



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

MOUNTAINSIDE

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.

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | Communion

Mountainside: ***“Lighten Up”***

BFUMC Kids



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 so that they can receive Communion and then 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 short week will be all about Valentines.
We will exchange Valentines with our classmates.*

We will work on Letter S this week.

Happy Winter Break!



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

Student Ministry



Sunday Night Youth Fellowship Today!

All youth are welcome

Join us at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

February 15: Youth and Children's Ministry Valentines Party!

February 18: Ash Wednesday Service

March 13-15: Youth Spring Retreat! (Contact Brendan for more information)

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

Missions

Hands on Missions Opportunity - Painting at Gateway Shelter: One of BFUMC's longtime Missions partners, *Gateway Domestic Violence Center*, provides housing and support resources for women experiencing homelessness due to fleeing domestic violence. We will be sending a team from BFUMC to Gateway to help paint the living room in their transitional housing space on February 28.

February Donation Drive THIS SUNDAY & NEXT SUNDAY: Each year on *Super Bowl Sunday* we have a canned food drive for the North Gwinnett Co-Op. We will still be partnering with NGCO, however this year we will be collecting much needed hygiene items! It is much harder for under-resourced families to obtain these items. The most needed items are toilet paper, diapers (sizes 4-6), toothbrushes, toothpaste, tampons, deodorant, and bar soap. We will be collecting items in the Sanctuary during each worship service. Who will bring the most items? The 9am or 11am crowd? Let's help our neighbors in need!

ESOL: Our church offers a free English class to the community on Sunday nights starting tonight at 5:30pm in the CLC. Please pray for this ministry and share this information with anyone you may know who would benefit from this ministry! If you would like to learn more about how you can help with this ministry, contact Sydney.

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

Adult Ministry

Fraud & Scam Prevention Educational Program: Officer David Maupin, Crime Prevention Officer for the Gwinnett County Northern Precinct, will present the program on fraud and scams on **February 10 at 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall (108). It will be an interesting and informative program. Everyone is invited to attend and to bring family and friends. This event is hosted by the Effie Wood Circle but all are welcome.

BUMMRs: This month, the Buford United Methodist Men Retired group will be attending the Fraud & Scam Prevention Educational Program (see details above) during our meeting time.

Young at Heart: The YAH will be headed to Trilith Studios on **Tuesday, February 17**. Among the films that have been made here are the 2025 Superman, Ironheart, Captain America, and Guardians of the Galaxy 3. The cost is a \$40 entrance fee, plus fuel. We will be leaving the church at 9:30am and returning around 4:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at the *Studio Café*. We will eat on arrival at 11:30am, with the tour starting at 1:00pm. Please RSVP with Debbie Atcheson by **February 10**: djatcheson@gmail.com or 770-965-3729.

Sunday Night Women's Group at 5:30pm: This group is comprised of women from many different life stages, from moms with kindergarteners to grandmothers and ladies without kids. All ladies are welcome. Each week is its own stand-alone topical Bible study where we look at multiple pieces of scripture that are connected to that week's topic. We meet on **Sunday nights from 5:30 to 7:00pm** in room 312 of the CLC.

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

The Worship of God

February 8, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | Communion | 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

Organist

“Morning Hymn” by Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

†Call to Worship (p. 758)

Psalm 27:1-4

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

†Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 79

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” vs 1, 2 & 5

GROSSER GOTT

†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

See Amid the Winter's Snow *arr. Wilbur Held*

†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

Matthew 5:13-20

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"The Storm is Passing Over" *arr. Barbara W. Baker* (9:00) Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

Mountainside: **"Lighten Up"**

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

UMH No. 170

"O How I Love Jesus" *all*

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

"Postludium" *by Flor Peeters*

Organist

Worship Preview

February 15
February 18

Mountainside: **“Hear Him”**
“Ash Wednesday”

Matthew 17:1-9
Matthew 16:1-6

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 Karl & Joyce Siegele to the Glory of God, and in celebration of their 27th Anniversary on February 6.

The rose on the altar is given by Rebecca Marion to the Glory of God, and in celebration ... “Happy 11th Birthday Eleanor!”



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

9:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Ed Krauth, Bill Ogles	<u>Greeters</u> – DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
Celina Countess, Gary Burger	<u>Sound</u> – Nora Lirette
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Karl Siegele

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – John Hladish, Dick Atcheson	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Lynn Ferguson
Sherry Hall, Joshua Page	<u>Sound</u> – Joe Adams
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	<u>Liturgist</u> – Rick Huckaby

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
Director of Worship Ministries | Jan Estrada

Director of Preschool | Leandre Majerus
Facility Manager | Brad Thomas
Financial Administrator | DeeAnna Page
Office Manager | Roy Foster
Organist | Hank Morgan



Sunday Bulletin submission cutoff: Monday 12-noon.
Please work with the appropriate ministry staff person for all submissions.

February 8, 2026

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

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Events of the Week

Sunday, February 8

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM Sanctuary
Confirmation Class	10:00 AM 304
Sunday School	10:00 AM 109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM 108 FH, 110 Gym, 23
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM 306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM Sanctuary, Online
Church Board	12:15 PM 312
UMW Executive Committee	12:15 PM 309
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM 108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203, 23
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30 PM 303, 304
G.L.O.W.	5:30 PM 110 Gym, 201, 307
Sunday Night Youth	5:30 PM 107, 108 FH, 109
Women's Small Group	5:30 PM 311

Monday, February 9

Staff Meeting	11:30 AM G3
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM G1
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM 304
Cub Scouts Pack 1534	6:30 PM 108 FH, 110 Gym, 303, 309
Chancel Ringers	7:00 PM G1, Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 542	7:00 PM 305, 306, 308

Tuesday, February 10

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}
Fraud & Scam Prevention Seminar (BUMMRs & Effie Wood attend)	10:00 AM 108 FH
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM G1
Bible Study: Revelation	6:00 PM 312
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM 304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00 PM 108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309

Wednesday, February 11

Bible Study: Daniel	10:00 AM 312
Lunch Bunch @ Sugar Hill Diner	11:30 AM
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM 304
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM Sanctuary
S-Anon	7:30 PM 309

Thursday, February 12

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}
Preschool: Break - No School	
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203, 23
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203

Friday, February 13

Preschool: Break - No School

Saturday, February 14

Sack Kids Hunger	10:00 AM 107, Parking Lot
Al-Anon The Flip Side AFG	10:30 AM 304

Sunday, February 15

BUMM Fellowship Breakfast	8:00 AM 107, 108 FH
United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM Sanctuary
Confirmation Class	10:00 AM 304
Sunday School	10:00 AM 109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
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