



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 28, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Wear Red for Pentecost Next Sunday, June 4

Sunday, June 4 is an important day on the church calendar - as important as Christmas or Easter. We will celebrate Pentecost - the birthday of the church and the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of Christian believers. Without the Holy Spirit, the disciples were cowardly waiting in a locked room. With the Holy Spirit the disciples received boldness and new energy. Many of them died for spreading the gospel of Jesus.

We need to realize that it is impossible to have victory in our Christian walk without the Holy Spirit empowering our lives. The Holy Spirit has come to guide us, direct us, comfort us, and correct us.

Red is the color most associated with Pentecost - so wear something red to participate in the celebration. We will also celebrate Holy Communion in all four services next Sunday.

Congratulations To Mrs. Jewel Dabbs

At the recent UMW Spring Banquet, Mrs. Earl Dabbs, Sr. (Jewel) was named as the 2017 UMW Quiet Disciple. Jewel was honored for her selfless work on behalf of the church - from visiting the sick to making banners for our sanctuary. We are grateful for her leadership. Congratulations!

Vacation Bible School June 5-9

Don't forget to register your child for Vacation Bible School! Have you signed up for a volunteer spot? VBS will be held from 9AM to 12PM Monday through Friday. This week could very well be the most important week in the life of a child. God uses Vacation Bible School in mighty ways to further develop a child's relationship with the Creator.

South Georgia Annual Conference June 4-7

The South Georgia Conference will meet at Jekyll Island during the same time as Vacation Bible School. Pastor Jimmy and Pastor Scott will serve as our clergy delegates. Martha Ray, John Ray, Bill Hatcher, and Charlene Black will represent our church as lay delegates. It has been projected that both of our pastors will be returning to our church for another year.

Sunday, May 28, 2017

9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
"No Greater Love: The Power of Sacrifice" - John 15: 12-13

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, May 21, 2017)

Morning Worship: 524

Sunday School: 254

8:30AM: 74

9:01AM: 124

11:00AM: 251

Revive: 75

Offering Received: \$12,598.60

Preserving God's House: \$135.00

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Bob Gunnels* - May 22, 2017

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on May 28 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *our veterans, past and present.*

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Ben Rushing - Memorial*
Carolyn Millican - Home from hospital
Susan Renfrow - Home from surgery

Ongoing: *Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Mary Karrh, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Jim Long, Amos Connell, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon, Gladys Hacker, John Popps, Edith Jenkins*

Welcome New Members

Dr. and Mrs. Michael (Gina) Taormina, Avery Salter, and Evan Taormina
1302 Carriage Place
Statesboro, GA 30458
Phone: 912-852-2033

Michael, Gina, and their daughter, Avery join our church on Profession of Faith. Evan is placed on our church's Baptized Member Roll. Avery and Evan were baptized by immersion on May 21. Michael, Gina, and Avery joined on profession of faith at the REVIVE service this past Sunday. Dr. Taormina is Managing Physician at the Neurological Center of East Georgia while Gina works in his office. Avery is completing the 11th grade at Bulloch Academy while Evan is completing the first grade.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

First Sundays are for Food Bank

We did a good job collecting 167 items for the Food Bank last month. Let's see if we can do even better this month. Summer months require a lot more items to feed the children who are not in school, so let's be even more generous. Items that are in great demand are cereal, rice, oatmeal, grits, peanut butter, etc. Thanks for having big hearts SFUMC!



Volunteers for May 28, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of May)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Marilyn Sellers

8:30 Lay Liturgist: No 8:30AM Service

8:30 Ushers: No 8:30 AM Service

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Joy Darley

11:00 Ushers: Mike Rollins, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: Linda Rushing

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

Meals on Wheels (May 30): Allison Mager



SFUMC Youth Ministries

Love God : Love People : Serve the World

Youth Ministries News

VBS - June 5-9

In the past, our students have done a great job serving at our church's Vacation Bible School! We would love for our students to help serve again this year! VBS will be June 5-9 and we are looking for student volunteers. Students arrive at 8:15AM each morning and serve in their assigned area until 12:15PM. If your student would like to volunteer, please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com. The earlier they sign up, the better chance they have at working in their preferred area.

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Mission Trip to Prague and Slovakia

The Missions Committee is currently making plans to send a team to Prague and Slovakia September 29 - October 9, 2017. The team will be visiting our partner church in Partizanske, Slovakia and then will travel to Prague to attend the Mission Summit hosted by Mission Together. The primary purpose of the trip is to encourage the church members in Partizanske and continue to build our relationship with the church. If you are interested in hearing more about the trip, please contact Debbie Walker at 682-9703 or lwalk@frontiernet.net or contact Jimmy Cason at 764-7589 or jcason@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, May 28

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.

Monday, May 29

Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

10:00AM - Youth VBS Decorating, FH
4:00PM - VBS Registration Training, FH

Wednesday, May 31

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, June 1

10:00AM - Youth VBS Decorating, FH
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, Handbell Rm.

Friday, June 2

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

Saturday, June 3

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by Compassion Christian



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Sarah Akins

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Laura Lanier

11:00: Sarah Akins

Children's Ministries News

VBS is June 5-9, 9:00AM-12:00PM

We are collecting popsicles for the children to cool off with during outdoor recreation! Please consider donating these for VBS week. We need a total of 1500, so any contribution will help. Thank you!

Summer Sunday School Changes

With families traveling throughout the summer and the resulting variance in Sunday School attendance, we are combining from eight classes down to three for *June and July only*. Please note this change, and the room numbers below.

June 4 - July 30

2-year-olds - PreK (Room 109)

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade (Room 112)

3rd Grade - 5th Grade (Room 209; 2nd floor)

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SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Battle Hymn of the Republic
arr. Roy Ringwald

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Called to be one,
We are here.
Called to be strong and courageous,
We are here.
Called to remember,
We remember the sacrifices of others.
Called in devotion to God,
We gather to worship and pray.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #698 “*God of the Ages*”

***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)

SARAH AKINS

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

ANTHEM
Praise to the Lord, Alleluia
John Carter

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER
11:00AM JOY DARLEY

OFFERTORY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save
arr. Charles Callahan

*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!

* HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #697 "America"

*SCRIPTURE READING

John 15: 12-13

MESSAGE

"No Greater Love: The Power of Sacrifice"
REV. JIMMY CASON

* HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #717 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Irish Blessing
arr. Linda Spevacek-Avery

POSTLUDE

God Of Our Fathers
arr. Fred Bock

*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.