



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.

August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prayer, Plenty, & Prestige: *“Sitting Chart Etiquette”*



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.

Nursery: A nursery is provided for children 3 and under in room 202 of the Christian Life Center.

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:

We are so excited to start school on Tuesday! This week we will focus on our new routines and getting to know the children. Our color of the month is red.

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

Student Ministry



YOUTH UPDATE:

No confirmation today! Join the church in the fellowship hall as we celebrate its birthday!

YOUTH PROGRAMMING WILL START BACK UP ON SEPTEMBER 7!

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

Missions

Great Day of Service: Our annual Great Day of Service will be Saturday, September 27. Plan now to help with one of many projects on the list including Bake & Take, Sanctuary cleanup, or serving at one of our many local mission partners. Email Sydney for more information!

The North Gwinnett Co-Op is in need of hygiene items for their clients. Did you know hygiene items are not covered by the SNAP/EBT program? It is much harder for under-resourced families to obtain these items. A donation bin for these items is located in the CLC lobby. Let's help our neighbors in need!
Most needed: Toilet paper, diapers sizes 4-6, toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, deodorant, bar soap.

Sack Kids Hunger is in need of creamy peanut butter and grape jam. A donation bin for these items is located in the CLC lobby.

Knitting for Others is a hands-on, needle-work group that knits and crochets blankets for various charitable organizations and church members who are hospitalized or homebound. Come knit with us on the first and fourth Thursday of each month from 10:00am – 12 noon. Please contact Sydney Yancey (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org) for more information.

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

Adult Ministry

Lunch Bunch: This month's Lunch Bunch outing will be at Coastal Breeze in Buford at 11:30am **September 10**. If you would like to join the group on 9/10, RSVP to Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday, September 8.

Young at Heart: Tuesday, September 16 - Autrey Mill's Heritage Village. This land, originally Cherokee, was given to Georgia residents in the 1832 land lottery. Heritage Village helps to preserve and showcase the life of rural farms from the mid-1800s. Cost: \$12.00 per-person for entrance and gas. Leaving the church at 10:00am and returning around 3:00pm. Lunch will be at your own cost at Patio Bakery and Café in John's Creek. RSVP to Debbie Atcheson (770-965-3729 or djatcheson@gmail.com) by September 9.

Fall Bible Studies: There are two Bible study options to choose from this fall. For each Bible study, we will be going through the first half of a book in the Bible in the fall, and then the second half of the book starting in January of 2026.

- Revelation (Part 1) - Facilitator: Brendan
 - Tuesdays @ 6pm in the CLC Media Room (312)
 - Dates: 9/9, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21
- Daniel (Part 1) - Facilitator: Pastor Jim
 - Wednesdays @ 10am in the CLC Media Room (312)
 - Dates: 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22

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

The Worship of God

August 31, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

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

“It is Well with My Soul” *arr. Bryce Inman*

Piano Duet: Laura Franklin & Jean Ann Crites

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p. 793)

Psalm 68:32-35

(9:00) Joan Burger

(11:00) Brayden Ouimet

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 73

“O Worship the King” (v. 1, 2 & 5)

LYONS

†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.***

(11:00) Baptism	<i>Angela Grace Sanders</i>	Rev. Buckman
Children's Moment		Susan Rosenthal
Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Buckman
<p>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.</p>		
Gathering of Tithes and Offerings	"Soon and Very Soon" <i>arr. John Carter</i> Piano Duet: Laura Franklin & Jean Ann Crites	
†Doxology No. 95		OLD 100 th
<p><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></p>		
†Prayer of Consecration		Rev. Buckman
†Scripture Reading	Luke 14:7-14	Rev. Buckman
Message In Song	"They'll Know We Are Christians" <i>arr. Larson</i>	(9:00) ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir
Sermon	"Sitting Chart Etiquette"	Rev. Buckman
†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 454	"Open My Eyes, That I May See" vs. 1 & 2	OPEN MY EYES
Benediction		Rev. Buckman
"Postlude	"All Hail, Immanuel!" <i>by Charles H. Gabriel</i>	Organist

Worship Preview

September 7
September 14

Prayer, Plenty & Prestige: **“This is Tough”**
Home Field Advantage: **“Laying The Foundation”**

Luke 14:25-30
Matthew 7:24-27

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
to the
Glory
of God



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

<u>Acolytes</u> – Darla Hiltgen (<i>crucifer</i>), Ken Hiltgen (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Reed, David Reed
<u>Ushers</u> – Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen Ed Krauth, Herman Runyan	<u>Sound</u> – Nora Lirette
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Joan Burger

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Mark Redstrom (<i>crucifer</i>), Charlie Redstrom (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Susan Lynskey, Linda McQuaig
<u>Ushers</u> – Ken Stewart, Josh Page Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Brayden Ouimet

Ministry Staff

Senior Pastor | Rev. Jim Buckman
Director of Adult Ministry | Sydney Yancey
Director of Children & Family Ministry | Susan Rosenthal
Director of Student & Outreach Ministries | Brendan Rossell Smith
Interim Director of Music & the Arts | Jean Ann Crites

Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus
Facility Manager | Will Rogers
Financial Secretary | DeeAnna Page
Office Manager | Roy Foster
Organist | Hank Morgan

Attendance and Giving August 24, 2025

Total in Worship Services	217
Average Worship Attendance	244

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*
Psalms 36:7

Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2025)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 803,285
Year to Date Received for 2025 Budget.....	\$ 503,678
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 15,768
Amount Received on August 24, 2025	\$ 7,835

Building Fund

Building Debt.....	\$ 1,384,800
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 455,714
Amount Received on August 24, 2025	\$ 702

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.)
<https://bit.ly/bfumc-give>
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.) <https://bit.ly/bfumc-give>
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

August 31, 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

August 31, 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

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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 8/31

9:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
10:00 AM CELEBRATION SUNDAY (108 FH)
11:00 AM KOREAN UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (306)
11:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
11:00 AM FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 110 GYM, 23 CHOIR)
2:00 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 23, 202, 203)
5:30 PM SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

MONDAY 9/1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 PM AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)



TUESDAY 9/2

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)
FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM PRAYER MEETING (ADAMS)
5:00 PM LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)
7:00 PM AA SOBER DADS (304)
7:00 PM CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 9/3

PRESCHOOL CARLINE BEGINS (AM & PM)
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 SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)
7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)
7:30 PM S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 9/4

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)
10:00 AM KNITTING FOR OTHERS (202)
1:00 PM PRESCHOOL PLAYBALL (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 9/6

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

SUNDAY 9/7

PRESCHOOL COMMISSIONING
9:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)
10:00 AM CONFIRMATION CLASS (304)
10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)
11:00 AM KOREAN UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (306)
11:00 AM UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)
11:00 AM FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 110 GYM, 23 CHOIR)
1:00 PM GIRL SCOUTS TROOP 23198 (305)
2:00 PM FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 23, 202, 203)
5:30 PM ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)
5:30 PM G.L.O.W. KICKOFF (107, 108 FH, 109)
5:30 PM SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108 FH, 109)
5:30 PM SUNDAY WALKING GROUP
5:30 PM WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP (311)

ONLINE CALENDAR



FLOWER SIGNUP



BIRTHDAYS

