



**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

**September 27, 2015**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**ONE CONTEMPORARY SERVICE, ONE CHURCH MEAL OCTOBER 4**

There is a beautiful hymn in our tradition, the first verse of which is:

Let us break bread together on our knees,

Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

Subsequent verses follow a similar pattern: "Let us drink wine (juice) together on our knees..." and "Let us praise God together on our knees..." This hymn is particularly special to me because it affirms our celebration of communion with two distinct requirements: togetherness and on our knees. I once heard a pastor say that the "church can only hope to move forward on its knees." He thought kneeling humbly with incessant prayer would allow us to better discern God's will. I would add that it's equally imperative for us to do so together, and we have the opportunity next Sunday.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in October. It is a Sunday when many churches from many denominations around the world break bread, drink wine/juice, and praise God together on our knees. It is an ecumenical sign of solidarity: though we are different, we are one. One Body under One Christ: the crucified, yet risen Savior. Collectively we honor Jesus when he says, "Do this in remembrance of me."

Next Sunday, October 4, we will combine 901 and Revive into one contemporary worship service at 11AM; our services will therefore be: 8:30 and 11AM Traditional and 11AM Contemporary (no 901). At the 11AM contemporary service, we will worship in the Fellowship Hall at round tables and share in communion together. Since round tables will already be setup for worship, we will have a church-wide family meal immediately following the 11AM contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall. Persons from all services are invited to join together as one "First UMC" Body for a family meal. The church will provide fried chicken and tea, so bring your famously delicious side dishes, casseroles and desserts for everyone to enjoy.

Finally, I know that our celebration of World Communion Sunday is the beginning of Fall Break and that some of you will be out of town. Please know that it is my hope that we will find more ways to gather our entire church community together more regularly, because our church will be all the better and will grow stronger both on its knees and together.

Have a God-filled week my friends,  
Pastor Scott

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Exercise Your Faith" - Luke 5:1-11

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Scott Harris  
"Never Alone" - Genesis 2:18-25

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 20, 2015)**

**Morning Worship: 498**

**Sunday School: 329**

8:30AM: 57

9:01AM: 131

11:00AM: 186

REVIVE: 124

Offering Received: \$19,764.50

Preserving God's House: \$5,520.00

Special Offering - Methodist Children's Home: \$1,075.00; Macedonia Immigrants: \$435.00

## Our Church Family

**Please pray** for *Bud Johnston* who is recovering in Lawrenceville, GA

**Please pray** for *Mary Grace Toussaint* who is at East Georgia.

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on September 27 are given in honor of C.P. "Charlie" Olliff, Jr. by *Robert S., Ginny, grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Funding Our Ministries

Beginning on Sunday, October 11, we will begin a sermon series based on a book by James Harnish, *Earn, Save, Give: Wesley's Simple Rules for Money*. This series will culminate with Pledge Sunday on November 8.

### Prayer Warrior Ministry

Would you like to be a part of the Prayer Warrior ministry at Statesboro First United Methodist Church? If so, we have a vacancy in the schedule that would allow you to serve. This is how it works. On your appointed Sunday you will arrive at the church at 7:00AM to pray with the pastors and then pray throughout the church. At 7:45AM you will meet the pastors in the Upper Room for communion. You should be done by 8:00AM. You would be asked to serve twice a year. If you have an interest please call Jimmy or Pat High at 764-4543 or email [highhollow@nctv.com](mailto:highhollow@nctv.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

### Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are disciplined through a Bible study, "The Greatest Journey," where they learn to become faithful followers of Christ and share their faith with others. Boxes and brochures will be available soon.

### Emmaus Information Session

If you have an interest in knowing more about the Walk to Emmaus, please join us on Sunday October 18, 2015 at 8:30AM or 11:00AM in the Dan Williams Sunday School classroom. We will have people who have gone on the Walk available to share with you what a meaningful experience it was for them. No pressure will be put on you at this session to attend the weekend. Please call Jimmy or Pat High (912-764-4543) or e-mail us at [highhollow@nctv.com](mailto:highhollow@nctv.com) if you have any questions. Please put the date on your calendar. You will be hearing more about the meetings as time passes.

