



**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

December 4, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

First United Methodist Church is once again pleased to host the Community Christmas Celebration, a collaboration between the Georgia Southern University Choral Department and the FUMC Chancel Choir. This year the program is entitled "Come and Worship" and the music presented will tell the story of Christmas through the stanzas of the beloved carol "Angels from the Realms of Glory". The Georgia Southern Chorale, University Singers, Southern Gentlemen and First United Methodist Chancel Choir will each perform individually and as a combined choir. The program will be presented today at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

James Montgomery penned these famous words that we sing every year and that are the theme of today's program: "Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!"

POINSETTIA SALES FOR MISSIONS

What an opportunity we all have to help decorate our church, honor family and friends, and help a mission chosen by the Missions Committee, just by purchasing poinsettias. Joyce Lovett has generously agreed again this year to use the Smith Flower Fund to purchase the poinsettias allowing all proceeds from the sale of the poinsettias to be donated to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

On October 8 our community saw first-hand how quickly nature can change lives. Hurricane Matthew brought death and devastation to our community as well as many other areas in the southeast. UMCOR is always first on the scene to provide support when these disasters happen. 100% of all funds will be directed toward the project we specify, and that will be the ongoing work in areas affected by Hurricane Matthew.

Thanks for your support.....The Missions Committee

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Scott Harris
"The Wonder of a Star" - Matthew 2:1-12

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"The Wonder of a Star" - Matthew 2:1-12

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 27, 2016)

Morning Worship: 492

Sunday School: 251

8:30AM: 58

9:01AM: 132

11:00AM: 216

Revive: 86

Offering Received: \$16,265.08

Preserving God's House: \$350.00

Special Offering: UM Student Day - \$182.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Darby Benson - EGR*

Ongoing: *Betty Hodges, 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*

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *John Gould*, upon the death of his brother, *Alfred Prince Gould*, who died on November 22.

Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Jodi) Dinello and Dylan
4037 Nessmith Road
Statesboro, GA 30458
Phone: 912-865-4850

Bob and Jodi and their son, Dylan, join our church on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination. Bob is employed with the Bulloch County Sheriff's Department while Jodi is employed with Guardian Pharmacy. Dylan is in the 8th grade at Bulloch Academy and also very active in our church youth group.

Alexandria Lane Kennedy, daughter of Everett and Stacy Kennedy was baptized and confirmed.

Katherine Anne Whitlock, daughter of Austin and Heather Whitlock, was confirmed. Both Alexandria and Katherine are in the 6th grade at Bulloch Academy.

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Gift Wrapping Service Project

First United Methodist Church is going to be involved with the Gift Wrapping Community Service Project again this year at the Statesboro Mall. The dates that we will be volunteering are as follows:

Friday, December 16th

(9:30AM - 12:30PM, 12:30PM - 3:30PM, 3:30PM - 6:30PM, 6:30 PM - 9:30PM)

Saturday, December 17th

(9:30AM - 12:30PM, 12:30PM - 3:30PM, 3:30PM - 6:30PM, 6:30 PM - 9:30PM)

Location: Bealls at the Statesboro Mall

We will need 6 volunteers for each 3 hour interval shown above. Please let Joy Darley know if you can take a shift or if your Sunday School class would like to sponsor a 3 hour shift. 912-531-8018 or jdarley@georgiasouthern.edu.

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

Prayer Warriors: Tommy & Karen David

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Phyllis Harrison

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Sims Lanier

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 (December 6): Jimmy & Pat High



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - December 4

Middle School students meet in the Youth Room from 5:30PM-7PM. High School will meet from 7PM-8:30PM in the Youth Room. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - December 5

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. This will be the last Breakfast Club until January.

Youth Christmas Party - December 11

Our Christmas party will be for both Middle and High School students from 6PM-8PM on December 11. Students should meet in the Youth Room for the party. Students will bring food to share (we will provide drinks) and a gift (\$10max) to swap. Please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com, what food item you would like to bring so we can try to avoid too much of one thing. This will be our last Sunday night activity for the semester.

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Wednesday Night Menu - December 7 - 5:30PM

RJ's: Ham, Butter Beans, Mac & Cheese, Salad, 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, December 4

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms
10:15AM - Confirmation Reception, 306
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH
3:00PM - Community Christmas Celebration, Sanct.
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:30PM - Sunday Night Surge MS, YR
6:00PM - Community Christmas Celebration, Sanct.
7:00PM - Sunday Night Surge HS, YR

Monday, December 5

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306
6:00PM - Trustees Board Mtg, Lib
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, December 6

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 306

Wednesday, December 7

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 8

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Sponsored by SFUMC (Christmas Bundles)



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Ashley Wren

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lisa Aaron

11:00: Jodie Hendrix, Melanie Propps

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Children in Pre-K and up will travel to The Lodge at Bethany this Wednesday evening, December 7, to sing Christmas carols with the residents. We will load the bus at 6:20PM and return by 7:30PM. Parents are invited to join us!

Kids JAM Rehearsal Next Sunday

The final rehearsal for the children's Christmas program will be next Sunday, December 11. Both the Pre-K/Kindergarten & 1st-5th grade choirs will meet from 1:00PM-3:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided in Room 306 for children who stay after 11:00 morning worship for the rehearsal.

Children's Christmas Program

The children's choirs will present a Christmas play, *The Loaned Manger*, on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Wednesday night dinner will be served as usual beforehand. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

Children will celebrate the Christmas season during Sunday school hour next Sunday, December 11, with a Happy Birthday Jesus party! This includes age 2 through 5th grade. There will be carols and refreshments.

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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 led 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.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Once In Royal David's City
arr. John Innes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
As we prepare to grow with God,
we nurture love and understanding.
As we prepare to grow with Christ,
we bring forth justice and peace.
As we prepare to grow in the Spirit,
we live the promises of Christmas —
promises of love, peace, hope, and joy

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (verses 1-4)

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
8:30AM: GENE & JEAN DEAL
11:00AM: WES & SHERRY SUTTON, PATRICK, TYLER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)
ASHLEY WREN

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

ANTHEM (11:00am Service)
Angels From the Realms of Glory
arr. Dan Forrest

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY PRAYER
8:30AM PHYLLIS HARRISON; 11:00AM SIMS LANIER

OFFERTORY
The First Noel
arr. Dan Forrest
HALEY CHAPMAN, MERRITT JONES, AND TESSA MORRIS

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***SCRIPTURE READING**
Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE

“The Wonder of a Star”

REV. SCOTT HARRIS

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00AM Service)

CONGREGATIONAL COMMENDATION AND WELCOME (11:00AM Service)

Pastor: Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them, in love.

***Congregation: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

*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.**

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #234 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (verses 1-3)

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

O Come to Us

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. Mark Thewes

**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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