



**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

**November 27, 2016**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS**

We are excited about the hope Advent brings! Below are some dates of upcoming events. We hope you will invite somebody and join us as we embrace the joy, peace, and hope of Christ this Advent Season. A list of upcoming events can also be found in our app. Visit [www.statesborofirst.com/app](http://www.statesborofirst.com/app) for links to download our church app to your phone.

**Sunday, December 4**

11:00AM - Confirmation Sunday  
3:00PM & 6:00PM - Community Christmas Celebration

**Wednesday, December 7**

6:00PM - Children Caroling - Lodge at Bethany

**Sunday, December 11**

8:30 & 11:00AM - Chancel Ringers  
5:00PM - Lessons & Carols  
6:00PM - UMW Christmas Reception  
6:00PM - Youth Christmas Party

**Tuesday, December 13**

10:00AM - Preschool Christmas Program

**Wednesday, December 14**

6:30PM - Children's Kids Jam Musical

**Sunday, December 18**

10:00AM - Children Caroling - Willow Pond  
11:00AM - UMW Baby Recognition

**Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

We are having three candlelight services.  
Childcare will be available at 4 & 5:30PM.  
4:00PM - Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)  
5:30PM - Christmas Eve (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30PM - Christmas Eve (Sanctuary)

**Sunday, December 25 - Christmas**

11:00AM - Christmas Morning Traditional Service in the Sanctuary  
(No 8:30, 9:01, Revive or Sunday School)

**Sunday, January 1, 2017 - New Year's Day**

11:00AM - New Year's Day Traditional Service in the Sanctuary  
(No 8:30, 9:01, Revive or Sunday School)

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"House United: Reviving the Dead" - Ezekiel 37: 1-14

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
"House United: Reviving the Dead - Ezekiel 37: 1-14

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 20, 2016)**

**Morning Worship: 512**

**Sunday School: 248**

8:30AM: 67

9:01AM: 144

11:00AM: 217

Revive: 84

Offering Received: \$64,715.27

Preserving God's House: \$420.00

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Betty Hodges - Home from hospital*

**Ongoing:** *Bobby Deal, Rev. Paula Lytle, Kathy Richardson Jones, Art Doughty, June Weaver, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Diane Deloach, Jimmy Hood, John Gould, Jim Long, Bob Counce, Bryan Rountree, Harold Newton, Amos Connell*

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on November 27 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Bo "Bennett" Galvin* who was born October 17, 2016, son of *Bo and Haley Galvin*, great-grandson of the late *Perk and Mary Lou Robins*.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** in the *Fellowship Hall* on November 27 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Samuel Hoyt Mock* who was born October 26, 2016, son of *Caleb and Jada Mock*.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are expressed to *Tim & Lori Durden*, upon the death of Tim's father, *Tommy Durden*, who died on November 16.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Angel Tree

"Angel Tree" is a ministry of our church in partnership with Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners in our area. Angel Tree has been contacted and we have received the names of 62 children in 30 families. The Angel Tree will be ready to have names picked up beginning December 4 and will continue until all names are taken. Each gift should cost \$15.00 - \$25.00. Please wrap your gift and place the "Angel" sticker on the gift so we can get it to the correct child. When selecting your "Angel" please fill out the form on the table so we will know who has taken which "Angel". Volunteers will be needed to help sort and deliver packages the week of December 19-24. If you feel lead to help serve in this ministry please contact Nancy Martin, 912-690-1042 or metterbetter500@yahoo.com, or Hilda Dutrow at 912-764-6609. Thank you in advance for considering this ministry as part of your Christmas celebration.

### First Sundays Are For Food Bank

Please note your calendars for the first Sunday of each month, and bring non-perishable food for the Statesboro Food Bank. Cereals, peanut butter, rice, dried milk, canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups are always good choices. Red wagons for your donation are placed in the Narthex and near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. This is one more way our church lives out our vision statement: "To glorify God and love others, through worship, study and service."

