



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

August 9, 2015

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

DID YOU FORGET YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH WHILE YOU WERE ON VACATION?

Our church has a definite pattern from year to year in regard to our financial giving. We normally begin the year with receipts larger than expenses. Then in May or June when Vacation Bible School, summer youth events, and increased utilities occur, the expenses are greater than the gifts received. We normally stay in a deficit situation until November and December when people either catch up on their giving or give a substantial year-end gift to the church. By the end of December, there is a surplus of funds for the operating budget.

At the end of the year, we zero out the budget and place any overages in a "prior years' account" and start the year with a zero balance. In the one year in the past 15 years when there was a slight year-end deficit, that deficit was managed by using the funds from the prior years' account to balance the budget.

This July we spent \$19,804.57 more than we received during the month. That compares to the July 2014 monthly deficit of \$16,445.12. Our year-to-date deficit (January to July) is \$58,331.32 compared to last year's year-to-date deficit of \$53,899.67. While our balance in the "prior years' account is currently \$205,257.25, this fund is actually what we are using to make up for the deficit. On the one hand, it is great to have a reserve fund to use in the "lean" months. On the other hand, it would not take us very long to use up those funds if they are too heavily relied upon.

As you read this information, if you are behind on your giving to the church, consider catching up. This church is a very generous church and if this year is like almost every other previous year in recent memory, the financial year will end on a positive note. However, your gifts do make a difference as we do exciting ministry in the name of Christ.

By the way, our loan balance for Preserving God's House is \$542,000 at the end of July.

-Jimmy Cason

Sunday, August 9, 2015

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

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

"Wisdom at Work" - Proverbs 24:33-34, 20:17, 12:18, 12:1, and 16:18

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 2, 2015)

Morning Worship: 477

Sunday School: 310

8:30AM: 63

9:01AM: 121

11:00AM: 206

REVIVE: 87

Offering Received: \$23,390.00

Preserving God's House: \$2,060.00

Special Offering: ACTS/Altar - \$930.00

Our Church Family

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

Please pray for *Jimmy Hodges* who is at Memorial.

Please pray for *Dub Lovett* who is home recovering..

Congratulations to *Ryan & Melissa Quick* upon the birth of a daughter *Lila Cate Quick*, born in Savannah on July 30, 2015. She weighed 7lbs., 1oz., and was 19.5 inches long. Proud maternal grandparents are Frank and Lisa Morris and proud maternal great grandmother is Mrs. Helen Watson.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on August 9 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Lila Cate Quick* who was born on July 30, 2015.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Father Son/Father Daughter UMM Night

Join the UMM on August 11 for a father son/daughter celebration and meal.

Sarah Akins, Director of Children's Ministries, will be the guest speaker. Sarah will be discussing the church's children programs as well as this ministry's goals and achievements.

Sugar Magnolia

Please join the Sugar Magnolia Group in studying the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*. Books are available in the church office for \$10 each. The group will meet in the Church Library at 3:30PM on Tuesday afternoons beginning August 18. The regular group of about 10 ladies looks forward to welcoming some new faces to our group! For more information, contact Maggie Collins, 681-4378.

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.

Church Photo Directory

We are in the process of assembling a new photo directory with contact information for the families of Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Look for an insert in this weeks newsletter for more information about our upcoming portrait sessions. Photographers will be at the church beginning September 9-12, 2015. Be sure to sign up for an appointment. See Joyce Bohler, jbohler@frontiernet.net, if you have any questions. We'll be sharing more information over the next several weeks.



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God: Love People: Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Weekly Youth Events will resume in the upcoming weeks:

Sunday Night Surge, a time for games and youth-relevant worship will resume on August 16, *Breakfast Club*, a Monday morning student breakfast and devotional, will resume on August 17, and *Wednesday Night Activities*, a time for dinner, fellowship, and small groups, will resume on August 19.

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**Host a cast member of *Up With People* during their stay in Statesboro
August 24th – August 31st, 2015**

What has 240 legs, 120 pieces of luggage, sings, dances, volunteers countless hours of community service and is coming to Statesboro? The cast of *Up with People!* The international cast of *Up with People* will be in Statesboro from August 24th to August 31st, 2015. Host families are needed to house these dynamic young people from 20 countries during their visit. Host families provide a place to sleep, limited local transportation and some meals (usually breakfast and dinner). As a thank you, all host families will receive 2 complimentary tickets to the *Up with People* Show on Friday, August 28, at 7:00PM at Statesboro High School. If you are interested in bringing the world into your home, please contact Chelsea Glosser at 216-258-8181 or cglosser@upwithpeople.org.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, August 9

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
12:30PM - SS Teacher Lunch, 306

Monday, August 10

8:00AM - Hugs Emmaus, 212
10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
6:00PM - Staff Parish, Library
6:30PM - Gideons, 103
6:30PM - OHCM Executive, 213
7:30PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, August 11

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
9:30AM - Aldred Small Group, 213
5:00PM - Mission Committee, Lib.
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201
7:00PM - UMM Meal, FH

Wednesday, August 12

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center^(offsite)
10:30AM - Garden Club, Library
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, FH
7:00PM - Chancel Choir

Thursday, August 13

6:30PM - Emmaus, Library
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

Friday, August 14

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center^(offsite)

Saturday, August 15

8:00AM - Emmaus Training
12:00AM - Middle School Lock-In
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, August 9, 2015

Children's Sermon (11:00 Traditional)

Ashley Wren

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Julie Brannen

11:00: Jodie Hendrix, Megan Yawn

Children's Ministries News

Sunday School Open House

Today is Sunday School Open House for all children's Sunday School classes! Meet your teachers and enjoy refreshments as we kick off a new Sunday school year.

2&3 Year olds	Room 110
4 year olds (Pre-K)	Room 109
Kindergarten	Room 114
1st Grade	Room 112
2nd Grade	Room 113
3rd Grade	Room 209
4th Grade	Room 303
5th Grade	Room 307

"Lunch & Learn" for all 2015-2016 Children's Sunday School Teachers.

Please remember to meet in room 306 (3rd floor) at 12:30PM. Childcare provided.

Save the Date: August 12, 5:30PM

Wednesday Night Ministry kicks off this week! Please join us for a family fun night in the Fellowship Hall on August 12 at 5:30PM.

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Volunteers for August 9, 2015 (Second Sunday of August)

Prayer Warriors: Lee & Debbie Walker

Acolytes: Ashlyn Lanier, Anna Lee Howell

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Bird Hodges

9:01 Ushers: Don Marsh & Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley, Charles Cochran

11:00 Ushers: Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard, Joel Martin, Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson

(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Greeter: June Rushing

Front Door Greeters: Jewel Dabbs, Janice Davis, Cissy Mercer, JoAnn Marsh

Meals on Wheels (August 11): Karen and Tommy David

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

To God Be the Glory

arr. John Innes

***OPENING PRAYER**

***HYMN OF PRAISE MEDLEY**

Please see newsletter insert

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN'S SERMON (11:00AM Service)

ASHLEY WREN

(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 Arise

arr. Howard Helvey

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JIMMY HOOD; 11:00AM ANTHONY WATERS

OFFERTORY

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

arr. Dale Wood

***HYMN OF PREPARATION MEDLEY**

Please see newsletter insert

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Proverbs 24:33-34, 20:17, 12:18, 12:1, and 16:18

MESSAGE

“Wisdom at Work”

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Please see newsletter insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

arr. Robert J. Powell

**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 Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system.

Please ask an usher for a receiver.

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Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Wednesday Night Menu - August 12 - 5:30PM

Hamburgers & Hotdogs and assorted sides.

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.

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