



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

FAITHQUAKES

When Jesus Shakes Up Our Faith

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.

October 5, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Faithquakes: *"A Little Is All I Have"*



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.

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

For more information, contact Susan Rosenthal, children.director@bufordfirstumc.org

ABC Preschool News:

*This week is about Fire Safety.
We will have a visit from the Gwinnett County
Fire Department, Station 14.
Also we will learn about the letter E.*



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

Student Ministry



Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Today!
All youth are welcome
Join us at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

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

Missions

Coat & Blanket Drive: Fall cleaning time is here! Many people are starting to clean out closets and reorganize. If this is you and you have gently used coats or blankets you would like to give away, consider donating them to Sack Kids Hunger! We will collect these items in a bin in the CLC Lobby in September and October and then give out the items to local families through SKH in November.

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 to 12 noon. Please contact Sydney Yancey for more information.

ESOL: Our church offers a free English class to the community on Sunday nights from August to November at 5:30pm in the CLC. Please pray for this ministry and contact Sydney if you would like to learn more about how you can help with this ministry.

SKH is also in need of grape [jam](#).

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

Adult Ministry

Lunch Bunch: This month Lunch Bunch will meet at Dominick's in Buford at 11:30am on **October 8**. If you would like to join the group, RSVP with Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by October 6.

Young at Heart: Tuesday, **October 21** - Ty Cobb Museum. Entering the museum, you will travel back in time to the early 1900s, a time when baseball was what Tyrus (Ty) Cobb called "Something like War". Ty Cobb, who was known as the Georgia Peach, still holds more significant baseball records than anyone in the history of our National Pastime. Cost: If we have ten or more attending, there will be \$5 per person entrance fee, plus an amount for fuel. If we have less than ten, the entrance fee will be \$10 per person. We will be leaving the church at 9:30am, returning around 3:00pm. Lunch will be at your own cost at the *Old Corner Hardware Store* in Royston. Please RSVP to Debbie Atcheson at djatcheson@gmail.com or 770-965-3729 by Tuesday, October 14.

Women's Circle News: All ladies are invited to join the [Carol Scott Circle](#) on Friday, **October 17** at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be making treat bags for *Trunk-or-Treat*, so bring a small bag of candy, or just show up and help us stuff bags. We always have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Questions? Email Becky Grant @ BeckyGrantRN@gmail.com.

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

The Worship of God

October 5, 2025

9:00am & 11:00am

Seventeenth 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

Organist

“All Are Welcome” *arr. Lynn Trapp*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship p. 789

Psalm 65:1-4

(9:00) David Reed
(11:00) Michael Thomas

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 103 **“Immortal Invisible, God Only Wise”** *all 4 verses*

ST. DENIO

†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.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings Organist

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” *arr. Van Denman Thompson*

If you would like to make a donation to our “Good Samaritan Fund” to help people in the community, you may place your offering in the offering plate or on the altar rail. Be sure to mark it for the “Good Samaritan Fund”.

†Doxology No. 95 OLD 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 Consecration Rev. Buckman

†Scripture Reading Luke 17:5-6 Rev. Buckman

Message In Song **“Walk By Faith!”** *by Williams & Raney* 9:00 ensemble
11:00 Chancel Choir

Sermon Faithquakes: **“A Little Is all I Have”** Rev. Buckman

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *(see insert)* Organist

“He's Got the Whole World in His Hands” *arr. Charles Callahan*

†Hymn of Discipleship **“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”** *(all)* THE ASH GROVE
UMH No. 664

Benediction Rev. Buckman

Postlude **“In Christ There Is No East or West”** *arr. Dale Wood* Organist

Worship Preview

October 12

Faithquakes: **“Thank You, Thank You, Thank You”**

Luke 17:11-19

October 19

Faithquakes: **“Tough Faith For Tough Times”**

Luke 18:1-8

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 Betty & Sam Piper to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their daughter-in-law Melissa's birthday.



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

You can signup online or call the church office

FLOWER SIGNUP



rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers

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

9:00am Worship

<u>Greeters</u> – Jean Hudson, Cindy LaTouf	<u>Sound</u> – Christi Lenz
<u>Acolytes</u> – Alayna Davis (<i>crucifer</i>), Rose Richardson (<i>light</i>)	<u>Liturgist</u> – David Reed
<u>Ushers</u> – Kenny Karr, Cindy Karr Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki	<u>Communion Servers</u> – Pat Stanley, Celina Countess, Sydney Yancey
<u>Children's Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	

11:00am Worship

<u>Greeters</u> – Linda McQuaig, Susan Lynskey	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Acolytes</u> – Jacob Van Pelt (<i>crucifer</i>), Hans Failmezger (<i>light</i>)	<u>Camera</u>
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey Jim Failmezger, Kevin Gohman	<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams
<u>Children's Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Michael Thomas
	<u>Communion Servers</u> – Mark Redstrom, Ken Stewart, Josh Page

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 September 28, 2025

Total in Worship Services	195
Average Worship Attendance	247

*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.....	\$ 565,385
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 16,992
Amount Received on September 28, 2025	\$ 12,568

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,370,443
Available Funds for Building Debt	\$ 473,310
Amount Received on September 28, 2025	\$ 711

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

October 5, 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

October 5, 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

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Events of the Week

SUNDAY 10/5

9:00am UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

10:00am CONFIRMATION CLASS (304)

10:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL (109, 201, CLC 3RD FLOOR)

11:00am KOREAN UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (306)

11:00am UNITED METHODIST WORSHIP (SANCTUARY & ONLINE)

11:00am FPC PENTECOSTAL PREPARATION (108 FH, 110 GYM, 23 CHOIR)

2:00pm FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (108 FH, 109, 110 GYM, 23, 202, 203)

4:00pm CUB SCOUTS PACK 589 (305)

5:30pm ESOL [LEARN ENGLISH] (303, 304)

5:30pm G.L.O.W. (107, 108 FH, 109)

5:30pm SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH (107, 108 FH, 109)

5:30pm SUNDAY WALKING GROUP

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

MONDAY 10/6

11:30am STAFF MEETING (G3)

5:00pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

5:30pm AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)

6:30pm CUB SCOUTS PACK 1534 (108 FH, 110 GYM)

7:00pm CHANCEL RINGERS (G1)

7:00pm SCOUTING TROOP 542 (305, 306, 308)

TUESDAY 10/7

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)

10:00am PRAYER MEETING (ADAMS)

10:00am STONEHEDGE GARDEN CLUB (312)

5:00pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

6:00pm BIBLE STUDY: REVELATION (312)

7:00pm AA SOBER DADS (304)

7:00pm CUB SCOUTS PACK 542 (108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309)

WEDNESDAY 10/8

10:00am BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL (312)

11:30am LUNCH BUNCH (DOMINICK'S)

1:30pm PACK SKH MEALS (107)

5:30pm AA 5:30@MAIN ST. GROUP (304)

7:00pm CHANCEL CHOIR (SANCTUARY)

7:00pm SPANISH BIBLE STUDY (303)

7:30pm S-ANON (309)

THURSDAY 10/9

PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM - CHECK GROUPME (110 GYM)

PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK

5:00pm LADIES STRENGTH TRAINING (G1)

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

7:30pm FPC PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP (SANCTUARY)

FRIDAY 10/10

PRESCHOOL FALL BREAK

SATURDAY 10/11

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

SUNDAY 10/12

10:00am CONFIRMATION CLASS (304)

12:10pm UMW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (309)

12:15pm CHURCH BOARD (312)

CALENDAR
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