



**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

November 26, 2017

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 3:

- Morning Worship at 8:30AM, 9:01AM, 11AM Traditional, 11AM REVIVE
No Communion
Chancel Ringers will play at 8:30AM and 11AM Traditional
- Christmas Celebration at 3PM and 6PM
featuring the GSU University Singers, GSU Chorale, and our Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 10:

- Morning Worship at 8:30AM, 9:01AM, 11AM Traditional, 11AM REVIVE
- Chancel Choir "Lessons and Carols" at 5PM in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 17

- Morning Worship at 8:30AM, 9:01AM, 11AM Traditional, 11AM REVIVE
UMW Baby Recognition
GSU Brass at 8:30AM and 11AM Traditional

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NO 8:30AM, 9:01AM OR REVIVE SERVICE
11AM Traditional Service in Sanctuary
- 4PM and 6:30PM TRADITIONAL Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service (Children's Nativity Play at the 4PM service)
- 5PM CONTEMPORARY Christmas Eve Service in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 31

New Year's Eve

- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NO 8:30AM OR 9:01AM SERVICE
Morning Worship - 11AM Traditional Service and 11AM Contemporary Service

Sunday, November 26, 2017

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

"On Which Side Will We Stand?" - Matthew 25: 31-46

9:01 & 11:00AM REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 19, 2017)

Morning Worship: 408

Sunday School: 252

8:30AM: 61

9:01AM: 86

11:00AM: 203

Revive: 58

Offering Received: \$15,672.94

Preserving God's House: \$349.99

Our Church Family

Congratulations to *Michael & Erin Rollins* upon the birth of their son, *Gabriel Ballenger Rollins* who was born November 7. Grandparents are *Mike & Cathy Rollins*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Linda Arnold - Memorial*
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*

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Christmas Wrapping

Do you like to wrap (not “rap”)? Again this year, volunteers will provide a free wrapping service on Saturday, December 16 from 10AM-5PM at the Bealls Outlet at the mall. If you would like to help, contact Nora Ford (687-6169) or noragford@yahoo.com.

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

First Sundays are for Food Bank

Please note your calendars for the first Sunday of each month and bring non-perishable food for the Statesboro Food Bank. Items that are in great demand are cereal, rice, oatmeal, grits, peanut butter, etc. Red wagons for your donations are placed in the Narthex and near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for having big hearts SFUMC!



Volunteers for November 26, 2017 (Fourth Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Betty Hatcher
8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bird Hodges
8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack
9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop, Steve Garner, Peggy Garner
11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Sellers
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 (November 28): Betty Hodges



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - November 26

Middle and High School students will meet for a combined Surge on Sunday, November 26, from 6PM-7:30PM 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 -November 27

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- November 29

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.

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UMW Celebrates Babies

December 17 will be the day UMW honors babies for 2017. The UMW donates \$5 to Missions for each baby born to church members. If you have a grandchild, niece, nephew or friend born this year whose parents are non-members and you would like to honor them with a gift to missions, please pick up a form in the Gathering Area, fill it out, and return it with \$5 to the Church Office. Please submit all requests by December 11. Should you have any questions, contact Jerry Singletary, jerrysing12@gmail.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 26

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
2:00PM - Decorating for Advent
4:30PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
6:00PM - Combined Surge, YR

Monday, November 27

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Church Council Mtg, 306
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, November 28

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - New Bulding Committee Mtg, Lib.

Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 2

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by Statesboro Service League



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jimmy Cason

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry & Kids JAM Rehearsals

November 29 and December 6

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

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

6:30PM-7:30PM Kids JAM stage rehearsal for Christmas program

*December 6 will be a dress rehearsal!

Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration - December 10

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.

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New Building Committee Meeting

The Building Committee will meet Thursday, November 30, at 6PM in the Church Library. Committee members are encouraged to attend as an update on the contract will be discussed.

Decorating for Advent

Please join us **today, Sunday, November 26 at 2PM**, in helping to prepare the church for the Advent Season. All are welcome and your help greatly appreciated!

Wednesday Night Menu - November 29 - 5:30PM

RF'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.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
arr. Raymond H. Haan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Enter God's gates with gladness.
Enter God's courts with praise.
We are God's people,
the sheep of God's pasture.
Serve God with joyful hearts.
Love God by showing justice and mercy.
Enter God's gates with gladness.
Enter God's courts with praise.
-Adapted from Psalm 100, Matthew 25

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #715 *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"*

***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)

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)

For the Autumn Sky

Ruth Schram

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BIRD HODGES; 11:00AM BILL SELLERS

OFFERTORY

Alleluia!

Ferdinand Hummel

ALEX SMITH, 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 #418 *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 25: 31-46

MESSAGE

"On Which Side Will We Stand?"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #580 *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Grand Chorus

Alexandre Guilmant/arr. Thomas Chesterton

**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.