



**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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**April 3, 2016**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**PRAYING FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Since the Methodist Church was founded in the United States around the time of the beginning of our country, the government of our church is set up much like our government, with a legislative, an executive, and a judicial branch. Unlike the Roman Catholic Church, we have no pope or president, or chief executive officer who leads our church. The legislative branch is the General Conference which meets every four years, and is the only body that can officially speak for the church. This body considers any changes that need to be made to our Book of Discipline. Each Annual Conference elects delegates in proportional relation to the membership of their conference. The Executive Branch of the government is the Council of Bishops, who can make no change to church law but whose power rests in their authority to appoint pastors to serve local churches. The Judicial Branch is the Judicial Council which functions much like the Supreme Court, and this group decides whether General Conference legislation, Annual Conference legislation, or decisions made by a Bishop are in line with the Constitution of the Church.

This year General Conference will meet in Portland, Oregon where South Georgia will be represented by four clergy, four laity, two clergy alternates, and two lay alternates. Mr. Bill Hatcher, our church's Lay Leader, will lead the South Georgia delegation as they gather in Portland May 10-20. The eyes of the world will be upon this Conference and the decisions that will be made. Therefore, I invite us to participate in our denomination's 60 Day Call to Prayer beginning March 31 through May 29.

The Upper Room has created a PDF download and a daily email service which can be used as daily devotional as well as a reminder to pray specifically for General Conference. You can access this information by going to [www.60daysofprayer.org](http://www.60daysofprayer.org) and following the instructions.

I know that you care about the spiritual direction of our church. Whether or not you use any of the materials mentioned above or whether you lift up in your daily prayer time the General Conference, I know that I can count on you to join me in praying for God to move at General Conference. We pray for Bill Hatcher and others who will represent the South Georgia Conference in Portland.

---Pastor Jimmy

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Overcoming Grief: Mary Magdalene" - John 20:11-18

9:01 & 11:00AM Revive - Scott Harris  
"Overcoming Grief: Mary Magdalene" - John 20:11-18

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 27, 2016)**

**Morning Worship: 1,081**

**Sunday School: 304**

Sunrise:98 8:30AM: 163

9:01AM: 195

11:00AM: 518

REVIVE: 107

Offering Received: \$19,933.07

Preserving God's House: \$200.00

Special Offerings: Lent - \$766.10; Easter Lilies - \$1900.00

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Mary Adams - Swingbed Metter*

**Hospice:** *Nellie Sowell, Winton DeLoach*

**Ongoing:** *Mary Sue Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Amos Connell, Steve Piazza, Faye Berkeley, Ed Akins, John Welch, Harold Newton, Gladys Hacker, Janette Johnson, Diane DeLoach, Art Doughty, Inman Hodges, Jimmy Hood, Nora Ford, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain*

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on April 3 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *John N. Rushing by the family of John Rushing.*

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Summer Hodges and her family,* upon the death of Summer's grandfather, *Hudson Williams,* who died on March 23.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Purchase of Bulloch Street Property Now Complete

With the approval of the Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Church Council, the Church has completed the purchase of the Bulloch Street property that contains a former doctor's office and an empty lot. The purchase price was \$165,000. Half of this amount was paid for out of church reserves, and \$82,500 was borrowed from Farmers and Merchants Bank. The loan was made in order for us to maintain an adequate balance in cash reserves. Funds were borrowed at a 3.75% interest rate which is fixed for five years. The Trustees have plans to do some renovations to the building that would enable us to use the building for small groups, Sunday School classes, and other meetings. Ultimately, as we get to the point of new construction, this additional property will fit into a master building plan.

### Open Hearts Community Mission - Make Your Mark

Open Hearts Community Mission invites you to *Make Your Mark* on April 10 at 3:00PM. This is how you can make your mark! We want to embed the Mission building with Sacred Scriptures. We can write on the framing or the foundation. Together we will imprint or implant the Word of God, similar to how God directed His children to do in Deuteronomy 6:9 and 11:20. The Scriptures we put inside the Mission will last forever. And perhaps, we will discover other ways we can place essentials into the Mission. This is a great family event; an activity for all ages. Church families, youth groups, Sunday School classes, small groups, community members, please plan to come. Bring your favorite Sharpie, pen or crayon and... **MAKE YOUR MARK!**

### Volunteers for April 3, 2016 (First Sunday of April)

**Prayer Warriors:** Warren and Roxella Ball

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Irene Denmark

**8:30 Ushers:** Daryl Harrison, Brian Harrison

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Martha Ray

**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

**Meals on Wheels (April 5):** John and Martha Ray



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### No Sunday Night Surge/Confirmation Tonight - April 3

We will not have Sunday Night Surge tonight due to the Youth Staff being on the Mission Trip. There will also be no confirmation due to Spring Break. We will have a **combined Surge** on **April 10**, from 6:00PM-7:30PM. **Confirmation will be held from 5:00PM-6:00PM** on this night so the confirmation class can participate in Surge.

### No Breakfast Club - April 4, 11

We will not have Breakfast Club on April 4 or 11 due to Spring Break and the Youth Mission Trip. Breakfast Club will resume on April 18.

### Missions Weekend - May 6 & 7

We will have 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: [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com). We will need a lot of parent volunteers to pull this weekend off. Please consider how you can serve!

### Graduation Sunday - May 22

We will recognize our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 22. If you know your student would like to participate in this special morning please email Becca, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

### Vacation Bible School - June 13-17

Every year our students do a fantastic job serving our Children's ministry through Vacation Bible School. If your student would like to sign up to help again this year, please let Becca know, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com). Students will need to arrive each morning by 8:40AM and will be dismissed around 12:15PM.

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 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

### Monday, April 4

6:00PM - Trustees Board Meeting, 307  
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, April 5

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.  
10:00AM - Armor of God Study, 212  
6:00PM - Sustaining the Spirit, 306  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201  
6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH

### Wednesday, April 6

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib.  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

### Thursday, April 7

6:00PM - Marcus Toole Study, 201  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:30PM - Emmaus Board Meeting, Lib

### Friday, April 8

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

### Saturday, April 9

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
(Korean Mission Church)



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, April 3, 2016**

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

Elizabeth Penn

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

We will not meet for Wednesday night Children's Ministry activities next week, April 6, due to spring break.

### Doggie Sunday FunDay!

**April 17, 5:00PM, Church Lawn**

Bring your dog for family fun activities, enter a contest and doggie parade, make homemade dog treats. \*\*For the safety of our children and all who attend, dogs must be on a leash and have shots up to date. Please do not bring aggressive dogs who do not get along with people and other pets.\*\*

### Children's Sunday

Children's Sunday is coming soon! Mark your calendar for May 8. Children will participate in leading worship on Mother's Day.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life

SFUMC will sponsor a team at Relay for Life to be held at Kiwanis Fairgrounds on April 29. Donations may be given online at [www.relayforlife.org/bullochga](http://www.relayforlife.org/bullochga). Search for the team name: Statesboro First United Methodist Church. Donations may also be made by cash or check made payable to "American Cancer Society" and placed in the offering plate. During April, a team member will be in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings to receive donations. Luminaries may be placed in honor or memory of a friend or loved one for a minimum gift of \$5.00. To join our team and ask how you can support the effort, contact Hilda Dutrow, 764-6609 or [jhdutrow@frontiernet.net](mailto:jhdutrow@frontiernet.net).

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Jesus Christ: master, leader, savior,  
**Messiah, faithful witness, Son of God,**  
Alpha and Omega, the first and the last,  
**The beginning and the end -**  
**To you be all honor and glory.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymn #304 *Easter People, Raise Your Voices*

**\*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)**  
**ELIZABETH PENN**  
(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 IRENE DENMARK; 11:00AM MARTHA RAY

### OFFERTORY

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

arr. Virgil Thompson

EMMA HUENNEKENS, 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!**

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:11-18

### MESSAGE

*“Overcoming Grief: Mary Magdalene”*

REV. JIMMY CASON

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #312 *He Lives*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

arr. Pierce Dickens

### POSTLUDE

*Fanfare Postlude*

by Douglas 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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