



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 27, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

I Love to Tell the Story(s) #4: "Your Mind"



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

This week we will learn all about transportation; and letter C.
We can't wait to visit the pumpkin patch on Thursday!

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

Student Ministry

Sunday Programming:

- Sunday School Fellowship Time at 10:00am in the Youth Room.
- Sunday Night Fellowship at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Pumpkin Patch Sign-Up:
Sign up for a shift by using the QR code.



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

Adult Ministry & Missions

Pumpkin Patch: The Pumpkin Patch will open Thursday, October 1. This month-long fundraiser enables our church's youth to go on mission trips, spiritual formation retreats, and more. We need help covering Pumkin Patch shifts! If you would like to support the youth ministry in this way, sign up for a shift using this link bit.ly/bfumcpumpkinpatch2026, on the clipboards in the sanctuary during worship, or by reaching out to Brendan (studentministry@bufordfirstumc.org).



Blessing of the Animals Service: In October, we pause to celebrate the God of Creation! The Blessing of the Animals is a 30-minute worship service in which we thank God for creation which includes our pets that offer us unconditional love and companionship! Our *Blessing of the Animals* service will be on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am in the church parking lot. All are invited to bring any non-venomous pets and join us! A special treat bag and certificate will be presented to each animal and their family.

Wednesday Night Live (WNL): Our next WNL will be Wednesday, October 7. For dinner that night, we will have our annual Chili Cook-Off and then we will hear from our ministry partner *Above the Rim* about the work they are doing to serve children in the community. We are not charging a specific price for entry but ask that you consider making a donation towards BFUMC missions. We will also have some non-chili options for children who may not like chili. If you would like to enter a pot of chili into the cookoff contest, email Sydney.

Respite Night: BFUMC's Special Needs Inclusion Ministry will be hosting a Respite Night for families in our community impacted by disability on Saturday, October 17 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Please reach out to Sydney if you are interested in serving at this event.

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

SIGN UP HERE!



YOUTH CHOIR
Sunday 9/27
4:45 - 5:30 PM
Choir Room
Room 23
Upstairs above the Sanctuary

Good News!

Through our Great Day of Service, we:

- Served 13 homebound folks with our *Bake & Take* ministry
- Bought & delivered \$500 worth of groceries to a women's shelter
- Painted and landscaped at the *Home of Hope*

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God.



Flower Signup: scan the QR code or call the church office at 770-945-7438



The Worship of God

September 27, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost | Liturgical Color: Green

***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

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” *arr. Harold DeCou*

Mr. Morgan

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 785)

Psalm 51:1-5

(9:00) Mrs. Joyce Siegele
(11:00) Mr. Michael Thomas

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 430

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

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 Offerings

"The Old, Old Story Medley" by Harold DeCou

Mr. Morgan

†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. Trent

†Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. Trent

Message In Song

"Breathe On Me Breath of God" UMH 420 Trentham (9:00) Ensemble
(11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon

I Love to Tell the Story(s) #4: "Your Mind"

Rev. Trent

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 156 **"I Love to Tell The Story"**

Mr. Estrada

Benediction

Rev. Trent

Postlude

"O Happy Day!" arr. Harold DeCou

Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Karl Siegele, Celina Countess	<u>Greeters</u> – Julia Griffis, Jack Griffis
Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen	<u>Sound</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – TBD
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Joyce Siegele

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Donnie McQuaig, Marty Richards	<u>Greeters</u> – Carol Groom, Linda McQuaig
Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom	<u>Sound</u> – Jacob Van Pelt
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Nursery Volunteer</u> – TBD
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	<u>Liturgist</u> – Michael Thomas

Events of the Week

Event	Time	Building / Room	Event	Time	Building / Room
Sunday, September 27			Wednesday, September 30		
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary	Bible Study: U&E Ephesians #4	10:00am	108 FH
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor	Grief Share	2:00pm	201
FPC Pentecostal Preparation	11:00am	108 FH, 110 Gym	Preschool Ballet	2:00pm	110 Gym
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306	AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online	Pumpkin Volunteers	5:30pm	Parking Lot
Acolyte Training	12:15pm	Sanctuary	Chancel Choir	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00pm	305	Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00pm	302, 303
FPC Pentecostal Worship	2:00pm	108 FH, 109, 110 Gym, 202	S-Anon	7:30pm	309
Youth Choir	4:45pm	23	SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304	Thursday, October 1		
G.L.O.W.	5:30pm	110 Gym, 201, 307	Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Sunday Night Youth	5:30pm	107, 108 FH, 109	Knitting for Others	10:00am	202
Women's Small Group	5:30pm	311	Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305	FPC Pentecostal Preparation	6:30pm	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
Monday, September 28			Florence Garner Circle	7:00pm	201
Staff Meeting	11:30am	G3	FPC Pentecostal Worship	7:30pm	Sanctuary, 108 FH, 202
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1	Friday, October 2		
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304	(no activities)		
Chancel Ringers	6:45pm	G1, Sanctuary	Saturday, October 3		
Scouting Troop 542	7:00pm	305, 306, 308	Blessings of the Animals	10:00am	Parking Lot
Tuesday, September 29			Brightside Games @ fbcbuford	10:00am	Offsite
Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym	Private Event	12:00pm	108 FH
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1	Sunday, October 4		
Bible Study: Imitation of Christ	6:00pm	312	Blood Drive	9:00am	Main Building / Sanctuary
AA Sober Dads	7:00pm	304	United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Main Building / Sanctuary
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00pm	108 FH	Brightside Games @ fbcbuford	10:00am	Offsite
			Coffee & Donuts	10:00am	CLC Lobby
			Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
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Prayer Concerns

From September 20, 2026

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| • Vicki Arnette | • Stephanie Berger |
| • Chip Shields | • Zachary Mattingly |
| • Katie Hoffman | • Alan Davis |
| • Dana | • Donna Wilkerson |
| • Kate | • & family |
| • Patti McCoy | • Will Tharpe |
| • Charlie Buff | • Sean Conner |
| • Kayla | • Greta Kenney |
| • Justin Cochran | • Joy Roberts |
| • Mr. Terry Ellis | • Jane Blakeny-Kender |
| • Dick Atcheson | • Vivan Olubakin |
| • Laura & John | |

Prayer Requests

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

Philippians 4:6

September 27, 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

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Request

(Full Name if Applicable)

Ministry Staff

Lead Pastor	Rev. Blake Trent
Director of Adult Ministry	Sydney Yancey
Director of Children & Family Ministry	Susan Rosenthal
Director of Worship Ministries (Music)	Jan Estrada
Director of Preschool	Leandre Majerus
Director of Student Ministry	Brendan Rossell Smith
Facility Manager	Brad Thomas
Office Manager	Roy Foster
Financial Administrator	DeeAnna Page
Organist	Hank Morgan



SUNDAY BULLETIN CUT-OFF

Monday at 12-noon. Please work with the appropriate ministry staff person for all submissions.

September 27, 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

bufordfirstumc.org

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Attendance and Giving

September 20, 2026

Total in Worship Service 241

Average Worship Attendance 195

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..... \$ 497,706

Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal..... \$ 20,810

Amount Received on September 20, 2026..... \$ 5,807

Building Fund

Building Debt..... \$ 1,122,480

Weekly Need (for the monthly payment)..... \$ 3,348

Amount Received on September 20, 2026..... \$ 7,330

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. 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.