### Volunteers for November 27, 2016 (Fourth Sunday of November)

**Prayer Warriors:** Bill & Betty Hatcher

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

**8:30 Ushers:** Ken LeCain, Max Manack

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Lee Walker

**11:00 Ushers:** Mike Rollins, John Hodges, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier

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

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Linda Rushing

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

**Meals on Wheels (November 29):** Sue Avra



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### Combined Sunday Night Surge - November 27

Middle School and High School students will meet in the Youth Room for a combined Sunday Night Surge from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

### Breakfast Club - November 28

This event is for Middle and High School Students. We meet on Monday mornings upstairs on the third floor (Room 306) for breakfast (Chick-fil-A and Daylight Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

### Small Groups - November 30

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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Dayspring Emmaus Gathering

The Dayspring Emmaus Gathering will be at Statesboro First United Methodist Church Saturday night, December 3, at 6:00PM. The evening begins with a covered dish meal in the Fellowship Hall, followed by music, Fourth Day speaker, and communion in the Sanctuary. A nursery will be available. Our church has not hosted a Gathering in a few years so we want a big crowd of SFUMC folks in attendance. We have had over 200 church members participate in Walks to Emmaus, but anyone is invited and welcome to attend a Gathering.

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 27

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, YR

### Monday, November 28

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
6:00PM - Congregational Care Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Finance Committee Mtg, 213  
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, November 29

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212  
6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Al Anon, 201

### Wednesday, November 30

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

### Thursday, December 1

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

### Friday, December 2

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

### Saturday, December 3

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Sponsored by SFUMC*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

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

**Kids Worship:**

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

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Elizabeth Penn

## Children's Ministries News

### Kids JAM Rehearsal Today

Children in the 1st-5th grade choir will rehearse for the Christmas program this afternoon in the Fellowship Hall! Children with speaking parts will meet from 3:00PM-4:00PM, and then all 1st-5th graders from 4:00PM-5:00PM. The final rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 11. Both the Pre-K/Kindergarten & 1st-5th grade choirs will meet from 1:00PM-3:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Children who stay after Sunday morning worship for the rehearsal will be provided lunch in Room 306.

### Wednesday Night Ministry

Children who participate in Wednesday Night Ministry will travel to The Lodge at Bethany on December 7 to sing Christmas carols. This includes all ages, Pre-K through 5th Grade. We will load up at 6:20PM and return by 7:30PM. Parents are welcome to join us!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Honoring Babies

December 18 will be our day to honor babies for 2016. The UMW donates \$5 to Missions for each baby born to church members. If you have a grandchild, niece, nephew or friend born this year whose parents are non-members and you would like to honor them with a gift to missions, then please pick up a form from the Gathering Area, fill it out, and return it with \$5 to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate. Please submit all requests by December 12. Should you have any questions, contact Jerry Singletary at 912-682-2950 or by email: [jerrysing12@gmail.com](mailto:jerrysing12@gmail.com).

### Thank You

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped decorate the church for the Advent season: Pam Smith, Janet Mathis, Buck Ford, Nora Ford, Ricky Turner, Beth Turner, Olin Lovett, Tyce Lovett, Rawls Neville, Kennedy Neville, Carol Ruffo, Grace Hannah Cason, Hoke Brunson, Kathy Jenkins, Jim Campbell, Emma Huennekens, Lee Walker, Debbie Walker, Nancy Martin, Gavin Martin, Natalie Neville, Dennis Kea, Arnold Stephens.

### Wednesday Night Menu - November 30 - 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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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<b>Scott Harris, Assistant Pastor:</b>	912-764-1874	<b>Church FAX:</b>	912-764-7638

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Toccata on VENI, EMMANUEL*  
arr. Page C. Long

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pay attention! There is something happening here.

**God is speaking. Christ is coming.**

God is with us even now.

**God is re-creating us each day**

**Re-forming us in the image of love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #203 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

**\*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**

**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**(11:00 Service)**

ALEXANDRA LANE KENNEDY

KATHERINE ANNE WHITLOCK

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

8:30AM: DONALD & HELEN SPARKS

11:00AM: LINC & ELIZABETH LIPPINCOTT, DAVID, SAM & LYDIA

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)**

BUCK FORD

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

**ANTHEM (11:00am Service)**

***Hark the Glad Sound***

arr. Raymond Haan

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM IRENE DENMARK; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

**OFFERTORY**

***Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645***

Johann Sebastian Bach

**\*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 #196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**MESSAGE**

*"House United: Reviving the Dead"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #218 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**

***O Come to Us***

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

**POSTLUDE**

***Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers***

arr. Paul Manz

*\*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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