

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PAT HIGH; 11:00AM JOHN RAY

OFFERTORY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Richard Walters

TESSA MORRIS, 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!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 3:3, 17:9, 18:24 and 27:17

MESSAGE

“Lessons on Friendship from the Book of Proverbs”

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #451 *Be Thou My Vision*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Flourish

by Charles Callahan

**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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Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, July 26, 2015

Children's Sermon (11:00 Traditional)

Sarah Akins

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Summer Hodges

11:00: Jodie Hendrix, Lauren Fowler

Children's Ministries News

Family Movie Night July 26

Remember to join us from 5:00-7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall tonight for the family movie, Dolphin Tale. Bring a blanket or your favorite chair and come enjoy popcorn and snacks during the show!



Save the Date: August 12, 5:30PM

Wednesday Night Ministry kick-off in the Fellowship Hall!

2015-2016 Children's Sunday School Teachers

"Lunch & Learn" Sunday, August 9, 12:30-2:30, Rm 306

- New curriculum will be presented
- Fall materials will be distributed
- Plan your teaching schedule with co-teachers
 - Childcare provided

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Volunteers for July 26, 2015 (Fourth Sunday of July)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Marilynn Sellers

Acolytes: Conner Calhoun, Matthew Walker, Tate Johnson

Lay Liturgist 8:30: Pat High

Lay Liturgist 11:00: John Ray

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Lynda & Ed Akins, Kasey Harrison, Jason Parker

11:00 Ushers: Mike Rollins, J.J. Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, John

Hatcher, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Greeters: Jan Moore, Linda Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (July 28): Sue Avra

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**STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
SCOTT HARRIS ASSISTANT PASTOR

July 26, 2015

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 2015-2016

Children's Sunday school classes will meet in the Sanctuary during Sunday school hour next Sunday, August 2, to celebrate Promotion Sunday! Refreshments will be served in the gathering area following the ceremony. The 2 year old – 4th grade classes will receive certificates and all rising 3rd graders will receive a Bible. The 5th grade class (rising 6th graders) will not participate in Promotion Sunday, because they will begin Sunday school with youth Sunday school classes on August 2.

Open House is on August 9 for children's Sunday school classes. This is a time when children will advance to the next grade level in a new classroom and meet their teachers for the new school year. Parents, remember to look for your child's new classroom number posted along the hallways and in the elevator. Each Sunday school classroom is also labeled by grade or age group.

We are excited to introduce new Sunday school curriculum. Children in the 2 year old – kindergarten classes will discover Deep Blue, a United Methodist curriculum that encourages children to dive deeper into the Bible and discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Those in 1st-5th grade will be using LIVE, a curriculum that falls in line with youth ministry curriculum to help elementary students strengthen Bible skills and grow in their relationship with God.

Please be in prayer for volunteers who have committed to teaching Sunday school for another school year, as well as those who are committing for the first time. Serving children has a lasting impact and we have a great responsibility to teach them about God. Consider where you would be today without the hope, peace, and unconditional love only God can provide. Our hope is for children to grow in their faith and desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are eager to learn and happy to receive, so come be part of building a foundation that will lead and carry them through each stage and season of their lives.

We are still in need of teachers for the following classes: 2 & 3 year olds, 1st grade, and 3rd grade. All Sunday school teachers should attend the "Lunch and Learn" on August 9 from 12:30-2:30 in room 306. New curriculum will be presented during this time and all materials will be distributed. It's also a great opportunity for teaching teams to plan a rotation schedule.

Thank you for your support of the children's ministry. We look forward to a new school year with you!

Sarah Akins
Director of Children's Ministries

Sunday, July 26, 2015

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"Lessons on Friendship from the Book of Proverbs" - Proverbs 3:3, 17:9, 18:24 and 27:17

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Scott Harris

"Friend or Frenemy" - Proverbs 3:3, 17:9, 18:24 and 27:17

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, July 19, 2015)

Morning Worship: 377

Sunday School: 260

8:30AM: 71

9:01AM: 83

11:00AM: 178

REVIVE: 45

Offering Received: \$20,712.75

Preserving God's House: \$3,615.00

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
arr. Alice Jordan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God, your love and faithfulness is a present reality.
May our love and faithfulness to each other mirror your love to us.
Iron sharpens iron,
and one person can sharpen the faith of another.
We are gathered here because we need God and we need each other.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed #881 Hymnal

**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 SERMON (11:00AM Service)

SARAH AKINS

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

arr. Cindy Berry

Our Church Family

Please pray for *Brooke Ragan* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Art Doughty* who is at Memorial.

