



**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

**May 7, 2017**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**United Methodist Women Spring Banquet**

The United Methodist Women Spring Banquet will be held on Monday, May 8, 2017, with dinner being served at 6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. Meat is furnished but everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Bring your food beginning at 6:00PM.

This is a time of wonderful fellowship as we bless the prayer shawls and announce the 2017 Quiet Disciple. This year the program will be presented by the Statesboro School of Dance under the direction of Mrs. Shay Morgan. Most of the dancers attend SFUMC. We know that you will be blessed by this program.

We look forward to seeing you as we recognize and explore our "Summer Blessings."

**What's in our Little Red Wagons?**



Lots of canned items, cereal, peanut butter, rice, dried beans, any pantry items..... we hope!!!!

We would love to see every person in our church walk in today with one or more cans to help fill our little red wagons to overflowing. Let's all mark our calendars for the first Sunday of each month to help those in our community who need help feeding their families. The Food Bank works in partnership with our Saturday Soup Kitchen by donating items given to them. Several times a month we get bread, desserts, and fruit. This helps our church cut down on the expense of feeding several hundred people each Saturday. So, we would love to be extremely generous to them also.

Hilda and Jim Dutrow have been faithful for so many years to deliver donations from our monthly food drives to the Food Bank. Thank you both!!! Eleanor Schneider and Karen and Tommy David will take over that responsibility this month. Hopefully it will take numerous trips to deliver all you donate.

**Also, all offerings left during communion today will benefit ACTS.**

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Playing for Keeps: Words Matter" - James 3: 1-12  
9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
"Playing for Keeps: Words Matter" - James 3: 1-12

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 30, 2017)**

**Morning Worship: 484**

**Sunday School: 281**

8:30AM: 60

9:01AM: 124

11:00AM: 197

Revive: 103

Offering Received: \$20,781.20

Preserving God's House: \$480.00

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on May 7 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Sue Stabler Hodges* by *Jimmy Hodges, Ray, Sally, Lynes, Lauren & James McKinney*.

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on May 7 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *William Fitzgerald "Fitz" Campbell* who was born April 25, 2017, son of *Chris and Tiffany Campbell*, and grandson of *Jim and Pam Campbell*.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *John Popp* - Home from hospital  
*Harold Newton* - Home from hospital  
*Sybill Allen (Hollie Eckels' mother)* - Hospice  
*Myrtice Akins (Tammie Dickens' mother)* - Home from hospital  
*David Miller* - Home from surgery

**Ongoing:** *Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Carolyn Millican, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Diane DeLoach, Jim Long, Amos Connell, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon, Gladys Hacker, Bob Gunnels*

### Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Matt (Kathleen) Gruben  
109 Sunset Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
Phone: 912-489-8477

*Matt and Kathleen* join our church on transfer of membership from Fredonia Hill Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, Texas. While Matt is retired, Dr. Gruben is an Associate Professor of Marketing at Georgia Southern. She is also the Director of the Center for Retail Studies at Georgia Southern.

Mrs. Patricia Pontieri  
506 Crestview Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
Cell: 561-358-2820

*Pat* joins our church on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination. She and her husband, Mike are retired. He is a retired police officer and she is a retired Bank Branch Manager.

### Volunteers for May 7, 2017 (First Sunday of May)

**Prayer Warriors:** Jimmy & Pat High

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Pat High

**8:30 Ushers:** Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

**9:01 Ushers:** *Children serving for Children's Sunday*

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Clark DeLoach

**11:00 Ushers:** Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, 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 (May 9):** Karen David & Anne Thompson



# SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

## Youth Ministries News

### **Weekly Youth Schedule**

#### **LAST Sunday Night Surge May 7**

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.

#### **LAST Breakfast Club May 8**

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.

#### **LAST Small Groups May 10**

Small groups will be meeting at the church at 6PM then going out to eat dinner. Students will be ready to be picked up at 8PM.

#### **Youth End of Year Party - May 17**

The Youth will celebrate the end of the school year with a party from 6:30PM-8:30PM in the Youth Room.

### **Graduation Sunday**

Graduation Sunday will take place on May 21. We will be honoring our graduating seniors in our morning worship services and with a special luncheon. If you have a graduating senior and have not received information on this event, please contact Becca, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com). The deadline for RSVP's is Monday, May 8.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### **Missions Committee**

Committee members please mark your calendars for the upcoming Missions Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 16, at 6PM in the Church Library.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, May 7**

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, May 8**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
6:30PM - OHCM Board Mtg, Grace House  
6:30PM - UMW Spring Banquet, FH

### **Tuesday, May 9**

2:30PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen

### **Wednesday, May 10**

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

### **Thursday, May 11**

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

### **Friday, May 12**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:00PM - Waters/Cowart Wedding Rehearsal, Sanct.

### **Saturday, May 13**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by Korean Mission Church*  
5:00PM - Waters/Cowart Wedding, Sanct.



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, May 7, 2017**

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

No Children's Moment this Sunday

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** No Kids Worship due to Children's Sunday

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

This Wednesday, May 10, will be the last Wednesday we will meet this season! We will not have Kids JAM, but dinner will still be served at 5:30PM, with Children's Ministry activities to follow. All children should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM.

### Vacation Bible School

Register online at [vbs.statesborofirst.com](http://vbs.statesborofirst.com)

Adult volunteers are encouraged to sign up on the banner in the First Floor Hallway, and all youth volunteers should sign up with Becca or Tyler. Thank you for donating toilet paper rolls for a VBS craft. Please continue to send those in!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life Wrap-Up

Thank you to each donor and team member for the terrific response for Relay for Life. SFUMC's team of 20 members worked hard to make this our banner year for fundraising. While funds are still coming in, we have raised more than \$4,000 in funds to fight cancer. That figure includes \$500 "bonus money" from American Cancer Society for meeting two challenges. Our team won \$300 for selling the most luminaries and \$200 for the amount of money we raised in April. If you missed the opportunity to donate, our team can still get credit for funds until early in June.

### Wednesday Night Menu - May 10 - 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>	<b>912-764-1874</b>	<b>Church FAX:</b>	<b>912-764-7638</b>

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Marche de Procession*  
Alexandre Guilmant

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, all who are tired and thirsty.  
**Jesus provides rest for our souls.**  
Come, all who are anxious and afraid.  
**Jesus protects us when times are difficult.**  
Come, all who are empty and exhausted.  
**Jesus fills our lives with goodness and faithful love.**  
Come, to be refreshed, to rest, and to receive.  
**Jesus invites us all to God's table.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #140 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

**\*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.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PAT HIGH; 11:00AM CLARK DeLOACH

### OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

*Wherefore, O Father, We Thy Humble Servant*

arr. Peter Pindar Stearns

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

*The Old Rugged Cross*

arr. Vicki Wright

### \*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

James 3: 1-12

### MESSAGE

*“Playing for Keeps: Words Matter”*

Sermon 3 in “Playing for Keeps” Sermon Series

REV. JIMMY CASON

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### \* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #600 *“Wonderful Words of Life”*

#### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Irish Blessing*

arr. Linda Spevacek-Avery

### POSTLUDE

*A Trumpet Postlude*

Leon Nelson

*\*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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