

May 11, 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  
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bufordfirstumc.org facebook.com/bufordfirstumc  
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Events of the Week

<b>SUNDAY 5/11</b>
9:00 AM METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY) 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (108 FH, 109, CLC 3RD 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 SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
<b>MONDAY 5/12</b>
VBS LAST REGISTRATION DAY 11:30 AM STAFF MEETING (G3) 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1) 5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304) 6:00 PM VBS TRAINING (108 FH)
<b>TUESDAY 5/13</b>
PRESCHOOL LAST DAY 10:00 AM BUFORD UM MEN RETIRED (G3) 10:30 AM EFFIE WOOD CIRCLE (108 FH) 5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1) 5:00 PM PICKLEBALL / OPEN GYM (110 GYM) 7:00 PM FLORENCE GARNER CIRCLE (OFFSITE)
<b>WEDNESDAY 5/14</b>
10:00 AM PRESCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION (110 GYM) 11:30 AM LUNCH BUNCH (COASTAL BREEZE) 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)
<b>THURSDAY 5/15</b>
CALENDAR INFO DUE 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, 23) 7:30 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
<b>FRIDAY 5/16</b>
10:00 AM CAROL SCOTT CIRCLE (OFFSITE)
<b>SATURDAY 5/17</b>
10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT) 11:00 AM BBQ FUNDRAISER (107, 108 FH)
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>
5/18 - BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - 8:00 AM (107, 108 FH) - GRADUATION RECOGNITION - SENIOR BANQUET - 12:15 PM (312) - GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 23198 - 1:00 PM (305) - CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 - 5:30 PM (108 FH) 5/19 - CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 - 6:00 PM (108 FH) 5/24 - WEDDING REHEARSAL - 5:00 PM (SANCTUARY) 5/25 - WEDDING - 5:30PM (SANCTUARY, 109) 5/26 - MEMORIAL DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)
<b>ONLINE CALENDAR</b> 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.*

May 11, 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

***“You Better Listen To Her”***



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)



Happy Mother’s Day!

It is hard to believe this week is our last week of preschool. The year flew by.  
We will graduate 27 Pre-K children - congratulations to them!  
We will have a fun last day with themed rooms and pizza and popsicles.  
Happy Summer!

Student Ministry



TO THE MOTHERS OF OUR YOUTH

Happy Mother’s Day!

GRADUATE RECOGNITION:

We will recognize the High School Seniors graduating this year at the 11:00am service! Please plan on attending the 11:00am service to support all of our graduates and celebrate their accomplishments!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- May 17: BBQ Fundraiser
- May 18: Graduate Recognition Sunday
- June 8-11: High School Lake Retreat

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

Attendance and Giving  
May 4, 2025

Total in Worship Services	238
Average Worship Attendance	254

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
Received as of 4/27 for 2025 Budget.....	\$ 289,835
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$ 14,262

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,404,525
Available Funds for Building Debt as of 4/27 .....	\$ 461,0061

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

May 18  
May 25

“What is the Father’s Will for You?”  
“Easter Living: Trust and Obey”

Luke 2:41-52  
John 14:23-29

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 by Randy and Suzanne Clegg to the Glory of God, and in memory of our mothers.*

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



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

9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki  
Ushers: Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg  
Greeters: Amy Reed, David Reed  
Liturgist: Joyce Siegele  
Sound: Christi Lenz  
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Dick Atcheson, John Hladish  
Ushers: Sherry Hall, David Lowry  
Greeters: Amy Simonson, Terry Ellis  
Liturgist: Rick Huckaby  
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

**Name Tags:** Would you like a Buford First UMC name tag to wear on Sundays or at church events? Did you lose or damage your old one and need a new one? You can sign up to get a new one today! The cost is \$10 per tag. If you’d like to have one ordered for you, reach out to Sydney.

**BBQ Fundraiser & Bake Sale for Mission Trip - May 17, 11:00am to 2:00pm in the Fellowship Hall (108).** Join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship as we raise funds for the team going to El Salvador to serve the community of San José Villanueva this summer! **Cost is \$15 a plate** and includes pulled pork, corn on the cob, green beans, and potato salad. Only 150 plates will be sold so reach out to Brendan or Sydney about buying your plate ticket today!

**Women’s Circle News:** All ladies are welcome to join the **Effie Wood Circle** on Tuesday, 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. All ladies are invited to join the **Carol Scott Circle** for our next meeting on Friday, May 16! Plan to join us at 10:00am at *The 5 Spot Cafe* (940 Gainesville Highway). Great food and fellowship! Please RSVP to Becky Grant, so we can give the restaurant an accurate headcount. (BeckyGrantRN@gmail.com) Hope to see you there! The **Florence Garner Circle** will be meeting at *Off the Rails Mexican Cantina* for our May meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm. All ladies are invited to join us to discuss upcoming mission opportunities, summer outings and to enjoy some good food. Also, go ahead and mark your calendars for the next game night to be held June 20.

Missions

**The Knitting for Others group:**  
“We would like to thank all of you that donated yarn and/or finances to our group. With our new supplies we are busy making hats, scarves and lap blankets. Thanks to all - the Knitting for Others group.” If you knit or crochet or want to learn how, we meet at 10:00am on the first and third Wednesday in the nursery.

**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!

**Sack Kids Hunger Needs:**  
We need grape jam donations and volunteers to help 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

May 11, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Fourth Sunday of Easter| Mother’s Day | 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

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” (arr. Charles Callahan)

Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

(11:00)

Recognition of the “Woman of the Year”

Linda McQuaig

†Call to Worship (p. 738)

Psalm 1:1-3

(9:00) Joyce Siegele  
(11:00) Rick Huckaby

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart” (v. 1-3, 5)

MARION

†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.

Offertory

“Canticle of Praise” (by Fenton Groden)

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

John 10:22-30

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

“I Will Follow” (arr. Allen & Allen)

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

Sermon

“You Better Listen To Her”

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 347

“Spirit Song” (all)

SPIRIT SONG

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

“Te Deum Remembered” (by Howard Hughes)

Organist