



**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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**May 3, 2015**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

Fellowship Hall:  
9:01AM & 11:00AM

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY – 11:00 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

Children are leading the 11:00AM Traditional service this morning. We rejoice in knowing these children love the Lord and are excited to serve today! Your leadership encourages the children, as many of you volunteer on Sunday mornings and might not even realize the impact you have on children who watch and model you.

Children in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade have special parts in the service that include greeting, ushering, serving communion, reading scripture, sharing a prayer, and offering a testimony. The children's choirs will lead music to prepare our hearts for worship and remind us of the importance of having childlike faith.

Jesus said, "Those who humble themselves like this little child will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Matthew 18:4-5 (CEB)

We are so proud of the children today. Their courage is inspiring and they will continue to be great witnesses as they grow and share their love for God. Thank you for offering them your love and support and letting them know they are a special part of our church family.

In Christ,

Sarah Akins

Director of Children's Ministries

**Sunday, May 3, 2015**

8:30AM, 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"The Best Things Come in Small Packages" - Luke 13:18-19

9:01, 11:00AM REVIVE - Scott Harris  
"The Might of the Mini" - Luke 13:18-19

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 26, 2015)**

Morning Worship: 537

Sunday School: 344

8:30AM: 65

9:01AM: 129

11:00AM: 227

REVIVE: 116

Offering Received: \$17,879.65

Preserving God's House: \$165.00

## Our Church Family

**Please pray** for *Jimmy Hood* who is recovering from walking pneumonia.

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

**Please pray** for *Rick Robins* who is recovering from open heart surgery.

**Please pray** for *Jack Mallard* who is recovering from heart valve surgery.

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

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on April 26 were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Carol Cook Lee* by the *George Cook Family*.

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on May 3 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sue Stabler Hodges* by *Jimmy Hodges, Ray, Sally, Lynes, Lauren and James McKinney*.

## In the Community

Our thoughts and prayers are with the **GSU Nursing Program** and the friends and family of **Caitlyn Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach and Catherine (McKay) Pittman**.



Even though our community is in the valley of the shadow of death, the Lord, who is our shepherd, will take our loss, our fears, our pain and he will walk with us until we rise from the ashes of heartache. (Psalm 23)

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Wednesday Night Menu - May 6 - 5:30PM

*RJ's: Turkey & Dressing, Gravy, 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.

### Volunteers for May 3, 2015 (First Sunday of May)

**Acolytes:** Ashlyn Lanier, AnnaLee Howell

**Prayer Warrior:** Jimmy High

**Lay Liturgist 8:30:** Betty Hodges

**8:30 Ushers:** Buck Ford, Brian Harrison

**9:01 Ushers:** Alice Hall, Stephanie Owens, Sarah Hall, Daryl Hopkins

**11:00 Greeters:** Peyton Coulter, Katie Cowart, Savannah Gordon, Lorelei Prosser, Kendall Ragan, and Caroline Toussaint

**11:00 Ushers:** Evan Avret, David Chand, William Polk, Drew Prosser

**11:00 Balcony Greeters & Ushers:** Reid Ragan, Ceci Smith



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### No Sunday Night Surge or Breakfast Club

The youth group is currently serving others on a local Mission Weekend. Students are being the hands and feet of Christ throughout our community. We won't be having Surge or Breakfast Club this week to allow the students and youth staff some time to recover after a weekend of working hard.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### United Methodist Women Spring Banquet

The UMW Spring Banquet will be held on Monday, May 11 at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. All UMW are invited and encouraged to bring a daughter, granddaughter or a friend! We will announce our "Quiet Disciple" at this gathering! We hope to see you there with a guest!

### United Methodist Men Events

**CHICKEN BBQ** - On Saturday, May 9, the UMM will be hosting their annual Chicken BBQ meal from 11:00AM - 1:30PM. Tickets are available in the Church Office as well as from members of the UMM or Men's Fellowship Sunday School Class. Cost is \$8 per ticket. Meals are available eat-in or take-out.

