

9 am



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 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

Mountainside: ***"Hear Him"***



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:



For the next two weeks we will be talking about our favorite children's authors and reading all the great books and doing all the fun crafts. We will work on the Letter T this week. All God's Creatures animals will visit us from the North Georgia Zoo.

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

Student Ministry



Legacy Scholarship: The Legacy Scholarship application is open for those who are attending college and are members of this church. If you wish to apply for this scholarship, please contact Brendan by using the email below.

Looking Ahead

February 15: Youth and Children Ministry Valentine's Day Party Today @5:30 pm!

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**.

ESOL: Our church offers a free English class to the community on Sunday nights 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.

Special Needs Ministry: Parents Night Out - This event will be on **Saturday, March 7** from 6pm to 8pm in the CLC. We will provide respite care for families impacted by disability so that parents/caregivers can have a break! There will be a volunteer training before this event, so if you've never served with individuals with disabilities before, we will provide you the tools to serve well! Please keep this event in your prayers and invite families you may know who would benefit from participating.

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

Adult Ministry

Lent Programs & Opportunities

Ash Wednesday: Join us on **February 18** for our MEAL OF SELF DENIAL dinner at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall and Ash Wednesday worship service to follow at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Lenten Bible Studies: Pastor Jim will be leading a Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent starting on **February 25**. The study will be offered at 10am and 7pm. It is the same lesson offered at each time so you can choose the time that works best for your schedule. Please reach out to Sydney to sign up!

Lenten Prayer Partners: Would you like a source of support and accountability during the Lenten season? Consider signing up for a Lenten Prayer Partner!

- When you sign up, you will receive your assigned prayer partner's contact information and a **prayer guide**.
- The **time commitment for participation is just 20 minutes a week** where you either call or meet with your prayer partner, discuss your Lenten reflections, and pray with each other.
- The **prayer guide** will include prayer and discussion prompts for you and your partner as well as prayer prompts for your individual prayer time each day during Lent.
- **Don't want to be assigned a partner?** Do you already have someone in mind to go alongside on this Lenten journey? Great! *Contact Sydney for the prayer guide.*
 - *If you have any questions or would like to sign up, email Sydney!*

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

The Worship of God

February 15, 2026

9:00am

Transfiguration Sunday | 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.*

Gathering Music

Background Music

Welcome

Jan Estrada

UMH No. 144

This Is My Father's World *all*

Praise Team

UMH No. 377

It Is Well with My Soul *vs 1 & 4*

Praise Team

†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.

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.

Children's Moment

Susan Rosenthal

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

"We Fall Down" by *Chris Tomlin*

Praise Team

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



†Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Buckman

1Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. 2And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. 3Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." 5While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" 6When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. 7But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." 8And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. 9As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Message

Mountainside: **"Hear Him"**

Rev. Buckman

UMH No. 172

My Jesus, I Love Thee *all*

Praise Team

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Worship Preview

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Matthew 16:1-6

February 22

Ashes To Alleluias: **“Alone But Not Afraid”**

Matthew 4:1-11

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, and in celebration of Pris Failmezger’s sister, Becca Vecchione’s birthday on January 28.



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

Serving Saints

<u>Acolytes</u> – Alayna Davis (<i>crucifer</i>), Rose Richardson (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Reed, David Reed
<u>Ushers</u> –Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen	
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Jonathan Lenz, Susan Rosenthal	

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.

Attendance and Giving February 8, 2026

Total in Worship Service	254
Average Worship Attendance	244

*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 2026)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration.....	\$ 809,863
Year to Date Received for 2026 Budget.....	\$ 68,551
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$ 15,722
Amount Received on February 8, 2026	\$ 25,378

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,175,512
Amount Received on February 8, 2026	\$ 1,630

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.

9am

Prayer Requests

“...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.”

Philippians 4:6

February 15, 2026

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

February 15, 2026

9:00am service

GUEST & MEMBER REGISTRY

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, 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
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM	108 FH, 110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary, Online
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30 PM	303, 304
Valentines G.L.O.W.	5:30 PM	110 Gym, 201, 307
Valentines Sunday Night Youth	5:30 PM	107, 108 FH, 109
Women's Small Group	5:30 PM	311

Monday, February 16

Preschool: Break - No School		
Staff Meeting	11:30 AM	G3
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Chancel Ringers	7:00 PM	G1, Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 17

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Young at Heart: Trilith Studios	9:30 AM	offsite
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
Bible Study: Revelation	6:00 PM	312
Cub Scouts Pack 589	6:30 PM	108 FH
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM	304

Wednesday, February 18

Thrift Shop Volunteers	10:30 AM	Offsite
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Lenten Meal	6:00 PM	107, 108 FH
Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
S-Anon	7:30 PM	309

Thursday, February 19

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Preschool: All God's Creatures	10:00 AM	
Preschool Playball	1:00 PM	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202, 203

Friday, February 20

Carol Scott Circle	10:00 AM	108 FH
Cub Scouts Pack 1534 - PWD Setup	5:00 PM	108 FH

Saturday, February 21

Cub Scouts Pack 1534 - PW Derby	9:00 AM	108 FH
Sack Kids Hunger	10:00 AM	107, Parking Lot
Al-Anon The Flip Side AFG	10:30 AM	304

Sunday, February 22

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
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Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00 PM	305
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203
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