



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

September 24, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Commissioning Of Mission Team To Slovakia

Next Friday, September 29, Laura Beasley, Mary Ann Lisenbee, Bill Sellers, Pastor Scott Harris, and Hilda Dutrow will depart on a Mission Trip to Slovakia. Statesboro First has been a connecting partner in mission with the United Methodist Church there. This will make the fifth trip that members of this church have made to Slovakia. They will spend several days there and on October 5-8, the team will travel to Prague in the Czech Republic where they will attend the Eastern Europe and the Balkan Summit. There they will worship and meet fellow United Methodist Christians from the many countries in that region. They will return to the United States on October 9. At the 8:30AM service today, we will commission the team and send them forward with our prayers.

Mission Trip to Haiti

Three members of our church, Karen David, Eleanor Schneider, and Pamma Cope will be joining a group from Pittman Park on a medical mission trip to Haiti. A box will be in the Gathering Area for any over-the-counter medications church members can donate. They will be gone from October 15-21.

Local Missions - Hurricane Irma Outreach

On Tuesday, September 12, this church opened its doors to serve 1,500 hot meals to those in Bulloch County who had lost their power as a result of Hurricane Irma. 125 people gathered in 7 shelters throughout the county, and five damaged homes were secured. While our church hosted the feeding, many volunteers from churches all over Statesboro pitched in to help.

So many items were donated which was far more than needed by people in Bulloch County. Our sheriff contacted the sheriff of Glynn County whose residents fared far worse than we did, and arranged for our volunteers to slip through barricaded areas so that we could bring the love of Jesus to these residents. For two nights, groceries were packed - (Wednesday night our youth group assisted in the packing.) As a result of the generosity of many of you, the following was delivered from our county to Glynn County:

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| 10,750 meals | 2,300 bags of groceries at 35 pounds each |
| 500 flashlights | Cases and Cases of baby diapers and formula |
| Cleaning supplies | Cases and Cases of paper towels and hygiene products |
| 2,000 loaves of bread | 6 pallets of water |
| 800 bags of ice and 1500 lbs of loose ice | |
| Thousands of HUGS | All of GOD'S Love |

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"The Beginning: A Blank Canvas" - Proverbs 9:10

11:00AM REVIVE - Jonathan Smith, Director Wesley Foundation

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 17, 2017)

Morning Worship: 511

Sunday School: 298

8:30AM: 64

9:01AM: 114

11:00AM: 220

Revive: 113

Offering Received: \$29,207.01

Preserving God's House: \$680.00

Special Offering: UMCOR/Texas/FL/GA - \$15,607.00 (total to date)

Our Church Family

The **Rose** on the **Altar** on September 24 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Elizabeth Gay Renfroe* who was born September 18, 2017 daughter of *Trey & Joy Renfroe*, and granddaughter of *Emmett & Becky Renfroe*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Kathy Jenkins - recovering from surgery*
Tom Singletary - recovering from surgery
Steve Garner - recovering from surgery
Martha Boatman - Heritage
Carolyn McCarty - Eagle Rehabilitation

Ongoing: *Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Jim Long, Amos Connell, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon, David Rugar, Buck Ford*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Bulloch County Methodist Men Event

What: Bulloch County United Methodist Men Dinner
When: Saturday, October 7 at 6:30PM
Where: Pittman Park United Methodist Fellowship Hall
How Much: \$15 each for a Prime Rib Dinner
Proceeds will benefit GSU Wesley Foundation
Who: Bishop Lawson Bryan will be the featured speaker
Who Can Come: Everyone including men, women, and boys and girls, but you must have a ticket. Tickets can be purchased from Men's President, Charles Eunice, any Methodist Men, and tickets will be available in the Church Office.
Why: A night of great fellowship, an inspiring message, and an important mission.

Informational Meeting About Upcoming Trips

Pastor Jimmy will hold an informational meeting about some upcoming opportunities for travel. This meeting will be held immediately following the Church Council Meeting this Monday night, September 25 at around 7PM in Room 306. A Journey of Paul Cruise to Greece and Italy including a trip to the ruins of Ephesus will occur September 26, 2018 through October 7, 2018. Another trip to the Holy Land is planned for January 22-31, 2019, and Bishop Lawson Bryan will be our leader.