### Hear Previous Weeks Sermons Online or On The Go

Audio recordings from both Pastor Jimmy and Pastor Scott's sermons are posted to the church's website each week. You may listen to them on your computer or download and save them for later. Type <http://media.statesborofirst.com> into your web browser to listen and download sermon recordings. For a more automatic option, you may subscribe to our podcast (Portable On Demand Broadcast) for free using iTunes. In the iTunes store, search for "Statesboro First UMC" to access the sermons. Once you subscribe to our podcast, sermons can be delivered to your iPod, iPhone, or computer automatically as soon as the recording is available.



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### **Middle School Retreat – November 6–8**

Students will leave after school on November 6 for a weekend at Epworth By The Sea packed with fun activities as well as times of worship and growth. The total cost for the weekend is \$175, which will include all activities, food, and lodging. Sign-up for this trip will begin next week.

### **Sunday Night Surge**

Middle School students meet at 5:00PM and High School students meet at 7:00PM every Sunday night for a time of music, games, and fellowship. Students experience a special evening with worship led by the youth band and a message from one of the youth ministry staff. Bring \$2 for dinner.

### **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.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 27**

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  
3:30PM - Youth Band Practice, Youth Rm.  
5:00PM - Sunday Night Surge MS, Youth  
7:00PM - Sunday Night Surge HS, Youth

### **Monday, September 28**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
6:00PM - Church Council Mtg, 306  
6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Rm.  
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### **Tuesday, September 29**

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
10:00AM - Armour of God Study, 212  
3:30PM - Magnolia Study, 213  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201  
6:00PM - Sustaining the Spirit, 306

### **Wednesday, September 30**

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center<sup>(offsite)</sup>  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir/200  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, October 1**

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:00PM - Toole Bible Study, 201  
6:30PM - Emmaus Board Mtg, Lib.  
6:30PM - 901 Practice, FH

### **Friday, October 2**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center <sup>(offsite)</sup>

### **Saturday, October 3**

8:00AM - Kairos Training, 306  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, September 27, 2015**

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

Sarah Akins

**Kids Worship:**

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

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

## Children's Ministries News

**Save-the-Date: HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
October 25, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

### Wednesday Night Ministry

Children's Schedule:

Kids JAM (choir): 5:15PM-6:00PM on the 2nd floor

Family meal served in the Fellowship Hall: 5:30PM-6:20PM

Activities for children in Pre-K to 5th grade: 6:20PM-7:30PM

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

**Volunteers for September 27, 2015 (Fourth Sunday of September)**

**Prayer Warriors:** Lee & Debbie Walker, Ricky Turner

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** MaryAnn Lisenbee

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

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Lee Walker

**11:00 Ushers:** Mike Rollins, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

**Parking Greeters:** Linda Rushing

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

### Wednesday Night Menu - September 30 - 5:30PM

*Uncle Shug's: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, 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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The church gathers in the name of Jesus Christ.

**We come because we have been called to follow him.**

We come to sing praises and bow down before him.

**Let us worship in spirit and in truth.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #170 *O How I Love 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 MOMENT (11:00AM Service)**

SARAH AKINS

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

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

*Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah*

arr. Mack Wilberg

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**8:30AM MARYANN LISENBEE; 11:00AM LEE WALKER**

**OFFERTORY**

*What Does the Lord Require*

by Michael Burkhardt

\*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 #344 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 5:1-11

**MESSAGE**

*"Exercise Your Faith"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #398 *Jesus Calls Us*

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

*Benediction*

by John Behnke

**POSTLUDE**

*Fanfare-Improvisation*

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.



The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system.  
Please ask an usher for a receiver.