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 25, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost

The User Agreement: "Witness"

BFUMC Kids

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

Come see us at Trunk or Treat tonight!

We will work on letter F this week and get to trick or treat to all the classrooms. We are so excited to get to wear our costumes to school.

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

Student Ministry

Tonight:

Help set up the youth's trunk with Sydney! We'll meet at *Trunk-or-Treat* tonight!

November 1:

Join Pastor Blake as he leads Youth Sunday Night Fellowship.

We will be smashing pumpkins!

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

Adult Ministry & Missions

November Wednesday Night Live: Our next WNL will be **Wednesday, November 4** at 6:00pm. The menu is spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Our *Mission Spotlight* will be previews of our three church-wide Christmas missions: *Angel Tree, Alternative Christmas,* and the *Community Christmas Meal*. Join us for this family friendly event to learn more about how to serve this Christmas season. We will also have a hands-on mission project related to our *Community Christmas Meal!*

Women's Game Night: The Florence Garner Circle is hosting a *Women's Game Night* on **Friday, November 6** at 6:00pm. All women are invited to join! Please bring a snack to share and a favorite game if you have one!

Veteran's Day Luncheon - Wednesday, November 11 at 12:00pm. We will have a meal honoring our veterans in the Fellowship Hall on November 11 at noon. Come for lunch and a program. RSVP with Sydney Yancey (adultministry@bufordfirstumc.org) by Sunday, November 8. Come and join us!

Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays Seminar: Navigating the holiday season can be especially difficult for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. *Grief Share - Surviving the Holidays,* is a seminar that offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through Thanksgiving, Christmas, and everything in between. This event will be held **Wednesday, November 18** at 2:00pm in room 311 of the Christian Life Center. To register for this free seminar or get more information, please email Sydney.

Fall Women's Retreat: Join us for this year's Fall Women's Retreat! We are headed back to *Christwalk In the Valley* in Clarkesville, GA. The dates are **November 13-15**. If you can't come for the whole weekend, you can join us for the day on **Saturday, November 14**! The cost is $145 for the whole weekend or $30 for just the day on Saturday. A deposit to save your spot for the whole weekend is $30. All beds are single twin beds. If you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to sign up for the retreat, email Sydney.

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

Good News!

Today is *Trunk-or-Treat* ~ Join us at 5:00pm!

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 25, 2026 9:00am & 11:00am

Twenty-second 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

"A Mighty Fortress" *by David Cherwien*

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Blake Trent

†Call to Worship (p. 857) **Psalm 145:8-13** (9:00) Mr. Mike Rosenthal (11:00) Mrs. Priscilla Failmezger

†Hymn of Praise
UMH No. 89 **"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore 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 Tithes and Offerings — Mr. Morgan

"Andante Pastorale" *by Emil Sjögren*

†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 John 4:7-12, 19-21 — Rev. Trent

Message In Song — **"Consecration"** *by John Ness Beck* — (9:00) Ensemble (11:00) Chancel Choir

Sermon — ***The User Agreement: "Witness"*** — Rev. Trent

†Hymn of Discipleship

UMH No. 354 — **"I Surrender All"** — Mr. Estrada

Benediction — Rev. Trent

Postlude — **"Postludium on Two Themes"** *by Carson Cooman* — Mr. Morgan

9:00am Worship

Ushers – Herman Runyan, Joan Burger	Greeters – Deena Rindfusz, DeeAnna Page
Mike Casper, Sandra Casper	Sound – John Alford
Nursery Staff – Abby Pilcher	Liturgist – Mike Rosenthal
Children's Church – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

11:00am Worship

Ushers – Mark Redstrom, Charlie Redstrom	Greeters – Amy Simonson, Carol Groom
Chris Simonson, Sherry Hall	Sound – John Alford
Live-stream monitor – Adam Van Pelt	Camera – Jacob Van Pelt
Nursery Staff – Abby Pilcher	Liturgist – Priscilla Failmezger
Children's Church – Susan Rosenthal, Jonathan Lenz	

Events of the Week

Event	Time	Building / Room
Sunday, October 25		
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
Trunk-or-Treat	5:00PM	Parking Lot
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30PM	304
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30PM	305
Monday, October 26		
Staff Meeting	11:30AM	G3
Ladies Strength Training	5:00PM	G1
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30PM	304
Chancel Ringers	6:30PM	G1, Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 542	7:00PM	305, 306, 308
Tuesday, October 27		
Ladies Strength Training	5:00PM	G1
Bible Study: Jonah	6:00PM	301
AA Sober Dads	7:00PM	304
Cub Scouts Pack 542	7:00PM	108 FH
Wednesday, October 28		
Bible Study: Jonah	10:00AM	301
Preschool: Early Release	11:30AM	CLC
Grief Share	2:00PM	311
AA 5:30@Main St.	5:30PM	304
Chancel Choir	7:00PM	Sanctuary
Scouting Troop 589/5589	7:00PM	302, 303
S-Anon	7:30PM	309
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30PM	305
Thursday, October 29		
Pumpkin Sales End		
Preschool: Early Release	11:30AM	CLC
Ladies Strength Training	5:00PM	G1
Friday, October 30		
(no activities)		
Saturday, October 31		
(no activities)		
Sunday, November 1		
All Saints Day		
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
ESOL [Learn English]	5:30PM	304
G.L.O.W.	5:30PM	110, Gym, 201, 307
Sunday Night Youth	5:30PM	107, 108 FH, 109
Women's Small Group	5:30PM	311
SA Freedom Fellowship	7:30PM	305

THE GYM (110) IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO THE ROOFING PROJECT

Prayer Concerns

October 18, 2026

- Katie Hoffman
- Tommy Torberti
- Ricky Smallwood
- Dana, James, & Justin Jackson
- Kathy Pierce
- Sandra Burgess
- Will Tharp
- Suzanne Clegg
- Family of David Wilkerson
- Pastor Blake
- Lt. Col. Ryan Bush
- Abby
- Casey Trawick
- Darlene Lynskey
- Bill Goss

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 25, 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

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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)

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October 25, 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 _____

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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
facebook.com/bufordfirstumc
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youtube.com/@bufordfirstunitedmethodist8610

Attendance and Giving
October 18, 2026

Total in Worship Service	228
Average Worship Attendance	237

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	$ 546,310
Weekly Need to reach the Yearly Goal	$ 23,959
Amount Received on October 18, 2026	$ 4,836

Building Fund

Building Debt	$ 1,115,623
Weekly Need (for the monthly payment)	$ 3,348
Amount Received on October 18, 2026	$ 555

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 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.