



**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 11, 2016

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church will present a Service of Lessons and Carols today, at 5:00PM, in the Sanctuary. This service incorporates Scripture readings, anthems sung by the choir, and congregational singing. Our service is inspired by one conducted each year since 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. It is a service that tells of the promise of the coming Messiah and the birth of Jesus Christ, and is celebrated in churches around the world. Scripture readings, familiar carols and choral anthems will help each of us to consider how, during Advent, the deep longing of our heart is met with joy in the birth of the long-expected Christ, this year and every year. A reception given by the United Methodist Women will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

- Pierce Dickens
Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Breath of Heaven - by Amy Grant
Performed by the Chancel Ringers

(CHORUS)

I have traveled many moonless nights
Cold and weary, with a babe inside
And I wonder what I've done
Holy Father, you have come
And chosen me now
To carry your son

Breath of Heaven
Hold me together
Be forever near me
Breath of heaven
Breath of heaven
Lighten my darkness
Pour over me your holiness
For you are holy
Breath of heaven

I am waiting in a silent prayer
I am frightened by the load I bear
In a world as cold as stone
Must I walk this path alone?
Be with me now
Be with me now

Do you wonder as you watch my face
If a wiser one should have had my place
But I offer all I am
For the mercy of your plan
Help me be strong
Help me be
Help me

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"The Wonder of a Name" - Luke 1:26-33

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris
"The Wonder of a Name" - Luke 1:26-33

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, December 4, 2016)

Morning Worship: 562

Sunday School: 323

8:30AM: 59

9:01AM: 119

11:00AM: 273

Revive: 111

Offering Received: \$30,466.10

Preserving God's House: \$1,295.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Margaret Ann Johnston - Beaufort Memorial Rehab
Darby Benson - Reidsville Rehab
Jimmy Hood - Home from hospital
Roger Branch - Home from hospital
Art Doughty - Home from hospital*

Ongoing: *Bettye Hodges, Bobby Deal, Kathy Richardson Jones, June Weaver,
Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones,
Yvonne Redden, Gary Redden, Diane Deloach, John Gould, Jim Long, Bob Counce,
Bryan Rountree, Harold Newton, Amos Connell*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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.

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.

Reception Honoring Chancel Choir

United Methodist Women reminds everyone that they are invited to attend the reception honoring the Chancel Choir after "Lessons and Carols" tonight, Sunday, December 11.

Volunteers for December 11, 2016 (Second Sunday of December)

Prayer Warriors: Wayne & Suzan Laircey

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Buck Ford

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Martha Ray

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, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: June Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (December 13): Dick & Marinell Armstrong



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - December 11

Combined Surge for the Youth Christmas Party! Meet in the Youth Room at 6PM. Please bring a gift to swap (\$10 max), food to share, and a folding chair/blanket to sit on. Students will be ready for pick up at 8PM.

Winter Retreat Ski Trip - February 23-26

This trip filled up at our Parent's Meeting. If you would like to add your student to the waiting list please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Snowbird Summer Camp - June 19-24

We will be going back to Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters this summer for camp. Sign ups are now OPEN for this trip and we only have 15 spots left. This is a Christian high-adventure camp located in Andrews, NC. This camp will challenge your students to grow in their faith and to have a deeper relationship with Christ. If you would like more information please contact Becca, bbrown@statesborofirst.com. This trip is typically recommended for rising 8th graders and older but if your rising 7th grader is interested Becca will be glad to discuss the trip with you.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, December 11

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 - Kids Choir Rehearsal Lunch, 306
1:00PM - Kids Choir Rehearsal, FH
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:00PM - Lessons and Carols, Sanct.
6:00PM - UMW Choir Reception, FH
6:00PM - Youth Christmas Party, YR

Monday, December 12

2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Church Council Mtg, 306
6:30PM - OHCM Board Mtg, 213
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, December 13

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
10:00AM - Preschool Christmas Program, FH
2:30PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen
6:00PM - AA, 206
6:00PM - Al Anon, 306

Wednesday, December 14

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir Room
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Activities
6:30PM - Kids JAM Christmas Program, FH
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, December 15

4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib
5:00PM - Youth Small Group Leader Dinner, 306
6:00PM - Preschool Staff Christmas Party, FH

Friday, December 16

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
9:30AM - Preschool Polar Express, FH

Saturday, December 17

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Sponsored by Statesboro Service League



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Bonnie Spiers

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Summer Hodges

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Kelley Collins

Children's Ministries News

Kids JAM Rehearsal TODAY

The final rehearsal for the children's Christmas program is **today** from 1:00PM-3:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. This includes both the Pre-K/Kindergarten & 1st-5th grade choirs. Lunch will be provided in Room 306 for children who stay after 11AM morning worship for the rehearsal.

Children's Christmas Program

The children's choirs will present, *The Loaned Manger*, this 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!

Christmas Caroling at Willow Pond

Next Sunday, December 18, the children's Sunday school classes (Pre-K through 5th grade) will leave at 10:05AM to go Christmas caroling at Willow Pond Assisted Living. We will take the church bus, but also encourage parent drivers. Please be sure to sign a permission form for your child to participate.

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Baking/Visiting Ministry

As you probably know, when a person or family visits First Methodist for the first time, they are visited and given some goodies and a welcome bag, provided they give us a name and address. If you would like to join the team of bakers/visitors in the new year, please let the Church Office know or call Nora Ford (764-9698).

Wednesday Night Menu - December 14 - 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.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

**GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

Veni

arr. Jason Krug

CHANCEL RINGERS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

His Name is Wonderful!

Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace

The Great Shepherd, the Rock of All Ages

Today we bow down and worship, love, and adore our King!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #219 *What Child Is This*

***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

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

8:30AM: PAULA LYTTLE

11:00AM: KYLE & LACY KAMPPI, HARPER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

BONNIE SPIERS

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

ANTHEM (11:00am Service)

Joy to the World

arr. Mack Wilberg

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BUCK FORD; 11:00AM MARTHA RAY

OFFERTORY

Breath of Heaven

arr. Sandra Eithun

CHANCEL RINGERS

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-33

MESSAGE

"The Wonder of a Name"

REV. JIMMY CASON

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

O Come to Us

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

arr. Valerie Stephenson

CHANCEL RINGERS

**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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