



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

Ashes to Alleluias



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.

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Ashes To Alleluias: ***“Water Cooler Talk”***



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 week we will talk about birds, butterflies and insects. We will have our spring pictures taken - upcoming graduates will have their graduation pictures taken.

We will work on the Letter W.

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.

Olivia Ouimet Memorial Scholarship: To honor her memory through this scholarship and to support applicants as they enter college and the next phase of their lives, this scholarship is open to those who are active members of BFUMC and have been accepted to a college/university. Please get in touch with Brendan for more information.

Florence Garner Scholarship: The Florence Garner Circle welcomes all those who are members of the church, in a graduating class, are attending college/university, and have a heart for Missions & community involvement. This application is due April 19. Don't hesitate to get in touch with Brendan for more information.

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

Missions

Wellroot Easter Baskets: Wellroot Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home) serves children and families experiencing or at risk of entering foster care. This year, Wellroot is continuing to focus on nurturing the faith of the families they serve, and are hoping to collect Easter bags that include: age-appropriate devotionals or other faith-based books in English and Spanish, an age-appropriate Bible (for 0-2 year old) in English and Spanish, one chocolate bunny, one outdoor toy (such as chalk, bubbles, or a ball), one baseball cap or summer hat (for 0 to 2 year old). We kindly ask that all items be placed in a reusable tote bag or gift bag, *NOT an Easter basket please*. Please leave these items in the CLC lobby or the church office by March 11.

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.

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

Adult Ministry

March Events - Mark Your Calendars!

- ▶ **Effie Wood Women's Circle** - Tuesday, March 10 @ 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall (108)
- ▶ **BUMMRs** - Tuesday, March 10 @ 10:30am in G3 of main church building
- ▶ **Lunch Bunch** - Wednesday, March 11 at 11:30am at Vinny's in Buford
- ▶ **Young at Heart** - Tuesday, March 17: Rose Lawn House Museum. RSVP by March 10. Cost: \$10 entrance and gas. Leaving the church at 8:30am and returning around 4:00pm. Lunch will be on your own at Appalachian Grill.
- ▶ **Carol Scott Women's Circle** - Friday, March 20 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.
All ladies of the church are invited to the Carol Scott Circle meeting on Friday, March 20 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be filling Easter goodie bags for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, so bring a bag of candy, or just come and help. Refreshments will be provided. Lots of fun & fellowship! Email Sheila Richardson @ rich9294@bellsouth.net with any questions.
- ▶ **Ladies Game Night - The Florence Garner Circle** will be hosting Ladies Game Night Friday, March 20 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share, a favorite board game and consider inviting a friend. All ladies are invited!
- ▶ **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, March 28 in the Gym (110)
- ▶ **Passover/Seder Meal Demonstration** - Saturday, March 28 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.
RSVP with Sydney needed if you would like to attend.

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

The Worship of God

March 8, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Third Sunday in Lent | Liturgical Color: Purple

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

“Jesus, Lead Thou On” *arr. Paul Manz*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

† Call to Worship (p. 858)

Psalm 146: 5-8

(9:00) Joyce Siegele
(11:00) Brayden Ouimet

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 159

“Lift High the Cross” *all*

CRUCIFER

† 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

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us" *arr. Robert J. Hughes*

†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

John 4:1-26

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"Arise, My Soul, Arise" *by Dan Forrest*

(9:00) Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

Ashes To Alleluias: **"Water Cooler Talk"**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 528

"Nearer, My God, to Thee" *all vs 1, 3 & 4*

BETHANY

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

Organist

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" *settings by Georg Böhm and Johann Gottfried Walther*

Worship Preview

March 15
March 22

Ashes To Alleluias: "Here's Mud In Your Eye"
Ashes To Alleluias: "Time To Wake Up"

John 9:1-12
John 11:1-16

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>Ushers</u> – Ed Krauth, Kenny Karr Celina Countess, Karl Siegele	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Reed, David Reed <u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Joyce Siegele

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – John Hladish, Dick Atcheson Sherry Hall, Joshua Page	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Lynn Ferguson <u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<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
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 March 1, 2026

Total in Worship Service	231
Average Worship Attendance	233

*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.....	\$ 100,095
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$ 16,131
Amount Received on March 1, 2026	\$ 17,566

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,175,512
Amount Received on March 1, 2026	\$ 642

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

March 8, 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

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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, March 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
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM	Sanctuary, Online
Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00 PM	305
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202, 203
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
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	305

Monday, March 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, March 10

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Buford UM Men Retired	10:30 AM	312
Effie Wood Circle	10:30 AM	108 FH
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM	304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00 PM	108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309

Wednesday, March 11

Lenten Bible Study: Final Days	10:00 AM	312
Lunch Bunch @ Vinny's	11:30 AM	
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM	304
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
Lenten Bible Study: Final Days	7:00 PM	312
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	305
S-Anon	7:30 PM	309

Thursday, March 12

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
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, March 13 - Youth Retreat (offsite)

<u>Saturday, March 14</u> - Youth Retreat (offsite)		
Sack Kids Hunger	10:00 AM	107, Parking Lot

Sunday, March 15 - Youth Retreat (offsite)

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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