

May 25, 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 5/25	
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	
5:30 PM WEDDING (SANCTUARY, 109)	
MONDAY 5/26	
MEMORIAL DAY (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)	
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)	
TUESDAY 5/27	
PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)	
5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)	
7:00 PM AA SOBER DADS (304)	
WEDNESDAY 5/28	
9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) SETUP WORKDAY (CLC)	
1:30 PM PACK SKH MEALS (107)	
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)	
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)	
7:30 PM S-ANON (309)	
THURSDAY 5/29	
PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)	
9:00 AM VBS SETUP WORKDAY (CLC)	
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)	
FRIDAY 5/30	
YOUTH: MOVIE MYSTERY (OFFSITE)	
9:00 AM VBS SETUP WORKDAY (CLC)	
SATURDAY 5/31	
10:00 AM SACK KIDS HUNGER (107, PARKING LOT)	
VBS DAILY MONDAY 6/2...FRIDAY 6/6	
8:00 AM VBS DAILY SETUP (VOLUNTEERS) (CLC)	
9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (CLC)	
12:30 PM VBS DAILY TAKEDOWN (VOLUNTEERS) (CLC)	
LOOKING AHEAD	
6/3 - PRAYER MEETING - 10:00 AM (ADAMS)	
6/8 - PENTECOST	
6/8 - CHURCH BOARD - 12:15 PM (312)	
6/8...6/11 - YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT (OFFSITE)	
6/11 - LUNCH BUNCH (OFFSITE)	
6/11 - YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TUBING (OFFSITE)	
6/15 - FATHER'S DAY	
6/15 - BUMM (MEN'S) FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (107, 108 FH)	
6/16 - YOUTH: ANDRETTI'S (OFFSITE)	
6/18...6/22 - GAP: GAINESVILLE AID PROJECT (OFFSITE)	
6/20 - LADIES GAME NIGHT - 6:00 PM (107, 108 FH)	
6/23 - YOUTH: LUNCH @ THE PARK (OFFSITE)	
6/25 - COMMUNITY DINER & HANDS-ON MISSION (108 FH)	
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 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Easter Living: **“Trust & Obey”**

BFUMC Kids



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



Preschool News:



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

Student Ministry



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

Attendance and Giving

May 18, 2025

Total in Worship Services	247
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	\$ 341,213
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 14,002
Amount Received on May 18, 2025	\$ 18,456

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,392,747
Available Funds for Building Debt.....	\$ 458,402
Amount Received on May 18, 2025.....	\$ 1,094

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

June 1

June 8

7 Churches: “*Falling at His Feet* ”

7 Churches: “ *The Loveless Church*”

Revelation 1:17-20

Revelation 2:1-7

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

Give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special or in celebration of a significant event.

Signups are available for the upcoming 12 months by going online or calling the church office.



Flower Arrangement



Rose Bud with Vase



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

9:00am Worship

Acolytes/Ushers: Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen
Ushers: Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan
Greeters: Jack Griffis, Julia Griffis
Liturgist: Bill Ogles
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 McQuaig, Amy Simonson
Liturgist: Terry Ellis
Sound: John Alford
Live-stream monitor: Adam Van Pelt
Camera: Jacob Van Pelt
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:

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 25, 20259:00am & 11:00am

Sixth 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.

Please place your electronic devices on silent mode and
refrain from flash photography during worship.

† Stand as you are able.

Chiming of the HourHank Morgan, Organist

Prelude“An American Trumpet Tune” (by Gilbert M. Martin)Organist

Welcome and Announcements(9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

Memorial Day Tribute“Freedom Is Not Free” (by Kelly Strong)Gary Lenz

†Call to Worship (p. 748)Psalm 16:9-11(9:00) Bill Ogles
(11:00) Terry Ellis

†Hymn of PraiseUMH No. 89“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (v. 1-3)HYMN TO JOY

†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 MomentSusan Rosenthal

Hymn of Preparation*TFWS No. 2226 (see insert)**Bind Us Together** (1x)BIND US TOGETHER
(*The Faith We Sing)

Time of Silent Prayer • Pastoral Prayer • The Lord’s PrayerMike Rosenthal
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“**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**” (arr. David Christiansen)Organist

†Doxology No. 95OLD 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 ConsecrationSydney Yancey

†Scripture ReadingJohn 14:23-29Sydney Yancey

Message In Song“**Thy Perfect Love**” (by K. Lee Scott)ensemble

SermonEaster Living: “**Trust & Obey** ”Sydney Yancey

†Hymn of DiscipleshipUMH No. 467“**Trust and Obey**” (v. 1-3)TRUST AND OBEY

BenedictionSydney Yancey

Postlude“**Hymn to Joy**” (by Albert L. Travis)Organist