



**STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR  
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**October 22, 2017**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

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



With the fall season comes our annual Harvest Festival! It's a time when we gather as a church family to enjoy dinner and outdoor activities with our neighbors. Children play games and win prizes, as they interact with volunteers from adult Sunday school classes, and our church parking lot becomes a festival of fun for people of all ages. Some come for the live music or sweet treats, and there are pony rides, bounce houses, and face painting, but if you look closer you will see God at work through the noise. It's the good kind of noise that reminds us our church is alive and having fun!

The 5th grade Sunday school class is having a bake sale during the festival to raise money for the Backpack Buddies ministry. Please support them as they work hard to give back to children in our community. Barbeque plates will be served, and there is no charge for dinner or any of the activities.

Mark your calendar for next Sunday, October 29, 5:00PM-7:00PM. All are invited! We are setting up and decorating from 1:30PM-3:30PM, and welcome your help. Please consider donating a cake for the cake walk, if you are looking for another way to contribute to this event. We look forward to celebrating a new season with you, and hope you will join us in welcoming those who might be looking for a church to call home.

Sarah Akins  
Director of Children's Ministries

**Georgia Southern University Singers at SFUMC**

We will host the Georgia Southern University Singers in the 11:00AM worship service on Sunday, October 29. They are under the direction of Dr. David Langley, Assistant Director of Choral Activities at Georgia Southern. Make plans to attend and be blessed by their singing.

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
"Diversify" - I Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 12:16-21, 33-34  
9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
"Diversify" - I Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 12:16-21, 33-34

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, October 15, 2017)**

**Morning Worship: 445**

**Sunday School: 269**

8:30AM: 48

9:01AM: 107

11:00AM: 201

Revive: 89

Offering Received: \$23,204.50

Preserving God's House: \$6,490.00

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on October 22 are given to the glory of God and in honor of *United Methodist Women*.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Janette Johnson - EGR*

*John Popps - recovering from surgery*

*Carolyn McCarty - Eagle Rehabilitation*

**Ongoing:** *Dick Armstrong, 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 Rupar, Buck Ford*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Choosing UMCOR

In this past Sunday's *Savannah Morning News* in the Arts and Culture section, Jane Fishman used her column to write about an artist in Savannah who will soon be 80. Sandy Branam will never forget the vacation she and her late husband took to Puerto Rico. Fishman writes that Branam will always remember the beauty of the place, the complexity of the shoreline, the kindness of the people, the simple dwelling she and her family rented, and the patience of the Puerto Rican people.

Fishman continues to write: "When Hurricane Irma devastated the island, she knew it was time to do something. A few weeks ago, she decided to appeal to her legion of artist friends to donate art that will be for sale only." That sale will occur at Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Savannah on December 16 - the day Sandy turns 80.

Sandy sought advice from her daughter-in-law, a public health physician in West Virginia. Her daughter works with all kinds of humanitarian organizations, and Sandy felt that she could give a good recommendation for a trusted organization doing relief work in Puerto Rico.

**And here is the kicker! They chose UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief as the most trusted way to give funds that would provide direct help to the people of Puerto Rico.** Sandy laughs as she states that they are Quakers - not United Methodists!

Why am I choosing to write about this column in today's newsletter? When a Jewish columnist writes about a Quaker artist making the determination that a United Methodist relief agency is the most trusted mission organization, that speaks volumes about the good work our church does.

And when you consider all of the possible charitable organizations that are asking for your money, you can be assured that your church can be trusted to use money wisely to do good work in the name of Christ. That's something to consider today as you bring your financial pledge card to the altar!

---Pastor Jimmy

### Volunteers for October 22, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of October)

**Prayer Warriors:** Max & Susan Manack

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Betty Hodges

**8:30 Ushers:** Ken LeCain, Max Manack

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Lee Walker

**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 (October 24):** Bob & Sue Avra



## Youth Ministries News

### **Sunday Night Surge - October 22**

Middle School students will meet from 5:30PM-7:00PM 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. **High School Surge will be held at Becca and Cameron Brown's house from 7:00PM-8:30PM. Contact Becca for more information, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.**

### **Breakfast Club -October 23**

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.

