



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 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Ashes To Alleluias: “Here’s Mud In Your Eye”



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:

X Y

*This week we will talk about spring,
flowers and gardens.*

We will work on the Letters X and Y.

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

Student Ministry



*No Youth Sunday Night
Fellowship Tonight!
Coming back from the retreat today!*

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

Missions

Sack Kids Hunger Update

The Sack Kids Hunger ministry has allowed our church family to serve our community since 2010. What a blessing it has been over the years! As indicated by our Board and staff, however, we want our Missions programs to be more relationship-oriented and sustainable (given the resources we have), so the SKH ministry is undergoing a transition. The response to the Gospel command of Christ to feed the hungry is the same, but the execution of this work will look different after April 4. We will no longer be distributing sacks from our parking lot each Saturday, but the original mission of Sack Kids Hunger will continue to be pursued: combatting childhood hunger in our community. The focus of SKH will shift to providing food for our ministry partners Above the Rim (a Buford-based afterschool program that serves children who experience food insecurity), and Home of Hope (Gwinnett Children's Shelter). In the meantime, we are providing the families we have been serving on Saturdays with resources such as information on the 50+ food pantries in our area. If you have any questions about the transition or how you can serve, please contact Sydney.

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

Adult Ministry

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!

Passover/Seder Meal Demonstration - Saturday, March 28 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The cost to participate is \$10 (no more than \$30 per family). *RSVP with Sydney if you would like to attend.*

Sanctuary Flowers: Would you like to sign up to sponsor the Sanctuary flowers? Flower Arrangements are placed on a pedestal at the front of the Sanctuary. Rosebuds are placed on the Altar. After 11:00am worship, take the arrangement home to enjoy! Visit rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers for more information about payment and to sign up.



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

The Worship of God

March 15, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Fourth 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

“Lord, to You I Make Confession” *setting by Jacob B. Weber*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

† Call to Worship (p. 844)

Psalm 121: 1-5

(9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Linda McQuaig

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 66 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” vs 1, 3, and 4

† 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

Meditation on "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *by Charles Callahan*

†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 9:1-12

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" *by Alice Parker*

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

Sermon

Ashes To Alleluias: **"Here's Mud In Your Eye"**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 57

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" vs 1, 2, & 3

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

"In the Footsteps of the Lord" *by Jouko Saari*

Organist

Worship Preview

March 22

Ashes To Alleluias: "Time To Wake Up"

John 11:1-16

March 29

Ashes To Alleluias: "Being A Donkey"

Matthew 21:1-11

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 Rindfusz (404-375-6248) or Pat Stanley (404-406-9216).

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God



FLOWER SIGNUPS THROUGH MARCH 2027

3 WAYS TO SIGN UP

- ▶ VISIT <https://rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers>
- ▶ SCAN the QR code below
- ▶ CALL the church office at 770-945-7438

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



9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Eric Fonville (<i>crucifer</i>), Eric Fonville (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, Jack Rindfusz
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki Mike Casper, Sandra Casper	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – DeeAnna Page

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger (<i>crucifer</i>), Lilly Claire Scott (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Helen Lindner, Terry Ellis
<u>Ushers</u> – Brad Thomas, Michael Thomas Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Joe Adams	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children’s Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Linda McQuaig

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 8, 2026

Total in Worship Service	227
Average Worship Attendance	232

*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.....	\$ 118,361
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal.....	\$ 16,081
Amount Received on March 8, 2026	\$ 18,265

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,175,512
Amount Received on March 8, 2026	\$ 1,507

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 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

March 15, 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

MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329
(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

ONLINE

bufordfirstumc.org
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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

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
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
G.L.O.W.	5:30 PM	110 Gym, 201, 307
Women's Small Group	5:30 PM	311
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	305

Monday, March 16

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 17

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
YAH: Rose Lawn House Museum	8:30 AM	
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM	G1
Cub Scouts Pack 589	6:30 PM	304
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM	108 FH

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Bible Study: Final Days	10:00 AM	312
Thrift Shop Volunteers	10:30 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 19

Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Knitting for Others	10:00 AM	202
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 20

Carol Scott Circle	10:00 AM	108 FH
PFC Youth Night	5:30 PM	110 Gym
Ladies Game Night	6:00 PM	107, 108 FH

Saturday, March 21

Sack Kids Hunger	10:00 AM	107, Parking Lot
Worship/Hospitality Training	10:00 AM	Sanctuary

Sunday, March 22

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00 AM	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM	108 FH, 110 Gym
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