



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.

October 4, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost | World Communion Sunday

The User Agreement: "Prayers & Presence"



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

We have a very busy week at preschool! We will learn all about Fire Safety, and the letter D. The Gwinnett County Fire Department will be talking to us about fire safety and showing us around their fire truck. We will also have fall pictures taken!

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 be 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 Pumpkin 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).



October Bible Studies Starting This week! Join Rev. Blake Trent on Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm or Wednesday mornings at 10:00am for a study of the book of Jonah titled *Beneath the Surface: Jonah, Grief, and Grace*. This Bible study will explore the themes of resentment, forgiveness, and healing that are exhibited both in the story of the prophet Jonah as well as in the novel *Whalefall* by Daniel Kraus. This study will culminate in a group outing to view the film adaptation of *Whalefall* coming to theaters in October. Those attending this study will meet in room **301** of the Christian Life Center. Meeting dates for the **Tuesday evening** section are 10/6, 10/13, 10/20 & 10/27. Meeting dates for the **Wednesday morning** section are 10/7, 10/14, 10/21 & 10/28

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.

Women's Circle News: All ladies are invited to the Carol Scott Circle meeting on **Friday, October 16 @ 10:00am** in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for devotion, fellowship, and refreshments. We will also be filling candy bags for our annual church-wide Trunk or Treat. Please bring a bag of candy if you are able, or simply join us to help fill them. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Richardson at rich9294@bellsouth.net.

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

Good News!

- We have pumpkins in the patch!

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God.



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



The Worship of God

October 4, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Communion | Liturgical Color: White

World Communion Sunday

***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

“We Thy People Praise Thee (St. Anthony Chorale)” *arr. Desmond Ratcliffe*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 825)

Psalm 103:11-14

(9:00) Ms. Lillie Fonville
(11:00) Mr. Brayden Ouimet

† Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 617

I Come with Joy”

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
<i>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.</i>		
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	“Come, We That Love the Lord” arr. Robert Buckley Farlee	Mr. Morgan
†Doxology No. 95 (OLD 100 th)		
<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	James 5:13-16	Rev. Trent
Message In Song	“Praise His Holy Name!” by Keith Hampton	(9:00) Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir
Sermon	<i>The User Agreement: “Prayers & Presence”</i>	Rev. Trent
The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)		Mr. Morgan
“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” arr. Charles Callahan		
†Hymn of Discipleship		
UMH No. 496	“Sweet Hour of Prayer”	Mr. Estrada
Benediction		Rev. Trent
Postlude	“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” arr. Wilbur Held	Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – Rose Richardson (<i>crucifer</i>), Alayna Davis (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Deena Rindfusz, DeeAnna Page
<u>Ushers</u> – Mike Stebnicki, Melissa Stebnicki	<u>Sound</u> – Jackson Miller
Ken Hiltgen, Darla Hiltgen	<u>Liturgist</u> – Lillie Fonville
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

11:00am Worship

<u>Acolytes</u> – (<i>crucifer</i>), Lilly Claire Scott (<i>light</i>)	<u>Greeters</u> – Carol Groom, Linda McQuaig
<u>Ushers</u> – Eric Lynskey, Kevin Gohman	<u>Sound</u> – Joe Adams
Jim Failmezger, Brad Thomas	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Liturgist</u> – Brayden Ouimet
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

Events of the Week

Event	Time	Room / Space	Event	Time	Room / Space
Sunday, October 4			Wednesday, October 7		
Blood Drive	9:00am		Bible Study: Jonah #1	10:00am	301
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary	Preschool Ballet	1:00pm	110 Gym
Coffee & Donuts	10:00am		Grief Share	2:00pm	311
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor	AA 5:30@Main St. Speaker Mtg	5:30pm	301, 304
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306	Wednesday Nt Live & Chili Cookoff	6:00pm	107, 108 FH
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online	Chancel Choir	7:00pm	Sanctuary
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304	Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00pm	302, 303
G.L.O.W.	5:30pm	110 Gym, 201, 307	S-Anon	7:30pm	309
Sunday Night Youth	5:30pm	107, 108 FH, 109	SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305
Women's Small Group	5:30pm	311	Thursday, October 8		
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305	Pickleball Open Gym	groupme	110 Gym
Monday, October 5			Preschool Playball	1:00pm	110 Gym
Staff Meeting	11:30am	G3	Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1	Friday, October 9		
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304	Dave Webster Memorial	11:00am	Sanctuary
Chancel Ringers	6:30pm	G1, Sanctuary	Reception - Dave Webster Memorial	12:15pm	107, 108 FH
Scouting Troop 542	7:00pm	305, 306, 308	Scouting Troop 589/5589	4:30pm	107, 108 FH
Tuesday, October 6			Sunday, October 11		
Pickleball Open Gym	groupme	110 Gym	United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1	Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
Bible Study: Jonah #1	6:00pm	301	Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306
AA Sober Dads	7:00pm	304	United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00pm	108 FH, 305, 306, 308, 309	Church Board	12:15pm	312
			UMW Executive Committee	12:15pm	309
			Girl Scouts Troop 23198	1:00pm	305
			ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304
			SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305

Prayer Concerns

September 27, 2026

- Renee
- Eric & Angel
- Denise Williams
- Sandra Burgess
- Katie Hoffman
- Zachary Mattingly
- Paul Henry
- Wayne Whitehill
- Ballard family
- Marsha Huckaby
- Kathy Swinford
- Marilyn Sloan-Couch
- Joy Roberts
- Patricia Papanikolas
- Kathy Swinford
- Pastor Blake
- Brenda Thomas
- Greta Kenney
- Lillie Fonville
- Dean Dickie
- Dick Atcheson
- Laura & John
- Stephanie Burger

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.

Prayer Requests

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

Philippians 4:6

October 4, 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)

October 4, 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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Attendance and Giving

September 27, 2026

Total in Worship Service	199
Average Worship Attendance	240

*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

Received as of 9/20 for the 2026 Budget \$ 497,706

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

Building Fund

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

Weekly Need (for the monthly payment) \$ 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.

