

April 27, 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 4/27
9:00 AM METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC3RD FLOOR)
11:00 AM FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 110 GYM)
11:00 AM KOREAN METHODIST WORSHIP (306)
11:00 AM METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
2:00 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (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)
5:30 PM SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
MONDAY 4/28
11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (G3)
5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)
6:30 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM, 303, 309)
7:00 PM SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)
TUESDAY 4/29
9:15 AM PRESCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (201)
5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
5:00 PM PICKLEBALL / OPEN GYM (110 GYM)
7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)
WEDNESDAY 4/30
1:00 PM PRESCHOOL BALLET (110 GYM)
1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
7:00 PM SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
7:00 PM S-ANON (309)
THURSDAY 5/1
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 FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 202, 203, 22)
7:30 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
FRIDAY 5/2
8:00 AM CC HOME SCHOOL (CLC- UNTIL 4 PM)
SATURDAY 5/3
10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)
LOOKING AHEAD
5/4 - CHURCH BOARD: 12:15 PM (312)
- EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP MEETING: 12:15 PM (201)
- ESOL CELEBRATION & MEAL: 5:30 PM (G3)
5/7 - KNITTING FOR OTHERS: 10:00 AM (202)
5/11 - MOTHER'S DAY
5/12 VBS LAST REGISTRATION DAY
5/12 - VBS TRAINING: 6:00 PM (108 FH)
5/14 - PRESCHOOL GRADUATION: 10:00 AM (110 GYM)
5/17 - BBQ FUNDRAISER & BAKE SALE FOR MISSION TRIP: 11:00 AM (108 FH)
5/18 - GRADUATION RECOGNITION
- SENIOR BANQUET: 12:15 PM (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.

April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

Coming Alive: “Now I Am Really Alive”



Children’s Moment

**Children Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:children.director@bufordfirstumc.org)



Preschool News:

*This week we learn about the beach and the ocean!  
We will also be reviewing our letters.*

For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, [preschool@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:preschool@bufordfirstumc.org)

Student Ministry



**EL SALVADOR MISSION TRIP MEETING:** Sunday, May 4 at 12:15pm in room 201.

**YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:**

- 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.

**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:**     **May 4:** Last Youth Sunday Night Fellowship     **May 11:** Mother’s Day!  
                                 **May 17:** BBQ Fundraiser                     **May 18:** Graduate Recognition Sunday

For more information, contact Brendan Rossell Smith, [studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org](mailto:studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org)

Attendance and Giving

Total in Easter Worship Services	377
Total in Good Friday Worship	116
Average Worship Attendance	259

*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 .....	\$ 274,796
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$ 14,283
Amount Received on April 20, 2025 .....	\$ 13,426

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,404,525
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 460,333
Amount Received on April 20, 2025 .....	\$ 697

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

**April 27, 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

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

May 4  
May 11

**“Breakfast on the Beach”**  
**“You Better Listen To Her”**

John 21:1-9  
John 10:22-30

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,  
and in celebration of Lee & Sheila Richardson’s  
31<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

*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: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen  
Usher: Celina Countess  
Greeters: DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley  
Liturgist: David Reed  
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: Linda Chambers, Linda McQuaig  
Liturgist: Diane Shepherd  
Sound: Joe Adams  
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

**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>.

Women’s Circle News:

- All ladies are welcome to join the **Effie Wood Circle** on May 13 at 10:30am to hear the director of Home of Hope speak about the organization’s work and how to get involved in helping them with their mission. In Fellowship Hall (108).
- Ladies are welcome to join the **Florence Garner Circle** on May 13 at 7:00pm for our regular meeting where will discuss mission work and summer outings. In CLC room 201. Contact Janet Mattox at (404) 414-3053

Men’s Breakfast:

- The next Buford United Methodist Men (BUMM) breakfast will be Sunday, May 18 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall (108).

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

Missions

**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.

**Knitting for Others:** This group knits and crochets items for Sack Kids Hunger and various other non-profits in the area. **They are running low on yarn** so if you would like to donate some, there is a donation basket for this in the lobby of the CLC!

**Sack Kids Hunger:** Volunteers pack sacks on Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00pm. If you are interested in helping in this ministry area, reach out to Pam Billingsley (404-429-4356).

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



The Worship of God		
April 27, 2025	9:00am & 11:00am	
Second Sunday of Easter   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.		
<i>Please place your electronic devices on silent mode and refrain from flash photography during worship.</i>		
† Stand as you are able.		
Chiming of the Hour	Hank Morgan, Organist	
Prelude	“Easter Fanfare” (by Robert J. Powell)	Organist
Welcome and Announcements	Rev. Jim Buckman	
†Call to Worship (p. 792)	Psalm 68:1-4	(9:00) David Reed (11:00) Diane Shepherd
†Hymn of Praise UMH No. 318	“Christ is Alive” (all)	TRURO
†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. 382	“Have Thine Own Way, Lord” (all)	ADELAIDE
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.		
Offertory	“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” (arr. Wilbur Held)	Organist
†Doxology No. 95	OLD 100 <sup>th</sup> <i>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.</i>	
†Prayer of Consecration	Rev. Buckman	
†Scripture Reading	John 20:19-23	Brendan Rossell Smith
Message In Song	“Praise His Holy Name!” (by K. Hampton)	(9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir
Sermon	Coming Alive: “Now I Am Really Alive”	Brendan Rossell Smith
†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 553	“And Are We Yet Alive” (v. 1, 3, 5, 6)	DENNIS
Benediction	Rev. Buckman	
Postlude	“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (arr. Wilbur Held)	Organist