



**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

May 22, 2016
GRADUATION SUNDAY

Worship Services:

Sanctuary: 8:30AM & 11:00AM
Fellowship Hall: 9:01AM & 11:00AM

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Important Meetings

There are three very important meetings taking place this week. With upcoming graduations, end of school year, and planned vacations, it is important that we not "take our eyes off the ball" as far as what God may be directing our church to do.

On Monday, May 23, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will have their May meeting at 6:00PM in the Library. This meeting was moved from its regular meeting date due to a conflict with the UMW Spring Banquet. (By the way, congratulations to **Mrs. Betty (Fred) Hodges** on being named the **2016 UMW Quiet Disciple**.)

On Tuesday, May 24, the Building Study Task Force will meet at 6:00PM in the Library. This task force is a short-term group that does not replace the Building Committee. After a recommendation from the Trustees, the Church Council named the following to serve on this study committee to reassess our needs for a new building addition: Anthony Waters, Chair, Edwin Hill, Hughes Williamson, Chad Avret, Sidney David, April Powell, Earl Dabbs Jr., Pat High, Kathryn Olliff, Will Avra, Russell Mathis, Nancy Martin, Kathryn Howard, Jimmy Cason, and Janice Smith.

On Wednesday, May 25, the Church Council will meet at 6:00PM in Room 306.

Pastor Scott

If you miss seeing Pastor Scott at the church for the next week or so, you may want to know that he is attending License to Preach School in Atlanta at Emory. He will be there from May 20 through May 29. He has already completed the pre-work for this school, and after he completes the school, he will be given his License to Preach. He will then be appointed to our church as Associate Pastor in June.

Sunday, May 22, 2016

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"Knowing Christ" - Philippians 3:4-21

11:00AM Revive - Rebecca Brown
"Knowing Christ" - Philippians 3:4-21

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, May 15, 2016)

Morning Worship: 477

Sunday School: 297

8:30AM: 85

9:01AM: 88

11:00AM: 216

REVIVE: 88

Offering Received: \$22,633.75

Preserving God's House: \$675.00

Special Offering: Magnolia Manor \$410.00 / Total for Fostering Bulloch/TRAC \$7,650.00

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Allen Blanchette* - May 14, 2016

Prayer Concerns

Hospice: *Nellie Sowell*

Hospital: *Lloyd Jones Sr. - home from hospital*

Ongoing: *Charles Eunice, Kristi Benton, Belton Braswell, Jean Deal, Nora Ford, Karen Shiels, Mary Adams, Mary Sue Hodges, Inman Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Amos Connell, Harold Newton, Diane Deloach, Art Doughty, Jimmy Hood, Carolyn Millican, John Gould, Martha Cain*

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Mrs. Mary Ann Lisenbee*, upon the death of her brother, *Mr. Bill Edmonds*, who died on May 16.

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Sheila) Wentz*, upon the death of Sheila's brother, *Mr. Clifford Douglas Marcum*, who died on May 15.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Help Set A World Record in Patriotism!

The Daughters of the American Revolution are attempting to break the GUINNESS WORLD RECORD for "most letters to military personnel collected in one month!"

Some members of DAR and FUMC are: Martha Wells, Patty Mallard, June Rushing, Jane Yawn, Anne Allen, Martha Ray, Pat Long.

These letters will be hand-carried to our national conference in Washington, DC, in June, by Martha Wells and Martha Ann Tanner. Please help us with this project! Just carefully follow these simple rules set by Guinness World Records:

1. Individuals may submit only one letter each.
2. No age restriction; so letters from children that meet all requirements may be included.
3. Each letter must contain three components: a) greeting (e.g. Dear Soldier or Dear American Hero); b) an original message of support/appreciation; c) a closing (e.g. Thanks, Sincerely) and a signature.
4. There is no size/length requirement. Both letters and cards may be used.
5. All letters must be the original submission of the participant—no form letters/templates may be used. They should be handwritten and include your return name/address on the envelope.
6. All letters must bear a 47-cent first class U.S. postage stamp; letters without postage will be discarded.
7. DO NOT SEAL ENVELOPE! The official adjudicator will open and inspect random samples during the verification process. DAR will seal the letters before mailing.
8. Archibald Bulloch Chapter NSDAR members will address all letters.
9. Questions? Call Martha Wells or email, marthawells@frontiernet.net

Volunteers for May 22, 2016 (Fourth Sunday of May)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Betty Hatcher

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Hilda Dutrow

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Hatcher

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

Parking Lot Greeters: Linda Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (May 24): Anne & Larry Thompson



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge End of Semester Party - TONIGHT

Middle and High School students will meet tonight, May 22, from 6:00PM-8:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to please bring a food to share!

Snowbird Summer Camp - June 20-25

We have had three spots open up for this trip. Since it is so close to time, we are offering a special rate. Please contact Becca for more information, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Upcoming Events

June 6

Vacation Bible School Decorating

Meet at the church at 10:30AM and bring money for lunch.

June 7

Middle School Video Scavenger Hunt

Meet at the church at 5:00PM.

June 8

High School Night Out

Meet at the church at 5:30PM. We will be going to Get Air and dinner. Please bring \$20 to cover food and activities.

June 13-17

Vacation Bible School

Please sign up directly with Becca or Tyler. Students need to arrive each morning by 8:40AM and will be dismissed around 12:15PM.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, May 22

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
12:00PM - Graduation Luncheon, 306
3:30PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
6:00PM - Surge End-of-Year Party, FH

Monday, May 23

6:00PM - Staff Parish Meeting, Lib.
8:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, May 24

8:00AM - Morn. Glory Emmaus, Lib.
6:00PM - Building Task Force, Lib.
6:00PM - 901 Band Practice, FH
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

Wednesday, May 25

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
6:00PM - Church Council, 306
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, May 26

10:00AM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, May 27

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

Saturday, May 28

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Sponsored by Michael Braz



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, May 22, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Lydia Cross

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Karen Hilde

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Kids JAM Pool Party TODAY

If your child participates in Kids JAM on Wednesday evenings, please join us from 2:00PM-4:00PM today at the home of Ashley Wren (2009 West Hampton Pointe Drive). Come swim and celebrate the end of a great season!

VBS Needs

Thank you for donating juice boxes! We are still collecting these for Vacation Bible School. We want to help the children cool down after outdoor recreation and need about 1,600 juice boxes for each child to get one drink each day.

Please save your mini plastic juice bottles and/or mini Powerade bottles. These are needed for a special craft we will do with the children the week of VBS. We are also still collecting toilet paper rolls. You may drop any of these items off in the church office.

Faith Girls & God's Guys

Summer small groups for rising 3rd-6th graders will begin Wednesday, June 29. Please note the change of date. Online registration will be up soon on our church website.

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SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE
GRADUATION SUNDAY

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Toccata on "All Creatures of Our God and King"
arr. Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The steadfast love of the Lord lasts forever!
The unfailing hope of the Lord is like prayer and song in the heart.
Clothed in Christ, we are justified by faith,
Belonging to Christ, we are one in him.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #295 *In the Cross of Christ I 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)

LYDIA CROSS

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

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

ANTHEM (11:00 Service)

Let a Joyful Song Arise

by Carl Nygard

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM HILDA DUTROW; 11:00AM BILL HATCHER

OFFERTORY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Paul Manz

***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 #189 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 3:4-21

MESSAGE

"Knowing Christ"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #419 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

To the Glory of God

by Gerald Peterson

**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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