



# STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## November 19, 2017

### Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

### Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

### An Unexpected Thank You

Most of us remember that our church hosted the Annual Meeting of the South Georgia United Methodist Women on Saturday, October 22. Janet Mathis did a superb job in helping our local UMW plan and prepare to host women from all over the South Georgia Conference. About a week later, I received the following note from Alison Evans, the CEO for the Methodist Home for Children and Youth:

*Dear Jimmy, Janet, and all UMW ladies:*

*Thank you for hosting the annual UMW meeting. Every detail was so well planned from the parking to the luncheon and everything (even the bathrooms) in between. The hostesses were so friendly and the music was spectacular. Your church is beautiful. I was blessed to be in fellowship with you. Thank you for your hospitality and kindness.*

*Warmly,*

*Alison Evans*

*P.S. Please thank the men for their help with parking and the youth for serving. What an awesome gift to all who attended.*

I was overwhelmed with her expressions of thanks. But then the thought came to me - "Why can't every Sunday be like that?" Pay attention to what she noticed - parking and parking lot greeters, the bathrooms, the music, the hospitality and kindness she received, and our beautiful sanctuary. What if we had parking lot greeters each Sunday to help first-time visitors know which door to enter, show them the nursery, and guide them to worship in the social hall or sanctuary, and lead them to a Sunday School class.

Shouldn't every Sunday be special?

-Pastor Jimmy

### Community Thanksgiving Service

Many churches in Bulloch County will gather at the Averitt Center this Tuesday evening, November 21 at 7PM to thank God for all the blessings. Various clergy will offer prayers, read Scripture, and lead us in singing. You do not want to miss this opportunity for community worship.

## Sunday, November 19, 2017

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

"You're Talented, but it is not a Talent Show" - Matthew 25: 14-30

11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Jimmy Cason (via recording from earlier service)

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 12, 2017)

Morning Worship: 472

Sunday School: 323

8:30AM: 74

9:01AM: 105

11:00AM: 182

Revive: 111

Offering Received: \$42,587.56

Preserving God's House: \$425.00

# Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Robert Blanchette* - November 13, 2017

The **flowers** in the **Tower Room** on November 19 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *C. Olin Smith* by *his family*.

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Sherice Blanchette* upon the death of her brother, *Robert Blanchette* who died on Monday, November 13, 2017. *Robert* was the son of the late *Martha Boatman*.

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Elizabeth) Gillespie, Jr.* upon the death of Paul's father, *Paul Gillespie, Sr.* who died on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Linda Arnold - upcoming heart surgery*  
*Peggy Herrington - home from hospital*  
*Amos Connell - EGR (no visitors please)*  
*Jackie Yaughn - recovering from surgery*  
*Mae Doughty - recovering at the home of Frances Humphrey*  
*Sarah Mathis - recovering from surgery*  
*Janette Johnson - Willow Pond*

**Ongoing:** *Inman Hodges, John Popp, Dick Armstrong, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, John Karrh, Lloyd Jones, Diane DeLoach, Jim Long, John Gould, Ed Shannon, Dolly Shannon*

# Statesboro First United Methodist Church

## Decorating for Advent

Please join us in helping to prepare the church for the Advent Season. We will be decorating on Sunday, November 26 at 2PM. All are welcome and if you have any questions please contact Jim or Pam Campbell.

## UMW Selling Christmas Ornaments to Benefit Missions

The United Methodist Women have seven 2017 SFUMC Christmas Ornaments that have been hand painted. They are of the East window depicting the manger scene. We also have four 2016 ornaments left which are also available. The cost of each very unique ornament is \$25. All proceeds from the sale of these ornaments will be donated to UMW Missions. Please contact Janice Smith, Jerry Singletary or call the Church Office to order one of these very special ornaments. They will make lovely gifts for Christmas.

## Volunteers for November 19, 2017 (Third Sunday of November)

**Prayer Warriors:** Clark & Jane DeLoach

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Suzan Laircey

**8:30 Ushers:** Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

**9:01 Ushers:** Lynda Akins, Ed Akins, Kasey Harrison, Jason Parker

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Linc Lippincott

**11:00 Ushers:** Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse, John Lee

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

**Parking Lot Greeters:** Anne Allen

**Front Door Greeters:** Pam Smith, Nita Waters

**Meals on Wheels (November 21):** Bob & Sue Avra



## SFUMC Students News

### **NO Sunday Night Surge - November 19**

We will not have Surge on November 19 due to the Thanksgiving Break. **Surge will resume on November 26 with a combined Surge from 6PM-7:30PM.**

### **NO Breakfast Club -November 20**

We will not have Breakfast Club on November 20 due to the Thanksgiving Break.

### **NO Small Groups & Confirmation- November 22**

We will not have small groups on November 22 due to the Thanksgiving Break. We will resume with small groups and confirmation on November 29.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### **Open Hearts Mission Grand Opening Celebration**

It is with Joy and Thanksgiving  
that we invite you to the  
Grand Opening & Dedication Reception  
for the Open Hearts Community Mission  
Sunday, December 3  
3:00PM  
201 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, November 19**

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

### **Monday, November 20**

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*  
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306  
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201  
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
6:00PM - Finance Committee Mtg, 213  
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### **Tuesday, November 21**

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, November 22**

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*  
*Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

### **Thursday, November 23**

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*  
*Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*

### **Friday, November 24**

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*  
*Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday*

### **Saturday, November 25**

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, November 19, 2017**

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

Jodie Hendrix

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry Children's Schedule

We will not meet this week, November 22, for Kids JAM or Children's Ministry activities, due to the Thanksgiving break. We will resume on November 29, with stage rehearsals for the children's Christmas program.

### Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration

The children's Sunday school classes will celebrate the Christmas season with a special gathering on Sunday, December 10, during Sunday school hour. We will sing Christmas carols, and have refreshments and a special presentation!

### Children's Christmas Program December 13, 6:30PM

The Kids JAM children's choir will present a Christmas musical, *Jesus Means Christmas to Me*, in the Fellowship Hall following dinner the evening of Wednesday, December 13. A dress rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6.

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### Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to those who helped, Anne Allen, Jen Becker, Cindy Berg-Aycock, Coley Cassedy, Patricia Cassedy, Mandy Koehler, Pat Long, Martha Ray, Arnold Stephens, Judy Strickland. Thanks also to Becca Brown and Tyler Grant and the Youth Ministry. We had a total of 201 boxes!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

arr. James C. Kasen

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Turn to the Lord, Our God.

**God is our greatest good and our source of Light.**

Turn to the Lord with eyes full of wonder.

**Turn to our God and live life to the fullest.**

It was grace that taught our hearts to fear;

**And it was grace that relieves all of our fears.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #102 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

**\*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)**

JODIE HENDRIX

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

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

*Let All Things Give Thanks*

Don Hart

## PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM LINC LIPPINCOTT

#### OFFERTORY

*Jesus Is All the World to Me*

arr. Amy Tate Williams

MEGHANN ASHEY, 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!**

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #701 *"When We All Get to Heaven"*

#### \*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25: 14-30

#### MESSAGE

*"You're Talented, but it is not a Talent Show"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #467 *"Trust and Obey"*

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

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

#### POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. John A. Behnke

*\*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.