



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 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

The User Agreement: "Gifts"



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 are on Fall Break this week.

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

Effie Wood Circle: All ladies are invited to the Effie Wood Circle meeting on **Tuesday, October 13** at 10:30 am in room 301. Please join us for fellowship, devotion, and a study on one of the women of the Bible. 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 Linda McQuaig at linmcq48@gmail.com.

Carol Scott Circle: All ladies are invited to the Carol Scott Circle meeting on **Friday, October 16** at 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.

Ministry Funding Q&A: Do you have questions about the church budget or giving to the church? Join Pastor Blake and our church's Financial Administrator DeeAnna Page in the Fellowship Hall **Sunday, October 18** at 10:00am for a question-and-answer session.

Monthly Men's Breakfast: Sunday, October 18 the BUMMs (Buford United Methodist Men) have their monthly fellowship breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 8:00am. Men of all ages welcome!

Young at Heart: Our next Young at Heart trip will be a tour of Camp Glisson on **Tuesday, October 20**. In 1925, Reverend Fred Glisson established this North Georgia camp. Glisson is a summer camp plus a year-round retreat center. It is nestled in the forest surrounding Cane Creek Falls near Dahlonega. This place has become holy ground as thousands have had their faith strengthened through God's presence, here in creation and Christian community. The cost to participate is \$5.00 for gas. We will be leaving the church at 10:00am and will be back around 4:00pm. Lunch will be at your own cost at the Foothill Grill. Please **RSVP** to Debbie (djatcheson@gmail.com or 770-965-3729) **by Tuesday, October 13**.

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

Good News!

→ 29 humans and 15 furry friends came to the *Blessing of the Animals!* 



*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

October 11, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Twentieth 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

Mr. Morgan

“The Kingsfold Trumpet (I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say)” by Alfred V. Fedak

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Blake Trent

† Call to Worship (p. 833)

Psalm 112:5-10

(9:00) Mr. Ken Hiltgen

(11:00) Mrs. Diane Shepherd

† Hymn of Praise

UMH No. 600

“Wonderful Words of Life”

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

Mr. Morgan

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" *arr. Wilbur Held*

†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

1 Timothy 6:17-20

Rev. Trent

Message In Song

"Order My Steps (In Your Word)" *arr. Jack Schrader*

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

Sermon

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Rev. Trent

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 389

"Freely, Freely"

Mr. Estrada

Benediction

Rev. Trent

Postlude

"Verset in C Major" *Léon Boëllmann*

Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Herman Runyan, Gary Burger Randy Clegg, Suzanne Clegg	<u>Greeters</u> – Julia Griffis, Jack Griffis <u>Sound</u> – Brendan Rossell Smith
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Liturgist</u> – Ken Hiltgen
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

11:00am Worship

<u>Ushers</u> – Jim Failmezger, Dick Atcheson Sherry Hall, Joshua Page	<u>Greeters</u> – Marsha Huckaby, Lynn Ferguson <u>Sound</u> – Dave Reynolds
<u>Live-stream monitor</u> – Adam Van Pelt	<u>Camera</u> – Kevin Walch
<u>Nursery Staff</u> – Abby Pilcher	<u>Liturgist</u> – Diane Shepherd
<u>Children's Church</u> – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

Events of the Week

Event	Time	Building / Room
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Sunday, October 11		
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online
Church Board	12:15pm	312
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305

Monday, October 12		
No Preschool - GC Fall Break		
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304
Chancel Ringers	6:30pm	G1, Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 13		
No Preschool - GC Fall Break		
Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Stonehedge Garden Club	10:00am	312
Effie Wood Circle	10:30am	301
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1
AA Sober Dads	7:00pm	304

Wednesday, October 14		
No Preschool - GC Fall Break		
Lunch Bunch @ Olive Garden MOG	11:30am	
Preschool Ballet	1:00pm	203
Grief Share	2:00pm	311
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30pm	304
Chancel Choir	7:00pm	Sanctuary
S-Anon	7:30pm	309
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305

Event	Time	Building / Room
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Thursday, October 15		
No Preschool - GC Fall Break		
Pickleball Open Gym	{groupme}	110 Gym
Preschool Playball	1:00pm	110 Gym
Ladies Strength Training	5:00pm	G1

Friday, October 16		
No Preschool - GC Fall Break		
Carol Scott Circle	10:00am	108 FH
Buford Homecoming Parade	3:00pm	Parking Lot

Saturday, October 17		
Men's Basketball (closed)	9:00am	110 Gym
Respite Night	6:00pm	110 Gym, 201

Sunday, October 18		
BUMM Fellowship Breakfast	8:00am	107, 108 FH
United Methodist Worship	9:00am	Sanctuary
Ministry Funding Q&A	10:00am	108 FH
Sunday School	10:00am	109, 201, CLC 3rd Floor
Korean United Methodist Worship	11:00am	306
United Methodist Worship	11:00am	Sanctuary, Online
UMW Executive Committee	12:15pm	309
Youth Choir	4:45pm	307
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30pm	303, 304
Sunday Night Youth	5:30pm	107, 108 FH, 109
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30pm	305

Prayer Concerns

October 4, 2026

- Family of Tilly Ptak
- Family of Charlie Buff
- Charlotte Beavers
- Tommy Torbert
- Billy
- Katie Hoffman
- Alan Davis
- Ava Ross Womack
- Priscilla Davis
- Emily Clegg Lambright
- Darlene Lynskey
- Barb Winkworth
- Dean Dickie
- Dick Atcheson
- Laura and John
- Stephanie Berger
- Patti Johnson
- Ms. Butch Ballin
- Neil Nichols
- Charles Wheeler
- Craig Mitchell, USMC
- Donna Wilkerson & Family
- Will Tharp
- Billy Cochran

Prayer Requests

“...but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.”
Philippians 4:6

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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 ☐

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.

October 11, 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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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Attendance and Giving

October 4, 2026

Total in Worship Service 216

Average Worship Attendance 239

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..... \$ 529,555

Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal..... \$ 21,562

Amount Received on October 4, 2026 \$ 23,282

Building Fund

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

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

Amount Received on October 4, 2026 \$ 11,502

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
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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.

