



BUFORD FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PO BOX 329, BUFORD, GA 30515-0329

MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD



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.

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

Goodbyes and Hellos: "It's That Time"



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:



We had a great last week of school
and a wonderful graduation ceremony!

Happy Summer!

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

Student Ministry



*Scan the QR code for
all Youth Summer
Events!*

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

Missions

Sack Kids Hunger: Sack Kids Hunger needs peanut butter crackers and grape jam! This ministry is 100% donation based. Please consider donating needed food items! The donation bin is in the lobby of the CLC.

Homeless Mat Ministry Needs: We currently do not need any more plastic bags, as we have accumulated a large supply, but we do **need volunteers to help make the mats**. Please contact Sydney if you are interested. Instructions and materials will be provided.

Buford Community Thrift Shop: The *Buford Community Thrift Store* is a non-profit outreach program of the Buford Ministerial Association. They are open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday each week from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Though you can volunteer any time, we hope to gather a group from BFUMC to serve **Wednesday, May 20**. If you'd like to join the group, even if you can only give an hour of your time, or have any questions about this opportunity, reach out to Sydney.

Church Cleaning Day: Sign up to help clean up **Saturday, May 30!** We have multiple projects including deep cleaning the kitchen, cleaning the tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall, pressure washing outside and more. There will be projects available for all ages and ability levels. Reach out to Sydney to sign up.

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

Adult Ministry

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.

Sunday Night Women's Group Summer Events: 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. Though we will not be having our regular weekly Sunday night meetings during the summer, we will have various events. Our first summer event will be gathering for dinner together at *Off the Rails* at 5:30pm on **Sunday, June 7**. Please RSVP with Sydney if you would like to join the group for this outing.

Hands on Family Mission Night: Join us in the Fellowship Hall (108) on **Wednesday, June 10** for our first Hands-On Family Missions Night of the Summer! All ages are welcome! Bring your family for a fun night of food, fellowship, and service. We will have pizza and desserts! This is a free event - all we ask is that you bring a jar of grape jam for Sack Kids Hunger! Please RSVP to Sydney if you plan on attending!

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

The Worship of God

May 17, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Ascension 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

Organist

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” *arr. Anna Laura Page*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jim Buckman

† Call to Worship (p. 793)

Psalm 68:32-35

(9:00) Pat Stanley
(11:00) Lenna Applebee

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 62 **“All Creatures of Our God and King”** vs 1 & 5 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

† 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

Graduate Recognition (11:00)

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

Improvisation on "Christ Is Arisen" 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

Acts 1:1-11

Rev. Buckman

Message In Song

"Immortal, Invisible" arr. James Koerts

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

Sermon

Goodbyes and Hellos: ***"It's That Time"***

Rev. Buckman

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 664

"Sent Forth With God's Blessing" all

THE ASH GROVE

Benediction

Rev. Buckman

Postlude

"This Day in Triumph God the Son" - Variations by Lothar Graap

Organist

Worship Preview

May 24

Goodbyes and Hellos: **“A Whole New Beginning”**

Acts 2:14-21

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 Pastor Blake Trent, celebrating the ascended Christ, and Pastor Jim Buckman who lifts up others in Christ's name.

Give Sunday flowers in memory of someone special, or in celebration of a significant event, over the next 12 months.

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> – Herman Runyan, Gary Burger
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki Mike Casper, Sandra Casper	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Lenna Applebee

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger (<i>crucifer</i>), Jacob Van Pelt (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Terry Ellis, Linda Chambers
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Brad Thomas Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Lenna Applebee

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.

May 17, 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

MAILING ADDRESS

PO Box 329, Buford, GA 30515-0329

(MAIL CANNOT BE DELIVERED TO OUR STREET ADDRESS)

STREET ADDRESS (Church & Preschool)

285 E. Main Street, Buford, GA 30518

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Events of the Week

Sunday, May 17 - Ascension Sunday

BUMM Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 AM

United Methodist Worship 9:00 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

Graduation Banquet (RSVP) 12:15 PM

Girl Scouts Troop 23198 1:00 PM

FPC Pentecostal Worship 2:00 PM

SA Freedom Fellowship 7:30 PM

Monday, May 18

Staff Meeting 11:30 AM

Ladies Strength Training 5:00 PM

AA 5:30@Main St. 5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 19

Pickleball Open Gym

Ladies Strength Training 5:00 PM

AA Sober Dads 7:00 PM

Wednesday, May 20

AA 5:30@Main St. 5:30 PM

Chancel Choir 7:00 PM

SA Freedom Fellowship 7:30 PM

S-Anon 7:30 PM

Thursday, May 21

Pickleball Open Gym

Ladies Strength Training 5:00 PM

VBS Training 6:00 PM

FPC Pentecostal Preparation 6:30 PM

FPC Pentecostal Worship 7:30 PM

Sunday, May 24

United Methodist Worship 9:00 AM

Confirmation Gathering 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

FPC Pentecostal Worship 2:00 PM

SA Freedom Fellowship 7:30 PM

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

AA 5:30@Main St. 5:30 PM