



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

March 6, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Easter Lilies to Support Local Missions

Each year beautiful Easter lilies are used to decorate the Sanctuary as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please use this opportunity to purchase lilies in memory of or in honor of someone you love while also helping our local missions. The Smith Flower Fund graciously provides the lilies so that 100% of sales will benefit these groups.

This year the Missions Committee will share the proceeds equally among local missions supported by SFUMC; The Hearts and Hands Clinic, Open Hearts Community Mission, The Food Bank, The Saturday Soup Kitchen, and Habitat for Humanity. The Hearts and Hands Clinic's mission is to promote healthy living and health education by providing free primary health services to Bulloch County citizens who are medically uninsured and have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guideline. Open Hearts Community Mission's purpose is to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, restore the downtrodden, and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Food Bank provides groceries to those in need and also helps provide some of the food for the Saturday Soup Kitchen, which operates out of our kitchen every Saturday. Approximately 350 meals are served, and many service organizations, other church groups, and businesses provide funds and volunteers for this community mission. Habitat's mission is to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope. SFUMC is currently partnering with several other groups in building a house in the downtown area. Each of these groups provides much needed services to many in our community. Not only can you help by purchasing Easter lilies, but any of these groups could use your volunteer and monetary support. Let's make 2016 the year to get involved in local missions.

Sunday, March 6, 2016

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

"Systematic Evil: When Societies Go Bad" - Amos 5:20-24; Matthew 5:43-48

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

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Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 28, 2016)

Morning Worship: 573

Sunday School: 327

8:30AM: 60

9:01AM: 154

11:00AM: 250

REVIVE: 109

Offering Received: \$27,958.26

Preserving God's House: \$2,275.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Amos Connell - EGR*
Gene Neville - EGR

Ongoing: *Faye Berkeley, Ed Akins, John Welch, Harold Newton, Mary Adams, Darby Benson, Gladys Hacker, Kathy Howard, Janette Johnson, Winton and Diane Deloach, Art Doughty, Elise Brady, Inman Hodges, Jimmy Hood, Nora Ford, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Nellie Sowell, Martha Cain*

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Called Charge Conference - Sunday, March 13

There will be a called Charge Conference held in our Sanctuary on Sunday morning, March 13 at 10:00AM. The purpose of this conference is to vote on a recommendation from the Staff-Parish Relations Committee to recommend Pastor Scott Harris as a candidate for Ordained ministry in the South Georgia Conference. The Conference should take about 15 minutes and a secret ballot vote will be taken. We rejoice that Pastor Scott feels a call from God to take this important step in his life and in the life of the church.

The Board of Trustees of Bethany
Cordinally invites you to
The Lodge at Bethany
77 Bethany Way

As we gratefully acknowledge the blessings of God with the dedication of the only
Licensed Assisted Living Community in Statesboro.

Ribbon Cutting and Open House
Thursday, March 10, 2016 @ 5:00PM
&
Open House and Dedication
Sunday, March 13, 2016 @ 3:00PM

SFUMC Preschool Registration

Registration for Preschool and Summer Care

- Preschool and Summer Care registration for our **currently enrolled** children will be **Tuesday, March 22**. This day has been set aside for children and their siblings *that are currently enrolled in our preschool program*.
- Preschool and Summer Care registration for all **new** SFUMC member children **not currently enrolled** will be **Wednesday, March 23**.
- On **Thursday, March 24**, enrollment will be open to the **general public**.

Applications are ready for pickup (NOT to turn in yet). If you have any questions regarding our Preschool and Summer Care registration, please contact Ann Haskins, Director of Preschool and Childcare Ministries, 764-1876.

Volunteers for March 6, 2016 (First Sunday of March)

Prayer Warriors: Buck Ford

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bryan Burke

8:30 Ushers: Buck Ford, Brian Harrison

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Joe McGlamery

11:00 Ushers: John Ray, Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Brett Morgan, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Lot Greeters: Janet Mathis

Front Door Greeters: Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo, Martha Ray



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - Tonight

Due to the Confirmation Retreat we will be having a combined Sunday Night Surge tonight, March 6. Middle School and High School students are invited to join us from 6:00PM-7:30PM for food, games, fellowship, and worship. Please bring \$2 for dinner.

No Breakfast Club March 7

There will be no Breakfast Club tomorrow, March 7, due to the Confirmation Retreat. Breakfast Club will resume next week, March 14.

Missions Weekend - May 6 & 7

We will be having a local Missions Weekend full of service activities. This is a great time for students to experience being the hands and feet of Christ out in our community. The cost for the weekend is \$50. If you would like to sign your student up for this trip please let Becca know. We will need a lot of parent volunteers to pull this weekend off. You will receive more specifics on our needs in the weeks to come.

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Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen

Our Church Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen is March 19 and the Bundles Bunch would appreciate your help. We will be assembling/wrapping bundles/baskets at 1102 Cherokee Court on Sundays from 2:00PM-4:00PM. We are also collecting unused toiletry/hygiene products (from motel and dentist visits), charity "gifts", new or slightly used children's books, etc. in the crates in either the Gathering Area or under the stairs. Please help make this glorious season special for our needy neighbors. For more information contact Sara Melford, sjmelford@live.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, March 6

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, YR
6:00PM - Combined Sunday Night Surge, YR

Monday, March 7

6:00PM - Trustees Board Meeting, 307
6:30PM - Youth Mission Trip Meeting, FH
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, March 8

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
10:00AM - Armor of God Study, 212
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201
7:00PM - UMM Fellowship Supper, FH

Wednesday, March 9

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib.
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir/200
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, March 10

6:00PM - Marcus Toole Study, 201
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
(Sponsored by Statesboro Service League)



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, March 6, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Bonnie Spiers

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, April Powell

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Kelley Collins

Children's Ministries News

Kids JAM Rehearsals Scheduled for Sunday Afternoon

The children's choirs will rehearse at 3:00PM **today** in the Fellowship Hall and again next Sunday, March 13, at 3:00PM to finalize the Easter program. The 1st-5th graders should learn speaking parts and participate in **both** Sunday rehearsals. Pre-K & Kindergarten will rehearse on March 13 only.

Wednesday Night Ministry Schedule

Next Wednesday, March 9, children who participate in Wednesday night children's ministry activities will pack bags of food to go home with the students in the Backpack Buddies program at Sallie Z Elementary. This will include all age groups, Pre-K to 5th grade. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00PM-7:30PM and work together to bag food for 65 children in need of meals during the weekends.

Easter Eggs Needed

Please donate plastic Easter eggs by March 13 for our annual Easter event and community egg hunt on Saturday, March 19. We ask for all candy to be individually wrapped. **Please do not include chocolate because it melts.**

Be sure to sign up to serve at our annual Easter event. We welcome volunteers to meet and greet at the Welcome Tent, help set up for the egg hunt, or clean up following the event. Your help is needed! Sarah (sakins@statesborofirst.com) Jodie (jhendrix@statesborofirst.com)

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Wednesday Night Menu - March 9 - 5:30PM

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

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SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
O God Beyond All Praising
arr. Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise God who gives us the bread of life.
Praise Jesus Christ who unites in the breaking of the bread.
Praise God who binds us together as we drink together.
Praise the Spirit who makes us one.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #98 *To God Be the Glory*

***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)

BONNIE SPIERS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM JOE MCGLAMERY

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

arr. Robert J. Powell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*DOXOLOGY Hymn #94

*SCRIPTURE READING

Amos 5:20-24; Matthew 5:43-48

MESSAGE

"Systematic Evil: When Societies Go Bad"

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

God Be With You

Ralph Vaughn Williams

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner

**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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