



# 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

## January 8, 2017

### Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

### Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

### Cultivate: A Women's Gathering Around the Word

We are excited to announce that Statesboro First United Methodist Church is hosting Cultivate. Cultivate is a biblically focused and stylistically simple weekend event. This will be a time to seek God's Word, worship with an elegant trio of musicians and enjoy the warmth of community. This event features Bible Teacher Kelly Minter and the Cultivate Worship Trio. Cultivate is a two day event that will take place January 27 from 7:00PM-9:00PM, and January 28 from 8:30AM-12:30PM. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by visiting [statesborofirst.com/cultivate](http://statesborofirst.com/cultivate). Be sure to invite friends and neighbors! Contact Eleanor Schneider with any questions ([eleanorschneider@me.com](mailto:eleanorschneider@me.com)).

# cultivate

## A Women's Gathering Around the Word

### Wednesday Night Ministry Kick-Off

Join us for an entertaining evening this Wednesday, January 11, as we come together to kick off another season of Wednesday Night Ministry. Dinner will be served at 5:30PM, with homemade desserts, and the chance to win door prizes! Some of the most hilarious and current family games will surely inspire laughs as they offer a fun opportunity to interact with church friends you may not see in the service you regularly attend on Sunday mornings.

All age groups will meet in the Fellowship Hall this week, with small groups and other scheduled activities to resume the following week, January 18. We invite everyone to be a part of welcoming another season of Wednesday night fellowship and ministry, and hope you will grow in your faith as you participate in the weekly opportunities available to you and your family.

### Sunday, January 8, 2017

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Forget New Year's Resolutions" - Luke 9:57-62; II Timothy 1:6-7

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
"Forget New Year's Resolutions" - Luke 9:57-62

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 1, 2017)

Morning Worship: 181

No Sunday School

8:30AM: no service

9:01AM: no service

11:00AM: 181

Revive: no service

Offering Received: \$6,036.00

Preserving God's House: \$75.00

# Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Art Doughty*- January 2, 2017

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on January 8 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Rev. Jerry M. Woodbery* by *Martha Wells and their sons*.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on January 8 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Anna Grace Brown* who was born January 3, 2017, daughter of *Cameron and Rebecca Brown*.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on January 8 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Emily Anne Cummings* who was born December 28, 2016, daughter of *Mark and Merideth Cummings*.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on January 8 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Joseph Linton Laircey* who was born December 28, 2016, son of *Brent and Lisa Laircey*, and grandson of *Wayne and Suzan Laircey*.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Laura) Beasley* upon the death of Laura's father, *Warren Evans* who died on January 3, 2017.

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *John Poppo - EGR*

*Bob Counce - Heritage*

*Bettye Hodges - Brown Nursing Home*

**Ongoing:** *Jimmy Hood, Kathy Richardson Jones, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Yvonne Redden, Diane Deloach, Jim Long, Harold Newton, Amos Connell, John Gould*

## Welcome New Members

*Mr. and Mrs. David (Pam) Averitt, Harrison, and Dailey*

*P.O. Box 3004*

*Statesboro, GA 30459*

*His cell: 912-682-0767*

*Her cell: 912-682-3504*

*David and Pam* and their two children, *Harrison and Dailey*, join our church on transfer of membership from another local church. David, who is a retired State Patrol Officer is employed with Sikes Farm while Pam is a technology instructor at Bulloch Academy. Harrison is a junior at Georgia Southern while Dailey is a senior at BA.

*Mr. Shane Geurin*

*607 Homer Bunch Road*

*Statesboro, GA 30461*

*Home phone: 912-587-7948*

*Shane*, who is employed with Heritage Bank, joins our church on transfer of membership from Simpsonwood United Methodist Church in Norcross.

*Rev. and Mrs. Fred (Pat) Maddox*

*200 Highland Road*

*Statesboro, GA 30458*

*Home phone: 912-681-1938*

*Fred* is a retired United Methodist pastor who was a former Associate Pastor of this church. His membership, like all United Methodist clergy in South Georgia, is with the South Georgia Annual Conference. *Pat* joins our church on transfer from another local church.

## Our Church Family Continued

In honor of *Darwin Bohler's 90th Birthday* on Wednesday, January 11, a donation was given to the Building Fund by Joyce Bohler and his family, the Bohlers, the Booths, and the Chaney's.



## SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

### Youth Ministries News

#### Important Dates

- **January 15** - First Surge (combined 6PM-7:30PM) of 2017
- **January 18** - First Youth Small Group of 2017
- **January 23** - First Breakfast Club of 2017
- **February 23-26** - Ski Retreat at Winter Place
- **April 28-29** - Local Missions Weekend

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### A Personal Note from Pastor Jimmy

Several months ago, I was asked to consider being the Director of Travel Ministries (DTM) for Educational Opportunities, a Christian travel company. Twice since I have been your pastor, I have taken groups through Educational Opportunities (EO) to the Holy Land. Carter and Faye Berkeley served for years as a DTM for EO, and I am humbled to even be asked to serve where they have served before. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee as well as our District Superintendent approved allowing me to take this position.

Since I am new at this job, I have been asked by EO to travel on their Celebration Cruise to the Western Caribbean. This is part of their training program for DTMs. I will leave on this cruise this Monday, January 9, and return on Friday, January 20. Pastor Scott will be available during this time for your pastoral concerns.

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 8

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

### Monday, January 9

10:00AM - UMW General Meeting, 306  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
6:00PM - Trustess Board Meeting, Lib.  
6:30PM - OHCM Board Meeting, 213  
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### Tuesday, January 10

6:00PM - AA, 206  
6:00PM - Al Anon, 306

### Wednesday, January 11

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Kickoff, FH  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### Thursday, January 12

### Friday, January 13

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

### Saturday, January 14

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Sponsored by St. Matthew Catholic*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**Children's Moment** (11:00 Traditional)  
Ellen Cowart

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Julie Brannen  
**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Patty Johnson

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry Kick-Off

Be sure to mark your calendar to join us this Wednesday, January 11, in the Fellowship Hall to kick off a new season of Wednesday Night Ministry! Kids JAM and small groups will begin on January 18 when the regular schedule resumes.

### Serve in Children's Ministry

Prayerfully consider serving in Children's Ministry this new year. Be an active part of building a foundation for children to grow in their faith. Please email Sarah Akins, [sakins@statesborofirst.com](mailto:sakins@statesborofirst.com).

- Share a Children's Moment in traditional worship on a Sunday morning.
- Lead a Wednesday Night Ministry small group for boys or girls in 1st-3rd grade.
- Lead a Wednesday Night Ministry small group for boys or girls in 4th-5th grade.
- Assist with Kids Worship.
- Substitute for a Sunday school teacher.
- Assist with Kids JAM rehearsals (children's choir).

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Angel Tree 2016 - A Success!

A huge "Thank You!" goes out to everyone that participated in any way with the Angel Tree Ministry. This year we served 30 families consisting of 58 children, with two gifts purchased for each child, SFUMC bought 116 gifts! Thanks to Hilda Dutrow and Shirley Hooker for helping sort and pack up for delivery and to all that delivered the bagged gifts. This year Angel Tree added an additional gift, each family was given a postcard to request a free Bible! Thank you all again! - *Nancy Martin*

### The Decorating Committee Thanks You

A special thank you to those who helped take down the Advent decorations: Rick Smith, Pam Smith, Olin Lovett, Cynthia Lovett, Bill Sellers, Marilynn Sellers, Natalie Neville, Jane Yawn, Janet Mathis, Jim Campbell, Pam Campbell, Warren Ball, Roxella Ball, Ricky Turner.

### Wednesday Night Menu - January 11 - 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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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
arr. James C. Kasen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
This is God's time,  
**A time to let the past die.**  
This is God's time,  
**A time to weed out regrets**  
This is God's time,  
**A time to forsake harmful habits**  
This is God's time,  
**Let us allow the Spirit to plant within us hope for the future.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymn #158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

**\*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)**

ELLEN COWART

(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 JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM JIM CAMPBELL

### OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Diane Bish

JAMES ALLEN, SOLOIST

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:57-62; II Timothy 1:6-7

### MESSAGE

*"Forget New Year's Resolutions"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #396 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

*Amen*

Peter Lutkin

### POSTLUDE

*Postlude in B-Flat*

Andrew Fletcher

#### Volunteers for January 8, 2017 (Second Sunday of January)

Prayer Warriors: John & Martha Ray

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joyce Bohler

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Jim Campbell

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 (January 10): Tommy & Karen David

*\*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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