Methodist Men News

Recently, the Methodist Men voted to give \$1,000 to UMCOR Hurricane Relief and \$1,000 to GSU Wesley Foundation Building Project.

Volunteers for September 24, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Bird & Betty Hodges
8:30 Lay Liturgist: Suzan Laircey
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 Shiels)
Parking Lot Greeters: Linda Rushing
Front Door Greeters: Suzan Laircey, Grace Adams Stewart, Ellen Lanier
Meals on Wheels (September 26): Bruce & Carol Yawn



Youth Ministries News

Sunday Night Surge - September 24

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. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - September 25

This event is for Middle and High School students. We meet on Monday mornings on the third floor (Room 306) for breakfast (Chick-fil-A and Daylight Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

High School Fall Retreat

We will be going to the Mann Center, here in Statesboro, October 27 (we will leave after school) through 29. We have moved the trip to a new location this year to be more convenient for students who will have sport commitments. The cost is \$60 which includes everything! This will be a time for students to unplug and grow in their faith. Sign ups are now open for this trip, so please let Becca know if your student would like to attend.

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Wednesday Night Menu - September 27 - 5:30PM

RJ's: BBQ Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Bread

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under;
\$2.00 for pizza plate (kids only)

Drinks and desserts are included with all meals.

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 24

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, September 25

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
3:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
6:00PM - Church Council Mtg, 306
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, YR

Tuesday, September 26

8:00AM - Morning Glory Reunion Group, Lib.
10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - Missions Committee Mtg, Lib.
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by Omega Phi Alpha



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jimmy Cason

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Alison Powell

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Patty Johnson

Children's Ministries News

Backpack Buddies

This school year is our ninth year partnering with Sallie Z Elementary to serve hungry children in our community. Our church will send bags of food home with eligible students every Friday. School administrators select students who are most in need, and we serve between 60-80 children each school year. Please consider making a donation to this ministry!

Harvest Festival - Sunday, October 29, 5:00PM-7:00PM

Mark your calendar for our annual Harvest Festival!

Wednesday Night Ministry Children's Schedule

5:15PM-6:00PM Kids JAM (children's choir)

Room 200 – PreK & Kindergarten

Choir Room – 1st-5th Grade

5:30PM-6:30PM Dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall

6:30PM-7:30PM Small groups, Games, & Activities for PreK-5th

Children in PreK-Kindergarten should be picked up from Room 112.

Children in 1st-5th Grade should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

From the Missions Committee

Statesboro First United Methodist Church is a church in and of the community. During both recent hurricanes, we actively participated in many relief efforts. If you want to know more about how YOU can participate in the many local activities, check out the Bulloch County Volunteer Organization Active in Disaster (Bulloch County VOAD) website: <http://bullochcountyvoad.org/>. Note the volunteer tab and register. You will be notified when opportunities arise. Rev. Jimmy Cason sits on the planning board for this as does Karen Phipps, our Soup Kitchen Coordinator. UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief is one our United Methodist most amazing ministries. Check out the website at: <http://www.umcor.org/>. UMCOR is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to alleviating human suffering around the globe. What can YOU do?

- YOU can contribute to special collections for disaster relief and feel confident that 100% of your donation goes to the project specified.
- YOU can build relief supply kits: cleaning kits, hygiene kits, and school kits <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>
- Participate/organize a local mission project

If you have any questions about either of these opportunities or would like to become involved in the Missions Committee, please contact Debbie Walker at 912-682-9703 or lwalk@frontiernet.net

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Let All Things Now Living

arranged by Cathy Moglebust

CHANCEL RINGERS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come together as the Spirit calls.

Love one another in the grace of Christ.

Give thanks to God and call on the name of Jesus.

We proclaim God's grace and sing God's praise.

Seek the Lord, who is with us now.

We rejoice in God's glory and in God's strength.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #451 "*Be Thou My Vision*"

***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

COMMISSIONING OF THE SLOVAKIAN MISSION TEAM

(8:30AM Service)

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)

JIMMY CASON

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. William Dawson

JON HOLLAND JONES, SOLOIST

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER

OFFERTORY

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arranged by Barbara Kinyon

CHANCEL RINGERS

***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**

Proverbs 9:10

MESSAGE

"The Beginning: A Blank Canvas"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #396 *"O Jesus I Have Promised"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

As We Depart Thy House

arr. Donald Moore

POSTLUDE

Paeon

John Marsh

**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.
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