### **Small Groups & Confirmation- October 25**

Middle and High School students meet on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room for fellowship, food, and small group Bible study. Small groups are divided by age and gender. The Youth Room opens at 5:30PM for dinner, games begin at 6:15PM, and Bible study starts at 7:00PM. The cost for dinner is \$2 and students are dismissed at 8:00PM.

### **Middle School Retreat - November 10-12**

We are so excited about our Middle School retreat! We will be leaving Friday, November 10 and heading to Epworth by the Sea for the weekend. We will return Sunday, November 12 around lunch time. The total cost for the trip is \$175. This includes all activities, programming, food, and lodging. This weekend will be full of fun and a great opportunity for students to fall more in love with Jesus! We hope your student will join us!

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, October 22**

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, Offsite

### **Monday, October 23**

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  
6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, YR

### **Tuesday, October 24**

8:00AM - Morning Glory Reunion Group, Lib.  
10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212  
5:00PM - PS Board Mtg, PS Director's Office  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, October 25**

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

### **Thursday, October 26**

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:15PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### **Friday, October 27**

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

### **Saturday, October 28**

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by Biggie Small Group*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, October 22, 2017**

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

Sarah Akins

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Nikkia Mathis

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

Parents, please remember we will travel to Southern Manor this Wednesday, October 25, to trick-or-treat with the residents. We encourage the children to dress up in a favorite costume! We will leave from the Fellowship Hall at 6:25PM, and return to the Fellowship Hall by 7:30PM. This includes children in PreK-5th Grade. Parent drivers are welcome!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen - December 9

The Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen is scheduled for December 9. The Bundles Bunch will start assembling and decorating the bundle gifts on Sunday and Tuesday afternoons starting November 5. At the Soup Kitchen, we also try to help by giving out hygiene kits, which we assemble from donated toiletry items from motel and dentist visits. The many donated new and lightly used children and youth books, stuffed animals, and toys found new homes rapidly at the School Supplies Soup Kitchen in July. Another aspect of our wealth we can share are the unneeded charity gifts of greeting cards, calendars, memo pads, totes, t-shirts, blankets, calculators, etc.; these items can help the less fortunate fill needs. So think about working directly with the needy at the Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen, assembling and wrapping the gifts, or with donations that enrich you by helping those less fortunate. So feel rich and have an extra special holiday season. You can leave your donations in the crate(s) under the staircase or near the Church Office. For more information contact Sara Melford at [saramelford@gmail.com](mailto:saramelford@gmail.com).

### Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful project to do as a family. Ask your children's advice on what to put in the shoebox. Help them write a short note to the child who may receive the gift - maybe include a school picture. Talk about some of the places where the boxes may be delivered - use an old-fashioned map or a globe. The deadline to turn the boxes in to the church is Friday, November 10. Don't forget \$9 for shipping. Please remember no candy, no toothpaste, and no breakables.

### Wednesday Night Menu - October 25 - 5:30PM

*RJs: Country Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Roll*

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.

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Toccata on "Jesus Shall Reign"*  
arr. Gail Leven Pollock

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's love and warm embrace last forever.**  
Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.  
**May our hearts be filled with God's blessings,**  
**Divine provisions that meet our true needs.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #88 *"Maker, in Whom We Live"*

**\*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 (11:00AM Service)**

*I Am Bound For the Promised Land*

arr. Craig Courtney

JAMES ALLEN, PIANIST; JARRETT THOMPSON, PERCUSSIONIST

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BETTY HODGES; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

### OFFERTORY

*Meditation*

William H. Harris

### \*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!**

### DEDICATION OF FINANCIAL PLEDGES

While you may have placed your pledge card in the offering plate or mailed your card to the church, you are asked to come to the Chancel Rail and either stand or kneel and re-dedicate yourself to ministry within the Body of Christ.

You may leave your pledge card on the Chancel Rail.

### \*SCRIPTURE READING

I Timothy 6:17-19; Luke 12:16-21, 33-34

### MESSAGE

*"Diversify"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #170 *"O How I Love Jesus"*

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

*Go Forth in Peace*

C.O. Beck

### POSTLUDE

*Paeon*

Stanley Vann

*\*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.