



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.

April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday | Communion

Ashes To Alleluias: "Shock and Awe"

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:

Happy Easter!

He is risen! ☀️



This week is Spring Break. We hope you have a wonderful Easter.

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

Student Ministry



Legacy Scholarship: The Legacy Scholarship application is open to those attending college who are members of this church. If you wish to apply for this scholarship, please get in touch with Brendan Rossell Smith at the email address below.

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

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

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

Missions



Missions Spotlight: Wellroot Easter Baskets - From Carol Scott Circle: "We gave 34 bags from our church and other donations for them. Wellroot was so appreciative. We prayed over the bags and for each child and family that will receive them and also for our church and congregation and for each person and family that made them." They have a new, larger location in Gainesville and are expanding their services and helping even more families. From Wellroot Representative: "So many blessings in the Easter baskets from our friends at Buford First UMC! Many thanks to everyone at the church involved in creating and donating these beautiful baskets to Wellroot. Your congregation and staff continue to bless us in so many ways and we are deeply grateful."

The Wellroot Easter Project is just one example of the many opportunities to give back and serve the community at Buford First. If you would like to learn more about how you can use your unique God-given gifts to serve, reach out to Sydney!

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

Adult Ministry

Ladies Spring Brunch: Ladies, mark your calendars for our annual Spring Brunch on Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this year is *God Bless America Celebrating 250 Years of Our Great Nation*. Our guest speaker will be Misty Manus, CEO of *Adventure Bags*, a local non-profit organization based in Winder, GA. We will be voting for favorite decorated tables using cash or checks, with all proceeds benefiting *Adventure Bags*. Please invite your mothers, daughters, friends, and neighbors for a morning of fun and fellowship. We also ask that you bring your favorite dish or dessert to share.

Ladies Circles:

- **Florence Garner Circle** – Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00pm, CLC Room 201.
- **Carol Scott Circle** – Friday, April 17 at 10:00am, CLC Fellowship Hall (108).
- **Effie Wood Circle** – Tuesday, May 12 at 10:30am, CLC Fellowship Hall (108).

Opportunity to Serve in Worship - Sound Volunteers Needed: We are in need of more folks to serve as sound/tech volunteers at both the 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Training will be provided. Reach out to Brendan Rossell Smith at media@bufordfirstumc.org.

Looking for ways to grow in fellowship, connection, and spiritual formation? We have a wide range of opportunities including Sunday School classes, Women's Circles, our Sunday Night Women's Group, Retired Men's group, and many more. If you'd like more information on which groups might be a good fit for you, reach out to Sydney!

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

The Worship of God

April 5, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Easter Sunday | 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

Chancel Choir

“The Day of Resurrection” *by Shelton Ridge Love*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

Call to Worship

An Easter Proclamation

(9:00) Darla Hiltgen
(11:00) Brayden Ouimet

Leader: Rejoice, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

All: Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Leader: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

All: Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Leader: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!

All: Jesus Christ, our King, is risen! He is risen, indeed!

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 302

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” vs 1, 2, 3 & 4

EASTER HYMN

† 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.***

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (*see insert*)

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.

The children are invited to go to Children's Church at this time.

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Jan Estrada, Hank Morgan

"I Will Rise" by Chris Tomlin

†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 28:1-10

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

Chancel Choir

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" arr. Fred C. Mallory

Sermon

Ashes To Alleluias: **"Shock and Awe"**

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 327

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" all

DIADEMATA

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

"Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious" arr. David Christiansen

Organist

Worship Preview

April 12
April 19

Easter, Part 2: **“Uncovering Your Unless”**
Easter, Part 2: **“Dinner Time ”**

John 20:19-31
Luke 24:28-35

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
Billy Cochran & Barry Walker's 17th anniversary.*

*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>Acolytes</u> – Alayna Davis (<i>crucifer</i>), Rose Richardson (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – DeeAnna Page, Pat Stanley
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike and Melissa Stebnicki Randy and Suzanne Clegg	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Darla Hiltgen

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger (<i>crucifer</i>), Lilly Claire Scott (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Lynn Ferguson
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Kevin Gohman Jim Failmezger, Chris Simonson	<u>Sound</u> – John Alford
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Brenda Rossell Smith
<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 29, 2026

Total in Worship Service	298
Average Worship Attendance	247

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
Psalms 36:7*

Offerings & Needs (Budget for 2026)

Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration	\$ 809,863
Year to Date Received for 2026 Budget.....	\$ 152,485
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 16,434
Amount Received on March 29, 2026	\$ 10,800

Building Fund

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| Building Debt..... | \$ 1,168,188 |
| Amount Received on March 29, 2026 | \$ 500 |
1. Needed for Mission, Ministry & Administration includes Conference Apportionments as well as all other needs.
 2. Year to Date Received is the amount contributed for the general budget (Mission, Ministry, & Administration).
 3. The Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal changes each week based on the weeks left in the year, offset by contributions.

Giving Options

1. 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.)

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



WEB
<https://www.bufordfirstumc.org>



CALENDAR
<https://bit.ly/bfumc-week>



2. You may setup online bill pay through your bank.
3. 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>
4. 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
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

April 5, 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

April 5, 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
- facebook.com/bufordfirstumc
- instagram.com/bufordfirstumc
- youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

Sun 4/5	United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM
	FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM
	Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM
	United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM
	FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM
	SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM
Mon 4/6	Preschool: Break - No School	
	Staff Meeting	11:30 AM
	Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM
	AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM
	<u>Chancel Ringers</u>	<u>7:00 PM</u>
Tue 4/7	Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}
	Preschool: Break - No School	
	Prayer Meeting (Adams)	10:00 AM
	Stonehedge Garden Club	10:00 AM
	Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM
	AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM
Wed 4/8	Preschool: Break - No School	
	Lunch Bunch	11:30 AM
	AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM
	Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
	Scouting Troop 589	7:00 PM
	SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM
	S-Anon	7:30 PM
Thu 4/9	Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}
	Preschool: Break - No School	
	Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM
	FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM
	FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM
Fri 4/10	Preschool: Break - No School	
	UMW Setup for Spring Brunch	5:00 PM
Sat 4/11	UMW Spring Brunch	10:00 AM
Sun 4/12	Blood Drive... (Until 4:00pm)	9:00 AM
	United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM
	Confirmation Class	10:00 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00 AM
	Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM
	United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM
	Church Board	12:15 PM
	FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM
	ESOL [Learn English]	5:30 PM
	Sunday Night Youth	5:30 PM
Women's Small Group	5:30 PM	
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM	