



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

April 10, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

RELAY FOR LIFE

Kiwanis Fairgrounds

Friday, April 29, 2016 - 6 p.m. – Midnight

Each Sunday in April, there is a Relay for Life table in the Gathering Area. Please consider donating. Gifts large and small help to fight this dreaded disease, which has affected so many in our congregation. Perhaps you or your loved one has or is undergoing treatment. Or look down your pew and it's very possible you will find a friend who also deals with cancer.

This year's Relay theme is **Give Cancer the Boot**. While the American Cancer Society is making progress toward a world without cancer, only with our dedication and fundraising efforts can we finish the fight against the disease. You can help! We aren't just fighting one type of cancer. We are fighting so that people in all areas can celebrate longer, happier lives away from the shadow of cancer. Each person who shares the Relay for Life experience can take pride in knowing that they are working to create a world where this disease no longer threatens our loved ones or robs anyone of another birthday.

Luminaries in honor of a cancer survivor, or in memory of someone who has suffered this disease may be placed at Relay for a minimum donation of \$5.00. Checks should be made payable to American Cancer Society. Donations may also be made online at www.relayforlife.org/bullochga. Search for the team name: Statesboro First United Methodist Church.

Sunday, April 10, 2016

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"Overcoming Doubt: Thomas" - John 20:24-29

11:00AM Revive - Scott Harris
"Overcoming Doubt: Thomas" - John 20:24-29

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 3, 2016)

Morning Worship: 459

Sunday School: 253

8:30AM: 55

9:01AM: 92

11:00AM: 194

REVIVE: 118

Offering Received: \$23,516.64

Preserving God's House: \$2,020.00

Special Offerings: Altar/ACTS - \$1,173.00

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Winton Deloach* - April 1, 2015

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *James Rothgeb Sipe, III (Jay), Caroline Lowery Sipe, Ellen Hayley Sipe, and Stephanie Rader Sipe*, upon the death of their father and former husband, *James Rothgeb Sipe, Jr.*, resident of Harrisonburg, Virginia who died on March 20.

Prayer Concerns

Hospice: *Nellie Sowell*

Ongoing: *Mary Adams, 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 Dougherty, Inman Hodges, Jimmy Hood, Nora Ford, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain*

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and calls after my recent surgery. God bless you all, - Steve Piazza

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Stephen Ministers

Our congregation is one of more than 11,000 worldwide, representing 160 Christian denominations, that use the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry developed by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis. We celebrate today as we commission our first-ever group of Stephen Ministers. They are:

Stephen Ministers - Class of 2016

Susan Cason	Judy Fish	Leslie Fletcher
Jeff Graham	Scott Harris	Betty Hodges
Rhonda McMahon	Karen Mullenax	Michele Rugar
David Rugar	Bonnie Spiers	Debbie Walker
Roger Wentz	Sheila Wentz	

These men and women have received 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join a team of active Stephen Ministers serving our congregation and community. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Please pray for our new Stephen Ministers—ask God to bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those whom they serve. Pray also for the ongoing ministry of our current Stephen Ministers.

Volunteers for April 10, 2016 (Second Sunday of April)

Prayer Warriors: John and Michelle Barton

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Phyllis Harrison **8:30 Ushers:** Steve Garner, Bird Hodges

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Brian Thomas

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

(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges)

Parking Lot Greeters: June Rushing

Front Door Greeters: Jewel Dabbs, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Combined Surge Tonight - April 10

We will have a **combined Surge** on **April 10**, from 6:00PM-7:30PM. **Confirmation will be held from 5:00PM-6:00PM**

No Breakfast Club - April 11

We will not have Breakfast Club on April 11. 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. 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.

Wednesday Night Menu - April 13 - 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.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, April 10

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 - Confirmation
6:00PM - Sunday Night Surge, Youth

Monday, April 11

10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Study, Library
6:00PM - Staff Parish Relations, Library
6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306
6:30PM - Gideons, 103
6:30PM - OHCM Board, 213
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, April 12

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
2:30PM - UMM Meal Prep., Kitchen

6:00PM - AA, 206

6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH

Wednesday, April 13

8:00AM - Praying Partners Emmaus, Lib.
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
5:00PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Activities
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, April 14

1:00PM - Jo Jones Wellness, 211
6:00PM - Marcus Toole Study, 201
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 16

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Janice Smith

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Megan Yawn

Children's Ministries News

Kid Connect

The 2 & 3 year old, Pre-K, and Kindergarten Sunday school classes will meet for Kid Connect this morning in Room 108. This is a time for our younger classes to gather for music and a special guest or activity.

Doggie Sunday FunDay!

April 17, 5:00PM-6:00PM, Church Lawn

Bring your dog for family fun activities and dog treats. Enter our doggie parade and win prizes! ***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.

Wednesday Night

The Children's Wednesday Night Ministry schedule resumes this week, April 13.

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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!**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Must we physically see Jesus in order to believe?
Is seeing truly believing?
Yet the locked room of our hearts open at the turn of God's key.
May we hear God's voice saying to us again:
"Do not doubt, only believe!"
There is life in the name of Jesus!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

***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.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)
JANICE SMITH
(Following the Children's Moment, children in Pre-K through 4th grade
are invited to Kids Worship in Room 306.)

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
arr. David Schwoebel

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PHYLLIS HARRISON; 11:00AM BRIAN THOMAS

OFFERTORY

To God Be the Glory

arr. Diane Bish

HALEY CHAPMAN, 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 20:24-29

MESSAGE

"Overcoming Doubt: Thomas"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

arr. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ST. DUNSTAN'S

arr. 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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