



**STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR  
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**March 22, 2015**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary: 8:30AM & 11:00AM  
Fellowship Hall: 9:01AM & 11:00AM

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**HOLY WEEK and EASTER SUNDAY**

***HOLY WEEK SERVICES (MARCH 29-APRIL 4)***

Sunday, March 29	Palm Sunday, Confirmation Sunday
Tuesday, March 31	Musical Concert by the Douglas Anderson Fine Arts School in Jacksonville. Concert at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary.
Wednesday, April 1	Children's Easter Musical at 6:15PM in the Fellowship Hall.
Thursday, April 2	Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary.
Friday, April 3	"In My Place - Remembering Christ's Sacrifice of Love" - a Good Friday musical performed by the Chancel Choir at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary. More information below.

***EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5***

7:00 AM - **Easter Sunrise Service** outside in the Trellis Garden Field.  
(In the event of rain, the service will be held in the balcony of the Sanctuary.)

7:30AM to 8:30AM - **Easter Breakfast** served in Room 306 by the Methodist Men

8:30AM - **Traditional Worship** Service in Sanctuary

9:01AM - **901 Contemporary Worship** Service in Fellowship Hall

10:00AM - **Sunday School** for all ages

11:00AM - **Traditional Worship** in Sanctuary

11:00AM - **REVIVE Contemporary Worship** Service in Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00PM the choir of the Douglas Anderson School of Fine Arts from Jacksonville, Florida will appear in concert in our Sanctuary as the opening stop on their spring tour. One of their graduates, Haley Chapman, is a member of our Chancel Choir. Come together with your friends and neighbors and enjoy an evening of superb music. There is no admission charge.

On Wednesday, April 1, at 6:15PM the Kids JAM Children's Choirs will present their first Easter musical program. Wednesday adult classes are not scheduled to meet on April 1; however, we are still sharing a meal together as usual beginning at 5:30PM.

On Friday, April 3, at 7:00PM the Chancel Choir will present, "In My Place", a moving work for the Lenten season. This program will lead us from the joy of Palm Sunday to the darkness of the crucifixion as we experience Christ's ultimate sacrifice and ponder its significance to us as Christians. Scripture, narration and music all come together with great resonance to center our focus upon the cross of Christ, the symbol of our faith.

**Sunday, March 22, 2015**

8:30 & 11:00AM *Traditional* - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Show Us Jesus" - John 12:20-33

9:01 & 11:00AM *REVIVE Contemporary* - Scott Harris  
"When the Thunder Rolls" - John 12:20-33

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 15, 2015)**

**Morning Worship: 457**

**Sunday School: 268**

8:30AM: 53

9:01AM: 82

11:00AM: 238

REVIVE: 84

Offering Received: \$29,823.75

Preserving God's House: \$4855.00

Special Offerings - One Great Hour: \$1396.00, Gideons \$1445.00

## Our Church Family

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Tim Salter*, upon the death of his father.

**Please pray** for *Jack Mallard*.

**Please pray** for *Leonard Hall*.

**Please pray** for *Joseph Berg* who is in Colorado recovering from blood clots.

**Please pray** for *Archie Nesmith* who is home with hospice care.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on March 22 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Averitt Garner Rushing* who was born March 15, daughter of *Thomas & Jessie Rushing*, granddaughter of *Tommie & Linda Rushing*, and great granddaughter of *Connie Averitt*.

**Congratulations** to *Carol & Ronnie Ruffo* for the birth of their grandson, *Monroe Howard Richardson*, who was born March 12 to *Jeff & Jina Richardson*.

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, calls, emails, & visits during my recent heart procedures. Your cards really cheered me up and I loved reading each one! My family and I really appreciated Jimmy being with us at EGRMC and in Augusta. It means so much to have such a caring church family praying for me! I felt your prayers.  
-Mary Adams

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen is holding a special Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen on March 28, 2015.

We're looking for help to make this event special for those our soup kitchen serves. Even if you can't attend, we are looking for homemade desserts and toiletry items for the popular kits we give. We also have a need for items such as memo pads, t-shirts and new or lightly used children's books. Please drop off any items to boxes in the Gathering Area before Thursday, March 26.

On Thursday March 26 beginning at 8:00AM, we will assemble the Easter bundles. We are looking for some volunteers to help bundle items and are in need of the most volunteers at 10:30AM.

If you are planning to help with the food preparation and service or homemade desserts on Saturday, March 28, please contact Joel or Nancy Martin ([metterbetter500@yahoo.com](mailto:metterbetter500@yahoo.com)). If you have questions, contact Sara Melford at [statesborosoupkitchen@gmail.com](mailto:statesborosoupkitchen@gmail.com).

### Registration for Preschool and Summer Care is coming this week!

Registration for currently enrolled children will be Tuesday, March 24. Registration for members of Statesboro First United Methodist Church, who do not currently have children enrolled, will be Thursday, March 26. Registration will be open to the general public on Friday, March 27. If you have any questions about registering, please contact Ann Haskins at 912-764-1876.

### Building Security

In an effort to further secure our building, the Trustee Board is asking that anyone with a metal key or a grey key fob call Robin Kersey, Church Business Administrator, at 764-1872 or [rkersey@statesborofirst.com](mailto:rkersey@statesborofirst.com). Beginning March 23, doors will be re-keyed and metal keys will no longer work. Additionally, all grey fobs which have not been identified, will be deactivated and will no longer work. We appreciate your help and cooperation in this important matter.



