



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.

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Built to Last: “*How Firm a Foundation*”



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 Summer!

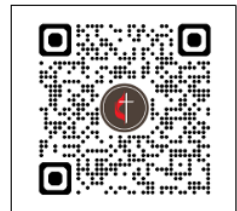
For more information, contact Leandre Majerus, preschool@bufordfirstumc.org

Student Ministry

Buford First UMC

YOUTH MINISTRY

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



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

Missions

July Giving Opportunity - Socks & Underwear Drive: The Carol Scott Circle is collecting men's socks and men's underwear sizes L and XL thorough July and the first part of August, for the organization *Santa for the Homeless*. This mission was started by Randy Smith, known as "Santa Randy." *Santa for the Homeless* is a non-profit organization that helps people living in tents in homeless camps, serving hundreds from Athens to Gainesville. *Santa for the Homeless* exists to show the love of Christ by providing meals, essential resources, and spiritual enrichment. Please help bring Christmas early to men experiencing homelessness by leaving donations of underwear and/or socks in the collection bin in the CLC lobby during the July and the first part of August.

Respite Night: BFUMC will be hosting a Respite Night for families in our community impacted by disability on **Saturday, July 11**, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. If you are interested in serving at this event, please reach out to Sydney. If you've never served with children with special needs, no worries! Training will be provided.

Sack Kids Hunger: Sack Kids Hunger needs individual mac and cheese cups 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.

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

Adult Ministry

July Lunch Bunch: This month the Lunch Bunch will be headed to Dominick's (22 Buford Village Way, Buford, GA 30518) on **Wednesday, July 8** at 11:30am. All are welcome to join us for lunch! If you would like to join, RSVP to Marsha Huckaby (470-350-4065) by Monday, July 6th

Welcome Reception for Pastor Blake: We will have a welcome reception for our incoming pastor, Rev. Blake Trent, on Sunday July 12 at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a time to welcome Blake to the BFUMC community.

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

Name Tags: Would you like a Buford First UMC name tag to wear on Sundays or at church events? Did you lose or damage your old one and need a new one? You can sign up to get a new one today! The cost is **\$12 per tag**. If you'd like to have one ordered for you, reach out to Sydney.

Pickleball Open Gym: Whether you are a beginner or have been playing for a while, this is a great opportunity to meet new people and have some fun. Drop in on Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 5:00-8:00pm. To stay in the loop about Pickleball Open Gym, find out who is playing, and more, join our Pickleball Open Gym GroupMe Group Message by scanning the QR code to the right.



 groupme



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

The Worship of God

July 5, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

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

“I Vow to Thee My Country” *by Holst, arr. Charles Callahan*

Welcome and Announcements

(9:00) DeeAnna Page
(11:00) Susan Rosenthal

† Call to Worship (p. 795)

Psalm 72:1-8

(9:00) Ken Hiltgen
(11:00) Niki Redstrom

† Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 529

“How Firm a Foundation” vs 1, 2 & 5

FOUNDATION

† 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

Sydney Yancey

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

Briana Duensing

“Prelude on America the Beautiful” *by Carson Cooman*

†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

Jan Estrada

†Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-27

Joshua Page

Message In Song

“His Name Is Jesus” *by Cody Johnson*

Jan Estrada & Kendall Smith

Sermon

Built to Last: **“How Firm a Foundation”**

Joshua Page

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 697

“America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)” *all*

AMERICA

Benediction

Joshua Page

Postlude

“The President’s March” *by Hopkinson and Phile, arr. Lee Erwin*

Organist

Worship Preview

July 12

July 19

“A Shepherd...”

On The Right Foot #1: **“Part of the Bigger Picture”**

John 10:11-16

Luke 4:16-30

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 Tommy & Kathy Swinford to the Glory of God, and in celebration of the USA's 250th birthday.

The roses on the altar are given by DeeAnna Page to the Glory of God, and in celebration... “Happy Birthday Ray (7/10) and Joshua (7/11)”. Wishes for many more!



FLOWER SIGNUPS: rebrand.ly/bfumcflowers

or call the church office at 770-945-7438



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

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – (crucifer) William Womack, (light) Ava Ross Womack	
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg	<u>Greeters</u> – Julia Griffis, Jack Griffis
Slides – Brendan Rossell Smith	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Ken Hiltgen

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards Chris Simonson, Rowan Simonson	<u>Greeters</u> – Amy Simonson, Carol Groom
<u>Slides & Live-stream monitor</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith	<u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
	<u>Liturgist</u> – Niki Redstrom

Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor | Rev. Blake Trent
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

June 28, 2026

Total in Worship Service	197
Average Worship Attendance	251

*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	\$ 350,615
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 17,009
Amount Received on June 28, 2026	\$ 12,199

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,145,400
Amount Received on June 28, 2026	\$ 1,365

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.)

<https://bit.ly/bfumc-give>
2. You may set up 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.)
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.



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

Prayer Requests

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

Philippians 4:6

July 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

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July 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

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

ONLINE

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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Events of the Week

Sunday, July 5		
Event	Time	Location
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Main Building
Sunday School	10:00am	Christian Life Center
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	Christian Life Center
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Christian Life Center
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Main Building
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	Christian Life Center
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	Christian Life Center

Monday, July 6		
Event	Time	Location
Staff Meeting	11:30am	Main Building
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	Main Building
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	Christian Life Center

Tuesday, July 7		
Event	Time	Location
Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	Christian Life Center
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	Main Building
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30pm	Main Bld & CLC
AA Sober Dads	7:00pm	Christian Life Center
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30pm	Main Bld & CLC

Wednesday, July 8		
Event	Time	Location
Youth Museum Day	10:00am	{offsite}
Lunch Bunch @ Dominick's	11:30am	{offsite}
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	Christian Life Center
S-Anon	7:30pm	Christian Life Center
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	Christian Life Center

Thursday, July 9		
Event	Time	Location
Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	Christian Life Center
Wedding Rehearsal	{evening}	Main Building
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	Main Building

Friday, July 10		
Event	Time	Location
Wedding	{day}	Main Building

Saturday, July 11		
Event	Time	Location
Men's Basketball (closed)	9:00am	Christian Life Center
Respite Night	6:00pm	Christian Life Center

Sunday, July 12		
Event	Time	Location
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Main Building
Sunday School	10:00am	Christian Life Center
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	Christian Life Center
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Christian Life Center
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Main Building
Church Board	12:15pm	Christian Life Center
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	Christian Life Center
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	Christian Life Center