



**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

March 26, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Opportunities for Worship and Service

As we see evidence of new life all around us with the budding of leaves on the trees and the azalea and dogwood blooms, we know that Spring has arrived. Even though we are still in the middle of our observance of the 40-day Lenten season, Easter is right around the corner. Below, we have listed a schedule of our Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Activities. Our hope is that you will attend and invite friends and neighbors to come to church with you.

Palm Sunday, April 9 12:30PM at The Belle House (380 Westside Rd.)

All are welcome! Lunch will be provided by Honey Catering. Please bring your favorite dessert. Children will be divided into the following age groups to hunt for Easter eggs after lunch: 3 years and under, PreK & Kindergarten, 1st-4th Grade. The 5th graders will play games and egg relays in place of hunting for eggs during that time.

The Revive service will meet for worship at The Belle House at 11:00AM on Palm Sunday. Anyone attending that service is encouraged to help set up for the event, following worship. We invite those of you who attend an earlier service to help hide eggs at 10:00AM that day.

Maundy Thursday Night, April 13

A short service of singing, a short message, and Holy Communion will begin at 7PM.

Good Friday Night, April 14

Join us beginning at 7PM for our Chancel Choir musical presentation of "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

Easter Sunday, April 16

- Five morning worship services!
- Easter Sunrise Service on the front lawn at 7AM
- Breakfast Served by Methodist Men in Room 306 beginning at 7:30AM
- 8:30 Traditional Service in Sanctuary with Chancel Choir
- 9:01 Contemporary Service in Fellowship Hall
- 11AM Traditional Service in Sanctuary with Chancel Choir
- 11AM REVIVE service in Fellowship Hall

See inside for information on community Holy Week Services.

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"Awakening to Love: God Loves Me Deeply After All" - Luke 15:21

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Awakening to Love: God Loves Me Deeply After All" - Luke 15:21

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 19, 2017)

Morning Worship: 508

Sunday School: 273

8:30AM: 77

9:01AM: 142

11:00AM: 185

Revive: 104

Offering Received: \$15,686.51

Preserving God's House: \$155.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Bob Gunnels - Meadows Park Health & Rehab, Vidalia*
Jim Dutrow - Surgery on Wednesday at St. Joseph
Ann Winskie - Hospice

Ongoing: *Hoke Brunson, Margaret Ann Johnston, Laura Brannen, Edith Jenkins, John Popp, Mike Beasley, 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, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Community Mid-day Holy Week Worship: "Gathered to Remember"

Monday, April 10

Pittman Park United Methodist Church, Host Church

Preacher: Rev. Kenneth Griffin, Brannen Chapel United Methodist

"Remembering Jesus in Gethsemane"

Tuesday, April 11

First Presbyterian Church, Host Church

Preachers: Revs. Frankie and Jean Owens, Original First African Baptist

"Remembering Jesus' Arrest"

Wednesday, April 12

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Host Church

Preacher: Rev. Donald Chavers, Agape Worship Center

"Remembering Jesus Before the Council"

Thursday, April 13

Second St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Host Church

Preacher: Rev. Jimmy Cason, Statesboro First United Methodist

"Remembering Peter's Denial of Jesus"

Friday, April 14

Trinity Episcopal Church, Host Church

Preacher: Rev. Joan Killian, Trinity Episcopal Church

"Remembering the Death of Jesus"

(A light lunch will be served around 12:40PM each day except for Good Friday. Our UMW will assist with lunch on Thursday.)

Walk to Emmaus Participants

Over the past two weekends, we have had several of our church members participate either as pilgrims or servants on the Walk to Emmaus. Those who were involved in the Men's Walk were Justin Hilde, George Rountree, Brett and Madonna Henry, Warren Ball, and Brad and Christie Riner. Karen Hilde, Eleanor Schneider, Lou Ann Washington, Kelly Spence, and Roxella Ball were a part of the Women's Walk. Both events were held at Tattnell Campground.

