



**STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR
SCOTT HARRIS ASSOCIATE PASTOR

September 4, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

UPCOMING DATES

As many of you return from your Labor Day holidays, there are several very important events occurring in the next couple of months. Go ahead and "Save the Date" on your calendars:

Walk to Emmaus: The Men's Walk is September 8-11 and the Women's Walk is September 15-18

Mom & Me Tea: Sunday, September 11, at 3PM in the Fellowship Hall for girls (kindergarten-5th grade) and their moms

Rock the Universe: 92 youth and their chaperones will travel to Orlando for "Rock the Universe" September 9-11

A Night of Prayer for Our Nation: Sunday, September 11, at 6PM at Statesboro High School Auditorium

Father-Son Day at the Pond House: Sunday, September 18, at 2PM for boys (kindergarten-5th grade) and their dads

District Laity Evening with Bishop Lawson Bryan: Thursday, October 6, at Pittman Park UMC at 6:30PM. Let's have a great representation from our congregation present.

Bishop Lawson Bryan, the new Bishop for the South Georgia Conference, will preach at the 11AM Traditional Service on Sunday, October 16. We will not have the 8:30AM service that morning and encourage people to come to the 11AM service to hear our new bishop.

Pledge Sunday is Sunday, October 23, at all four worship services.

Harvest Festival is also Sunday, October 23, from 5:00-7:00PM

The Georgia Southern Chorale will present a full concert at the 11AM Traditional Service on Sunday, October 30.

Sunday, September 4, 2016

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"A Plea for Reconciliation" - Philemon 1:1-25

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Jonathan Smith

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

Morning Worship: 606

Sunday School: 357

8:30AM: 75

9:01AM: 143

11:00AM: 237

Revive: 151

Offering Received: \$16,980.24

Preserving God's House: \$2,295.00

Special Offering: UMCOR(total) - \$3700.00

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Perk Robins* - September 1, 2016

Prayer Concerns

Ongoing: *Kathy Richardson Jones, Judy Strickland, Connie Hodges, Shirley Hooker, John Popps, Art Doughty, Perk Robins, June Weaver, Janice Davis, Khaki Herrington, Charles Millican, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Mary Sue Hodges, Inman Hodges, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Harold Newton, Diane Deloach, Jimmy Hood, John Gould, Martha Cain, Amos Connell, Bill Mathis Jr., Jim Long*

Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb (Jada) Mock

102 Hayden Road
Statesboro, GA 30458

Caleb and *Jada* joined at the REVIVE service and transfer their membership from First Baptist Church in Jesup. *Caleb* is employed with Koyo and *Jada* is a homemaker.

Ms. Elizabeth (Liz) duBignon

215 South Main Street
Statesboro, GA 30458

Liz joins our church on transfer of membership from Central Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas. *Liz*, who has already become active in the Dan Williams Sunday School Class, joined at the 11AM Traditional Service. She is retired.

Address for Dr. Martha Cain:

Meadows Park Health and Rehab, Room 105B
119 Meadows Parkway, West.
Vidalia, GA 30474

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Over-the-Counter Medicines Needed for Haiti Medical Mission Trip

Several of our church members (Becky Holmes, Eleanor Schneider, and Karen David) are going on the Medical Mission Trip to Haiti led by Dr. Randy Smith October 23-29. We are collecting over-the-counter medicines that are unexpired-generics and big bottles are fine. We need pain relievers (Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, infant liquid Tylenol), topical antibiotic, antifungal, and anti-itch creams, eye and ear drops, cold and allergy medicines, antacids, anti-diarrheals, most anything sold over-the-counter, except aspirin. We also need powdered infant formula. There will be a box in the gathering area, or you can leave them in your Sunday School classes and we will get them. We, along with the dear people of Haiti, thank you in advance!!!

Volunteers for September 4, 2016 (First Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Ronnie Hodges

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Betty Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Buck Ford

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Troy Marsh

11:00 Ushers: Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Brett Morgan, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper

(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: Janet Mathis

Front Door Greeters: Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

Meals on Wheels (September 6): Hilda Dutrow & Marcia Wise



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God: Love People: Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

COMBINED Sunday Night Surge - September 4

Due to the holiday, weekend we will be combining Surge. Both Middle School and High School students will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

NO Breakfast Club - September 5

Due to the holiday, there will be NO Breakfast Club this week.

Small Groups - September 7

Middle and High School students meet on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room for fellowship, food, and small group bible study. Small groups are divided by age and gender. The Youth Room opens at 5:30PM for dinner; games begin at 6:15PM; and bible study starts at 7:00PM. The cost for dinner is \$2 and students are dismissed at 8:00PM.

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Wednesday Night Menu - September 7 - 5:30PM

Barberitos: Taco Bar with Chips and Queso

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.

Isaiah Bible Study

The Isaiah Bible Study, led by Dr. Charlene Black, will resume Monday, September 12 from 2:30PM-4:30PM in the Church Library. Isaiah chapter 40 will be the first lesson.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 4

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
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
6:00PM - Combined Surge (MS/HS), YR

Monday, September 5

Office & Preschool closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

Preschool Closed
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
6:00PM - Trustees Board Meeting, Lib.
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

Wednesday, September 7

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Activities
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, September 8

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

Friday, September 9

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

Saturday, September 10

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 4, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Mari Hopkins

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins

11:00: Sarah Akins

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

5:15PM-6:00PM Kids JAM (children's choir)

5:30PM-6:30PM Dinner served in Fellowship Hall

6:30PM-7:30PM Children's Ministry activities for PreK-5th Grade

Backpack Buddies Ministry

This school year marks our eighth year partnering with Sallie Z Elementary to serve hungry children in our community. This month we will begin sending bags of food home with eligible students every week. Please consider making a donation to this ministry! You may also choose to sponsor a child for \$20 per month. Your contribution goes a long way and supports a need right here at home. Thank you.

Mom & Me Tea

Mark your calendar for a fancy mother-daughter tea party on Sunday, September 11, at 3:00PM. This will be held in the Fellowship Hall for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade and their mothers. Delia Mobley will demonstrate timeless etiquette techniques for the girls, and a special speaker will share a personal testimony. Tickets are available in the Church Office (\$5 per person).

A Day at the Pond House

Be sure to reserve Sunday, September 18, for a father-son afternoon at the Hodges-Yawn Pond House. This is for guys in kindergarten through 5th grade and their fathers. More details to come.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Love Divine
arr. John Innes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Unless the Lord builds the house,
They who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city,
The guard keeps watch in vain.

Let the favor of the Lord be upon us.
And establish the work of our hands.

May our work be a form of worship to the goodness of God!

-Adapted from Psalm 90 and Psalm 127

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #144 *This Is My Father's World*

***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)

MARI HOPKINS

(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 BETTY HODGES; 11:00AM TROY MARSH

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

Arioso
by Noel Rawsthorne

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

One Bread, One Body
arr. Lloyd Larson

***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**

Philemon 1:1-25

MESSAGE

"A Plea for Reconciliation"
REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #438 *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

***CHORALE BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**

A Clare Benediction
by John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Welcome, Happy Morning
arr. Gordon Young

**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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