



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.

September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Communion

I Love to Tell the Story(s) #1: "Scattered and Covered"



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



Preschool News

Happy First Week of School!

We are so excited to be back and to meet our new families.

Thank you for all of the generous donations; they are truly appreciated!

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

Student Ministry

September 13:

Youth Sunday Night Fellowship starts!

September 20:

Tacos with Pastor Blake! During the normal Sunday Night Youth Fellowship time, Pastor Blake will be joining us for a time of fellowship!

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

Adult Ministry & Missions

Women's Circle News: The Effie Wood Circle is meeting on **Tuesday, September 8** at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to come. The program will be given by Terry Ellis.

Lunch Bunch: This month the Lunch Bunch will be headed to Coastal Breeze (5390 Lanier Islands Pkwy, Buford, GA 30518) on **Wednesday, September 9** 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, September 6.

Ladies Game Night: Florence Garner Circle is hosting a Ladies Game Night on **Friday, September 11**. We will start at 6:00pm and begin the games around 6:30; all women are invited to join and to bring a snack to share.

Young at Heart: The Young at Heart group will be taking a tour of the Buford Stadium on **Tuesday, September 15**. On July 30, 2025, Buford High School held the grand opening for its new \$62 million football stadium. It is named after Phillip Beard, chairman of the Buford City Board of Commissioners and Buford City School Board. It boasts 10,000 seats, with an additional 15 suites. This is the third stadium used by the high school. As the school and community population grew, so did the stadiums. Cost: \$2.00 for gas. Leaving the church at 10:30am and returning around 2:00pm. Lunch will be at your own cost at Main Street Deli. RSVP to Debbie (678-591-5045 or djatcheson@gmail.com) by Tuesday, September 8.

Great Day of Service: Come out and serve on **Saturday, September 19!** We will start our day in the Fellowship Hall at 8:30am for breakfast and morning devotion. Then we will break out into various service work groups. Service opportunities include campus beautification projects at the Gwinnett Children's Shelter, packing snack sacks for *Above the Rim*, visiting residents at a local senior care facility, and more. Reach out to Sydney if you would like more information.

Missionary Support: BFUMC supports the ministry of missionaries Cory and Jessie German and their children who live and serve in Podgorica, Montenegro. So far this year we have been able to send \$2,544.44 to support their ministry because of the generosity of our congregation!

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

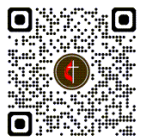
Good News!

We have welcomed 15 new members in the month of August!

Are you interested in joining Buford First UMC? Speak with Pastor Blake or send him a message at: blake@bufordfirstumc.org.

*The Sanctuary flowers are given by Jim & Priscilla Failmezger
to the Glory of God, and in honor of all deployed military
members defending freedom throughout the world.*

FLOWER SIGNUP
scan the QR code or
call the church office
at 770-945-7438



The Worship of God

September 6, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | 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

Mr. Hank Morgan, Organist

Prelude

Mr. Morgan

“Praise Him! Praise Him!” *arr. Charles Callahan*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 738)

Psalm 1:1-3

(9:00) Mr. Mike Rosenthal
(11:00) Mrs. Priscilla Failmezger

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 707

“Hymn of Promise”

Mr. Jan Estrada

† Affirmation of Faith No. 881

“The Apostles’ Creed”

Mr. Estrada

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 (MEINEKE)

“Glory Be to the Father”

Mr. Estrada

***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.***

Passing of the Peace		Rev. Trent
Children's Moment		Mrs. Susan Rosenthal
Time of Silent Prayer · Pastoral Prayer · The Lord's Prayer		Rev. Trent
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		Rev. Trent
<i>The Good Samaritan Fund helps those in the community struggling with the cost of utilities. Please designate contributions to this mission with "Good Samaritan".</i>		
Offertory	"A Cup of Rejoicing, a Shaker song" arr. Wilbur Held	Mr. Morgan
†Doxology No. 95 (OLD 100th) <i>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.</i>		
†Prayer of Consecration		Rev. Trent
†Scripture Reading	Matthew 13:1-9	Rev. Trent
Message In Song	"For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter	(9:00) Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>I Love to Tell the Story(s) #1: "Scattered and Covered"</i>	Rev. Trent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)	"I Love to Tell the Story" arr. Charles Callahan	Mr. Morgan
†Hymn of Discipleship UMH No. 156 "I Love to Tell the Story" vs 1 & 4		
Benediction		Rev. Trent
Postlude	"Praise Him" arr. Ralph B. Hastings	Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – William Womack (<i>crucifer</i>), Ava Ross Womack (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Julia Griffis, Jack Griffis
<u>Ushers</u> – Karl Siegele, Sandra Casper	<u>Sound</u> – Brendan Smith
Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen	<u>Liturgist</u> – Mike Rosenthal
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – TBD
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Hans Failmezger (<i>crucifer</i>), Priscilla Failmezger (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Carol Groom, Linda McQuaig
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Kevin Gohman	<u>Sound</u> – Joe Adams
Jim Failmezger, Sherry Hall	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Brendan Smith	<u>Liturgist</u> – Priscilla Failmezger
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – Amy Reed
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

Events of the Week

Sunday, September 6

United Methodist Worship	9:00 AM - Sanctuary
Coffee & Donuts	10:00 AM - CLC Lobby
Sunday School	10:00 AM - 109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM - 108 FH, 110 Gym
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM - 306
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM - 108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM - Sanctuary, Online

Monday, September 7

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

AA 5:30@Main St. 5:30 PM - 304

Tuesday, September 8

Preschool Starts & PS Coffee	8:30 AM - CLC 2ND FLOOR
Effie Wood Circle	10:30 AM - 108 FH
Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM - G1
Bible Study: Imitation of Christ	6:00 PM - 312
AA Sober Dads	7:00 PM - 304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00 PM - 108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309
Pickleball Open Gym	Please join & monitor <i>groupme</i> - 110 Gym

Wednesday, September 9

Bible Study: U&E Ephesians #1	10:00 AM - 301
Lunch Bunch @ Coastal Breeze	11:30 AM - OFFSITE
Grief Share	2:00 PM - 311
Preschool Ballet	2:00 PM - 110 Gym
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30 PM - 304
Chancel Choir	7:00 PM - Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00 PM - 302, 303
S-Anon	7:30 PM - 309
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30 PM - 305

Thursday, September 10

Ladies Strength Training	5:00 PM - G1
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30 PM -
FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30 PM - Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
Pickleball Open Gym	Please join & monitor <i>groupme</i> - 110 Gym

Friday, September 11

Ladies Game Night	6:00 PM - 107, 108 FH
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Saturday, September 12

Board & Staff Visioning	9:00 AM - 312
Men's Basketball (closed)	9:00 AM - 110 Gym

Sunday, September 13

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
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM - 306
United Methodist Worship	11:00 AM - Sanctuary, Online
Church Board	12:15 PM - 312
Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00 PM - 305
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00 PM - 108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202
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

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

August 30, 2026

Total in Worship Service	269
Average Worship Attendance	244

*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	\$ 458,418
Weekly Consistent Need to reach the Yearly Goal	\$ 19,524
Amount Received on August 30, 2026.....	\$ 11,728

Building Fund

Building Debt	\$ 1,130,412
Amount Received on August 30, 2026.....	\$ 510

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.)
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.)
<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

September 6, 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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September 6, 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

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STREET ADDRESS (Church & Preschool)

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