family who would like to participate in this event, please reach out to Sydney.

**Sack Kids Hunger** - We need help shopping for Sack Kids Hunger! Rolling the carts around the store, loading the church van, and unloading the church van is quite the task but many hands make light work! Are you available one day a month to help us go to Sam's Club and get the supplies we need for Sack Kids Hunger? If so, please consider reaching out to Sydney about helping.

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

# The Worship of God

March 30, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Fourth 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” (*arr. Paul Manz*)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (*p. 767*)

**Psalm 33:1-8**

(9:00am) Ken Hiltgen  
(11:00am) Evelyn Lowry

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 371

**“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”** (*v. 1, 2, 4*) MY SAVIOR’S LOVE

†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. 349

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”** (2x)

LEMMELE

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.**

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Christ, Be Our Light (*arr. David Lasky*)

Organist

†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

†Scripture Reading

Luke 15: 29-31

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Coming Home” (*by Joseph Martin*)

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

Sermon

Coming Alive: **“Choosing The Darkness”**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 348

**“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”** (*v. 1, 2, 4*)

THOMPSON

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

“Introduction & Chorale” (*by Kaj-Erik Gustafsson*)

Organist