

May 18, 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 5/18

8:00 AM BUMM FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108 FH)

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)

12:15 PM SENIOR BANQUET (312)

2:00 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 202, 203)

5:30 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH)

5:30 PM SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

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

MONDAY 5/19

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 CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH)

TUESDAY 5/20

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

7:00 PM AA SOBER DADS (304)

WEDNESDAY 5/21

10:00 AM KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)

10:30 AM THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS (OFFSITE)

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 5/22

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)

5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

6:30 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 202, 203, 23)

7:30 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY 5/24

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

11:00 AM PRIVATE EVENT (107, 108 FH)

5:00 PM WEDDING REHEARSAL (SANCTUARY)

LOOKING AHEAD

5/25 - WEDDING - 5:30 PM (SANCTUARY, 109)

5/26 - MEMORIAL DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

5/28...5/30 - VBS SETUP WORKDAYS - 9:00 AM...12:00 PM (CLC)

6/2...6/6 - VBS DAILY SETUP - 8:00...9:00 AM (CLC)

6/2...6/6 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:00 AM...12:30 PM (CLC)

6/2...6/6 - VBS DAILY TAKEDOWN - 12:30...1:15 PM (CLC)

6/8 - PENTECOST

6/8 - CHURCH BOARD - 12:15 PM (312)

6/8...6/11 - YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (OFFSITE)

6/15 - FATHER'S DAY

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.

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“What is the Father’s Will for You?”



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 have space in all of our classes! We would love to have your child.



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

Student Ministry



GRADUATE RECOGNITION BANQUET:

Youth and families, please come support and congratulate our graduates after the 11:00am church service. We will celebrate with them in the media room (312; third floor in the CLC).

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Please come to Sunday School at 10:00am every week as we continue to read the Gospel of Matthew and deepen our faith by learning more of Christ’s teachings. We meet in the youth lounge (109).

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

Attendance and Giving
May 11, 2025

Total in Worship Services	230
Average Worship Attendance	253

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	\$ 322,757
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 14,135
Amount Received on May 11, 2025	\$ 12,526

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,392,747
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 457,308
Amount Received on May 11, 2025	\$ 907

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

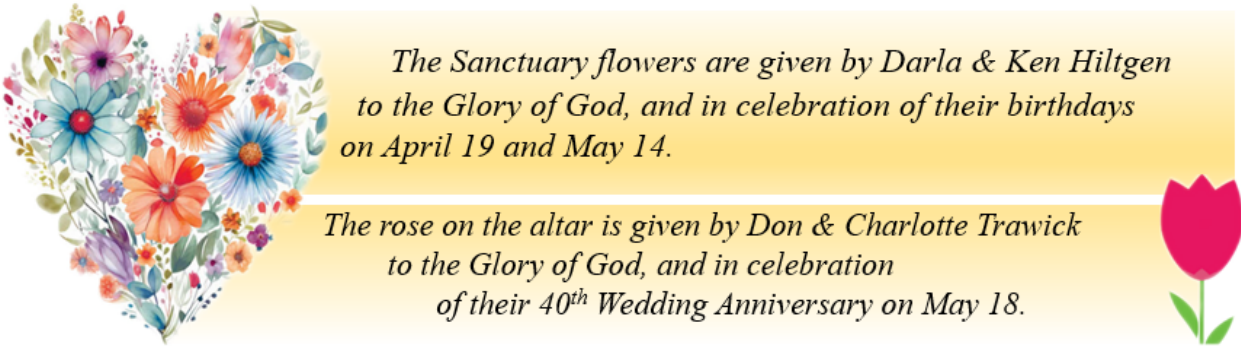
Worship Preview

May 25
June 1

Easter Living: **“Trust & Obey”**
7 Churches: **“Falling at His Feet”**

John 14:23-29
Revelation 2:17-20

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).



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

9:00am Worship

Acolytes: William Womack (*crucifer*), Ava Ross Womack (*light*)
Ushers: Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr, Mike Casper, Sandra Casper
Greeters: Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
Liturgist: Darla Hiltgen
Sound: Nora Lirette
Children’s Church: Jonathan Lenz and Susan Rosenthal

11:00am Worship

Acolytes: Lilly Claire Scott (*crucifer*), Hans Failmezger (*light*)
Ushers: Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards, Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom
Greeters: Linda Chambers, Sally Lord
Liturgist: Evelyn Lowry
Sound: Christi Lenz
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

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.

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>.

Do you receive our church’s weekly Adult Ministry & Missions email update?
If you do not already and would like to, reach out to Sydney!

Sunday School:
We have multiple Sunday School classes that meet in the CLC building on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. Joining one of these classes is a great way to meet new people and dig deeper into the study of scripture and topics of faith. If you would like more information about Sunday School class options, reach out to Sydney!

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

Missions

Service Opportunity at the Lanier Community Garden:
Do you have a green thumb or would like to learn more about gardening? Are you looking for a new way to give back to the community? Then this might be the opportunity for you! The Lanier Community Garden has plots dedicated to growing produce for the food bank. We 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 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!

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

The Worship of God		
May 18, 2025	Fifth Sunday of Easter Liturgical Color: White	9:00am & 11:00am
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>		
† <i>Stand as you are able.</i>		
Chiming of the Hour	Hank Morgan, Organist	
Prelude	“What God Ordains Is Always Good” <i>(by Johann Krebs)</i>	Organist
Welcome and Announcements	(9:00) DeeAnna Page (11:00) Susan Rosenthal	
†Call to Worship (p. 763)	Psalm 30:8-12	(9:00) Darla Hiltgen (11:00) Evelyn Lowry
†Hymn of Praise	UMH No. 62 “All Creatures of Our God and King” <i>(v. 1, 5, 7)</i> LASST UNS ERFREUEN	
†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
<i>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.</i>		
Children’s Moment	Susan Rosenthal	

Hymn of Preparation	TFWS No. 2016	“Glorify Thy Name” <i>(see insert)</i>	GLORIFY THY NAME
(11:00) Recognition of our High School Graduates	Brendan Rossell Smith		
Pastoral Prayer • The Lord’s Prayer	Brendan Rossell Smith		
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	“Offertoire” <i>(by Christoph Willibald Gluck)</i>	Organist	
†Doxology No. 95	OLD 100 th		
<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	Gary Lenz		
†Scripture Reading	Luke 2:41-52	Gary Lenz	
Message In Song	“I’m Goin’ to the Place” <i>(arr. Jim Lucas)</i>	(9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir	
Sermon	“What is the Father’s Will for You?”	Brendan Rossell Smith	
†Hymn of Discipleship	UMH No. 572	“Pass It On” <i>(v. 1, 3)</i>	PASS IT ON
Benediction	Brendan Rossell Smith		
Postlude	“Entrée” <i>(by Franz Joseph Haydn)</i>	Organist	