Volunteers for March 26, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of March)

Prayer Warriors: Daryl & Phyllis Harrison

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joyce Bohler

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Eleanor Schneider

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

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

Parking Lot Greeters: Linda Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (March 28): Tommy & Karen David



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God: Love People: Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

Weekly Youth Schedule

March 26 - Sunday Night Surge

Middle School students will meet from 5:30PM-7:00PM and High School students will meet from 7:00PM-8:30PM in the Youth Room. Cost for dinner is \$2.

*Parent volunteers needed. Contact Becca if you can help, bbrown@statesborofirst.com

March 27 - Breakfast Club

Students meet in Room 306 at 7:00AM for breakfast and a devotional. Cost for breakfast is \$2. Students will be given a ride to school.

March 29 - Small Groups

Doors open at 5:30PM, groups divide up at 6:20 for games, and Bible study begins at 7:00PM. Students are ready to be picked up at 8:00PM.

Missions Weekend

Missions Weekend will take place April 28-29. This weekend is full of service projects for our students, so we can actively be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. Since the retreat is local, students have the ability to be active in only a portion of the weekend if need be, but if at all possible we would like them to commit to the whole time. The cost for the weekend is \$50. Students will spend the night in host homes on Friday evening and will be ready to be picked up Saturday evening at 9PM. If your student would like to sign up for this retreat please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

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Relay for Life Car Wash

The church's Relay for Life team will be having a CAR WASH on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00AM to noon at the church. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from team members or at the Church Office. Come help us raise funds for the American Cancer Society and get that pollen off your car. THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL'S JOKE!

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, March 26

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
5:30PM - MS Sunday Night Surge, YR
7:00PM - HS Sunday Night Surge, YR

Monday, March 27

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
6:00PM - Church Council Mtg, 306
7:45PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, March 28

6:00PM - AA, Grace House
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

11:30AM - Morning Glory Reunion, Lib.
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

Friday, March 31

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

Saturday, April 1

9:00AM - Relay for Life Car Wash
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, March 26, 2017

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

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Nikkia Mathis
11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Patty Johnson

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

5:15PM-6:00PM Kids JAM (children's choirs)
5:30PM-6:30PM Family dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:30PM-7:30PM Children's Ministry Activities & Small Groups

Church Family Lunch & Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 9, 12:30PM

The Belle House (380 Westside Road)

All are welcome! Lunch will be provided. Please bring your favorite dessert.
Children will hunt for Easter eggs following lunch.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen - April 8

We would love to have you involved with the Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen! Currently we are assembling the bundles at 1102 Cherokee Court on Sunday and Tuesday afternoons from 2:00PM-4:00PM. On April 8, we will need help distributing the bundles at the soup kitchen from 10:00AM-1:30PM. We are also looking for donations of toiletries and "charity gifts" such as memo pads, cards, stickers, or lightly used books. Such items can be left in the crate under the stairs by the Church Office. Joel and Nancy Martin are in charge of the kitchen if you are interested in helping prepare and serve lunch. For more information, contact saramelford@gmail.com.

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."

Wednesday Night Menu - March 29 - 5:30PM

Rf'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.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Amazing Grace
arr. Craig Phillip

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is love.

Praise the Lord!

God has come to claim us as God's children.

Praise the Lord!

Love has given us the glorious gift of forgiveness and salvation.

Praise the Lord!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #155 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed #881 Hymnal

***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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)

CHARLES NICHOLAS CROSS

Son of TODD & LYDIA CROSS

God Claims You

Chorus: Charlie, Charlie, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verse: We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. **Chorus**

Verse 2: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. **Chorus**

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

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)

Everlasting Life

David Rasbach

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER

OFFERTORY

The Old Rugged Cross

George Bennard

JOHN TUCKER, SOLOIST

***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**

Luke 15:21

MESSAGE

"Awakening to Love: God Loves Me Deeply After All"

Sermon 4 in "Awaken" Series

REV. JIMMY CASON

*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #378 *Amazing Grace*

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

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

Henry Kihlken

**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.