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Mission Weekend - May 2-3, 2015

We will be having a local Mission Weekend full of service activities. This is a great time for students to experience being the hands and feet of Christ throughout our community. The cost for the weekend is \$50.

### Monday Morning Breakfast Club

Middle and High School students meet in Room 306 at 7:00AM for a great breakfast, fellowship, and a devotional. Bring \$2 for breakfast.

### Wednesday Night Activities

The Youth Room opens up at 5:30PM for dinner and fellowship. At 6:15PM students are gathered for announcements and then break into small groups by grade and gender. Students bring \$2 for pizza dinner.

### Wednesday Night Menu - March 25 - 5:30PM

*RJ's: Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Dinner Roll*

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under;

\$2.00 for PB&J sandwich and chips.

Drinks and desserts are included with all meals.

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 22

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.  
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH  
10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms  
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.  
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH  
12:15PM - Confirmation Practice, Sanct.  
3:00PM - Child. Choir Rehearsal, FH  
5:00PM - Sunday Night Surge MS, YR  
6:00PM - 20.1.5 Matthew Study, 212  
6:30PM - Confirmation, 208  
6:30PM - Adult Methodism, 214  
7:00PM - Sunday Night Surge HS, YR

### Monday, March 23

6:30AM - Breakfast Club, 306  
8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212  
2:30PM - Luke Bible Study, Library  
6:00PM - Church Council Meeting, 306  
8:00PM - REVIVE Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, March 24

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
9:30AM - Aldred Small Grp., 213  
10:00AM - Hubbard Bible Study, 212  
5:00PM - Staff Architect Meeting, Lib  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Alanon, 201

### Wednesday, March 25

5:15PM - Kids JAM  
5:30PM - Wed. Night Dinner, FH  
6:30PM - Small Grps/Study, All  
6:30PM - Financial Peace, 208  
7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Choir

### Thursday, March 26

12:30PM - Sugar Magnolia, 210  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers Prac., HB  
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

### Friday, March 27

### Saturday, March 28

12:00N - Soup Kitchen, FH & Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, March 22, 2015**

**Children's Sermon** (11:00 Traditional)

Suzanne Tatum

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Jodie Hendrix, Avery Parker

**11:00:** Jodie Hendrix, Elizabeth Lippincott

## Children's Ministries News

### Children's Choirs Singing Today

The children's choirs will present special music in the 9:01 and 11:00 traditional worship services

### Kids JAM Easter Program

The children choirs will present a special Easter program following the Wednesday night meal on April 1. Please save this date and join us in supporting the children in their first performance of the Easter story!

### Kids JAM Rehearsals

We are adding two rehearsals in the Fellowship Hall on March 22 & March 29, 3:00PM-4:00PM.

### Items Needed For Vacation Bible School

We are collecting household items to be used as decorations and for crafts this summer at Vacation Bible School. Your help is needed!!

Please consider donating the following in support of the Children's Ministry:

- Empty Gallon-size Milk Jugs
- Plastic Bottle Caps (*preferably white and blue, but all colors are welcome.*)
- Cotton Balls
- White artificial Christmas trees for use as stage decoration (*just to borrow*)

### Kids Worship

Kids Worship is a time especially for children to gather on Sunday mornings during the 9:01 and 11:00AM worship services. It is available to children in Pre-K through 4th grade. We meet each Sunday in Room 306 and experience a time of worship through music, activities, and a lesson. Our time together is intended to help shape the life of a child as it builds a foundation for growing in Christ!

### Volunteers for March 22, 2015 (Fourth Sunday of March)

**Prayer Warriors:** Darwin & Joyce Bohler

**Acolytes:** Matthew Walker, Tate Johnson

**Lay Liturgist 8:30:** Pat High

**Lay Liturgist 11:00:** Max Manack

**8:30 Ushers:** Ken LeCain, Max Manack

**9:01 Ushers:** Chris & Tonya Bishop, Steve & Peggy Garner

**11:00 Ushers:** Mike Rollins, J.J. Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, John Hatcher, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier

**Parking Greeters:** Jan Moore, Linda Rushing

**Front Door Greeters:** Suzan Laircey, Grace Adams Stewart, Ellen Lanier

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015  
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

**GATHERING**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Gilbert Martin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Lord is merciful and gracious

**Slow to Anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

What shall I render to the Lord for all his blessings to me?

**I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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 Hymn #71**

**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 AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

**PROCLAIMING THE VISION**

Why does Statesboro First United Methodist Church exist?

**To Glorify God and love others through worship, study, and service.**

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS (11:00AM Service)**

KIDS J.A.M. (JESUS AND ME) CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

**CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00AM Service)**

SUZANNE TATUM

(Following the Children's Sermon, children in Pre-K through 4th grade  
are invited to Kids Worship in Room 306.)

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**

*Amazing Love*

by David Rasbach

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PAT HIGH; 11:00AM MAX MANACK

**OFFERTORY**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Richard Walters

RACHAEL HIRNEISEN, soloist

\*DOXOLOGY Hymn #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

John 12:20-33

**MESSAGE**

*"Show Us Jesus"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #297 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**

*God Be With You 'til We Meet Again*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

**POSTLUDE**

*Grand Choeur in D*

by William Spence

*\*Congregation standing if able during this portion of the service.*

Please ensure your cell phone is silenced during the service.

A **children's bulletin** with Bible puzzles and activities is available in the Gathering Area on the first floor and also in the back of the Sanctuary's balcony on the second floor.

The **Nursery** is available for infants and toddlers and other children under the age of 4 as of September 1, 2014. It's located on the first floor near the elevator.

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