**FISH FRY** - May 12, 2015 is the UMM Fish Fry event in the Fellowship Hall. The meal begins at 7:00PM and Chris Yaughn of Fostering Bulloch will be the guest speaker. Come enjoy fish, grits, coleslaw, hush puppies, tea, and dessert. The UMM will also be providing fish fry meals to many of the shut-ins. Don't miss this great event!

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, May 3

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  
12:00N - Youth Mission Lunch, 306  
6:00PM - Small Group/Study, 206

### Monday, May 4

8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212  
2:30PM - Luke Bible Study, Library  
6:00PM - Trustees, 307  
8:00PM - REVIVE Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, May 5

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
9:30AM - Aldred Small Grp., 213  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Alanon, 201

### Wednesday, May 6

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, May 7

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

### Friday, May 8

### Saturday, May 9

11:00AM - UMM Chicken BBQ  
12:00N - Soup Kitchen, FH & Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

We will not have Kids Worship during the 11:00AM Traditional Service today. Children will be leading worship in the Sanctuary for Children's Sunday.

### **Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

**REVIVE:** Megan Yawn, Alecia Wiggins

## **Children's Ministries News**

**Today is Children's Sunday! We are excited to have children leading 11:00 Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.**

### **Register Your Child for Vacation Bible School**

To register your child for VBS, please go to the following link: [vbs.statesborofirst.com](http://vbs.statesborofirst.com)

### **Volunteer for Vacation Bible School**

Please sign up now for your opportunity to serve this summer! The training for ALL volunteers (youth and adults) is scheduled for Sunday, May 31, 5:30PM-7:00PM. Dinner will be served. Contact Sarah or Jodie to get plugged in, or add your name to the sign-up sheets posted in the first floor hallway.



## **Around the World**

### **Responding to the Nepal Earthquake**

As I write this, over 5,000 people have lost their lives in the Nepal Earthquake. The United Methodist Church have five missionaries and their families serving in Nepal, and they have all reported that they are safe. Our giving through our regular church operating budget supports these missionaries. Now, our church is sending relief workers through the United Methodist Committee on Relief and we are also working with global partners to bring basic food and supplies to the survivors.

If you would like to help, please make your check payable to SFUMC and designate it for Nepal Earthquake. Since the administrative costs of our mission work is covered in our giving to World Service, not a dime that you give to this crisis will be tied up in administrative costs. You can be assured that 100% of your gifts will go to meet these critical needs.

---Pastor Jimmy

## **Statesboro First United Methodist Church**

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**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**  
**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Fantasia on ITALIAN HYMN*  
arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

11:00AM ABBY SMITH

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.

**Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #277 *Tell me the stories of Jesus*

**SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 Service)**

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

11:00AM WILL JAMES

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (11:00 Service)**

SARAH AKINS

Director of Children's Ministries

**PROCLAIMING THE VISION**

11:00AM OLIVIA WREN

Why does Statesboro First United Methodist Church exist?

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

**PERSONAL TESTIMONY (11:00 Service)**

HARRISON WREN

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

11:00AM DEAN HARPER

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BETTY HODGES;

11:00AM Children's Ministry:

EVAN AVRET, DAVID CHAND, WILLIAM POLK, DREW PROSSER

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

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Craig Courtney

**OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)**

*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

**\*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**

Luke 13:18-19

ALEXANDRA KENNEDY

**MESSAGE**

*“The Best Things Come in Small Packages”*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN**

*(all children stand)*

Loving Shepherd, You gather the lambs in your arms and call them each by name. Move the hearts of your children to know your love. Light a spark in their hearts that they may be like sunshine. May they grow strong and gentle, bold and wise. And when they go wrong, may they know your forgiveness.

This we ask for your love's sake. Amen.

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

SAM LIPPINCOTT, TRESSA ROUNTREE

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**\*BENEDICTION**

LYDIA LIPPINCOTT

**POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare*

by Gilbert Martin

*\*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.

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