

April 6, 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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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

SUNDAY 4/6

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)

12:10 PM UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (309)

12:15 PM CHURCH BOARD (312)

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 SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108 FH, 109)

5:30 PM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311) | SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY 4/7

11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (OFFSITE)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN STREET (304)

7:00 PM CHANCEL RINGERS (G1/SANCTUARY)

TUESDAY 4/8

10:00 AM BUFORD UM MEN RETIRED (G3)

2:00 PM GRIEF SHARE (311)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

5:00 PM PICKLEBALL / OPEN GYM (110 GYM)

WEDNESDAY 4/9

10:00 AM LENTEN BIBLE STUDY (312)

11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH (VINNY'S)

12:00 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL FUNERAL VIEWING (SANCTUARY)

1:00 PM PRESCHOOL BALLET (110)

1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)

2:00 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL FUNERAL SERVICE (SANCTUARY)

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 4/10

1:00 PM PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (110 GYM)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

5:00 PM PICKLEBALL / OPEN GYM (110 GYM)

6:30 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (23, 108 FH, 202, 203)

7:30 PM FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH (SANCTUARY)

FRIDAY 4/11

8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC - UNTIL 4 PM)

SATURDAY 4/12

9:00 AM LANIER COMMUNITY GARDEN (OFFSITE)

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

SUNDAY 4/13

9:00 AM BLOOD DRIVE (UNTIL 4 PM)

MONDAY 4/14

6:00 PM VBS TRAINING 1 (108 FH)

ONLINE CALENDAR

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

Palm Sunday



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.

April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent | Communion

Coming Alive: *“Is That Really Necessary?”*



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



We are on spring break this week!

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



This month’s Lunch Bunch will be at Vinny’s N.Y. Pizza & Grill in Buford at 11:30am on Wednesday, April 9. RSVP with Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday April 7.

Student Ministry



GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

If you or your child are graduating from high school, or any form of higher education, we want to recognize their efforts and their accomplishments. Please contact me to let me know that you have someone who is graduating that needs to be recognized. If you cannot find me in person, you can email me at the address below.

Looking Ahead:

- April 20: No Youth programming. Easter Sunday!
- May 4: Last Youth Sunday Night Fellowship
- May 17: BBQ Fundraiser
- May 18: Graduate Recognition Sunday

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

Attendance and Giving
March 30, 2025

Total in Worship Services	243
Average Worship Attendance	252

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)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 803,285
Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget	\$ 215,971
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 14,682
Amount Received on March 30, 2025	\$ 7,619

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,404,525
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 459,333
Amount Received on March 30, 2025	\$ 422

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

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

Confidential? _____ Yes
Request

Worship Preview

Apr. 13 Coming Alive: **“Betrayed With A Kiss”** Luke 22:47-53
Apr. 18 *Good Friday 7pm* Tenebrae Service: **“Lamentations of the Lamb”**
Apr. 20 *Easter* Coming Alive: **“He Lives!”** Luke 24:1-12

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 the Ouimet Family to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Olivia Ouimet on her 20th Birthday.

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



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

9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr
Ushers: Mike Casper, Sandra Casper
Greeters: Jean Hudson, Cindy LaTouf
Liturgist: Bill Ogles
Sound: Christi Lenz
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Hans Failmezger (*crucifer*), Kylie Summers (*light*)
Ushers: Eric Lynskey, Mike Grant, Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman
Greeters: Linda McQuaig, Amy Simonson
Liturgist: Terry Ellis
Sound: Brendan Rossell Smith
Live-stream monitor: Joe Adams
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 at Heart: Swan House & Gardens, and Smith Farm - Tuesday April 15. Please 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 trade, 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 established 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!

Pickleball Open Gym has started back up! Whether you are a beginner or have been playing for a while, this is a great opportunity to meet new people and have some fun. Drop in to the gym anytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 5:00 and 8:00pm. To stay in the loop about Pickleball Open Gym, find out who is playing, and more, join our Pickleball Open Gym GroupMe Group Message by visiting this link online: <https://bit.ly/bfumc-gym>.

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

Missions

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, please reach out to Sydney.

Collect your aluminum pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities! We will be collecting aluminum soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House recycling initiative through June 6. Start saving your pop tabs now! About RMHC: "We believe when a child is sick, the entire family needs comfort and support ... By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents can be more rested which enables them to better communicate with their child’s medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed." What happens to the soda can tabs? When RMHC receives a large amount of pop tabs, they are taken to a recycling center and the money raised is used to help support two Ronald McDonald House operations: the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, and the Ronald McDonald Family Room.

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

The Worship of God

April 6, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Fifth Sunday in Lent | 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

“O God, Who Wisely Governs All” (arr. Nils Lindberg)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p. 817)

Psalm 97:7-12

(9:00am) Bill Ogles
(11:00am) Terry Ellis

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 715

“Rejoice, the Lord is King” (all)

DARWALL’S 148th

†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

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

Kyrie and Agnus Dei (by Karen Beaumont)

Organist

If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” to help people in the community, 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

†Scripture Reading

John 12: 1-8

Rev. Buckman

Message in Song

“Jesus Speaks to Me” (by Mark Kellner)

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

Sermon

Coming Alive: “Is That Really Necessary?”

Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” (arr. David Kidwell)

Organist

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 421

“Make Me a Captive, Lord” (all)

DIADEMATA

†Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

“O Innocent Lamb of God” (setting by Johann Pachelbel)

Organist