Please pray for *Chip Cowart* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Shirley Connell* who is at St Joseph.

Please pray for *Tom Singletary* who is home recovering.

Please pray for *Linda Arnold* who is home recovering.

Please take time to welcome our new members:

Brad & Alecia Wiggins, Nora and Erin
289 Brannen Hodges Road
Statesboro, GA 30461
Phone: 912-587-4161

Brad, Alecia, and Nora join our church on transfer from an area United Methodist Church. Erin is placed on our baptized member roll. *Brad* is a health inspector for the Bulloch County Health Department while *Alecia* is a Speech Therapist at Julia P. Bryant Elementary School. *Nora* is in the 8th grade at William James Middle School while *Erin* is in the fourth grade at Julia P. Bryant. Brad is a member of the REVIVE Band.

Thank you for your many prayers, calls, visits, and other acts of kindness during Charlie's surgery and recuperation and during the death of Alice's brother-in-law. We shall always treasure these gestures of love. -Alice and Charlie Christmas

Missing: A set of personal keys belonging to *Julie Williams* was lost on Friday, July 17 during the Youth Week field day. If found, please bring them to the church office.

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Camp Meeting Month

It's time to request your favorite hymns for Camp Meeting!! Please write your requests and give to Pierce Dickens or send them via email to pdickens@statesborofirst.com.

School Supplies Soup Kitchen

Many thanks to the Children's Ministry staff, children, and their parents, the Bundles Bunch, and to those who brought homemade desserts or donated various items. They made this year's School Supplies Soup Kitchen a wonderful success! We were able to share good food, school supplies, and spend time with those in need in our community. If you are so inclined, you could help us get a head start by purchasing school supply items for next year; many of the stores have especially good sales during July and August. Bring items to the drop-off in the stairwell by the Gathering Area.

Again, thank you to everyone who participated.

-Sara Melford

Learn, Grow, and Serve by Becoming a Stephen Minister

Do you have gifts for caring, encouragement, and listening? If so, please prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Statesboro First UMC will be training a new class of Stephen Ministers beginning in the Fall. Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through a difficult time, such as divorce, grief, hospitalization, unemployment, terminal illness, relocation, chronic illness, or loneliness. To find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister please contact Scott Harris at sharris@statesborofirst.com or Sheila Wentz at rsawentz@gmail.com to learn more about this important ministry of our congregation and how you can get involved.

Additional information may also be found at: www.stephenministries.org



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Parent Meeting July 30

It is important for all parents to attend this meeting. This meeting includes information for the upcoming semester including all of our trips. During the meeting, registration will open for Rock the Universe. Parents must be present at this meeting to register their student for this trip.

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UMW Soup Kitchen - HELP WANTED

Caring and available persons interested in serving those less fortunate in our community: The Saturday Soup Kitchen needs volunteers with various skills. Organizing and contacting potential sponsors, planning and buying for meals, picking up Friday night donations from Panera Bread, overseeing the Saturday operations. For more information please contact Karen David, karenwdavid@gmail.com

Many of you may not know that SFUMC serves between 350-450 meals to the needy each Saturday in our Fellowship Hall. While our church does cover the cost of many meals throughout the year, we do seek sponsorships from other churches, community organizations, schools, businesses, etc. This program started nearly 20 years ago, and many of our church members have participated in various ways. For that we say a big THANK YOU!!!!

Sara Melford has been faithful to oversee the entire operation for the last 3 years and has done an awesome job. While she needs to give up much of the responsibility she will continue overseeing bundles and their distribution. Clint Brinson is a vital team member who serves as co-chair and helps with menu planning and cooking. The Missions Committee feels there should be a much larger committee to lighten the load for all. We are trying to put together a team and would love to have YOU join us in this local mission. Please prayerfully consider how you might help.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, July 26

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
5:00PM - Family Movie Night, FH

Monday, July 27

8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212
8:00AM - Preschool Planning
7:30PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, July 28

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
8:00AM - Preschool Planning
9:30AM - Aldred Small Group, 213
6:00PM - AA, 206

Wednesday, July 29

8:00AM - Preschool Planning
6:00PM - Preschool Open House, FH
7:00PM - Chancel Choir

Thursday, July 30

8:00AM - Preschool Planning
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

Friday, July 31

8:00AM - Preschool Planning

Saturday, August 1

8:00AM - Preschool Planning
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen