



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

January 21, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Prayer for 2018

As we look forward to what this year may bring, sometimes it is helpful to look back to the traditions we sometimes forget. My good friend, Rev. Robert Green, pastor of Porterfield UMC in Albany chose to share the following prayer with his congregation. I hope this prayer causes us to consider more seriously our relationship with Christ.

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face peril alone.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

Sunday, January 21, 2018

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

"Authenticity" - II Corinthians 3:13-18

9:01 & REVIVE - Pastor Scott Harris

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Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 14, 2018)

Morning Worship: 443

Sunday School: 281

8:30AM: 54

9:01AM: 104

11:00AM: 177

Revive: 108

Offering Received: \$32,747.00

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$886.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Ongoing: *Maggie Collins, Janette Johnson, Bobby Deal, Sarah Mathis, Fred Maddox, Marilyn Turner, Linda Arnold, Susan Refrow, Mae Doughty, Barbara Fox, Chuck Shiels, Jim Long, Amos Connell, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, John Popps, Dick Armstrong, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Relay for Life Meeting TODAY

Cancer has touched all of us in some way. And we want to stop this disease in its tracks. Statesboro First UMC is forming a Relay for Life team to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. On Friday, April 27, at the Bulloch County Relay for Life, we'll honor the lives lost to cancer, celebrate survivors, and support the caregivers who so selflessly help others.

PLEASE JOIN the Statesboro First United Methodist Church team for a planning meeting today, January 21, at 12:15PM in Room 103 (Crusaders Room across from the Nursery) or contact Carole Cox at 828-773-8174 or carolecox575@gmail.com to ask how you can support our efforts. We're counting on your help to make this a special event.

Help Needed for Wednesday Night Meals

Although we have an established group of volunteers to serve our meals every Wednesday night, we are looking for additional volunteers to "fill-in" for our regulars when they are unable to serve due to illness or a scheduling conflict. Please consider serving as a substitute or "fill-in" for one of our regular team members. If you have any questions or you are willing to serve by having your name added to our substitute list then please contact Lynda Akins (912-587-9212).

Wednesday Night Menu - January 24 - 5:30PM

RJ's: Pork tenderloin, broccoli casserole, roasted red potatoes, salad, rolls

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.

Volunteers for January 21, 2018 (Third Sunday of January)

Prayer Warriors: Jim & Pam Campbell

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bryan Burke

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Brian Thomas

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

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

Parking Lot Greeters: Anne Allen

Front Door Greeters: Nora Ford, Suzan Laircey

Meals on Wheels (January 23): Anne Thompson, Barbara Golden



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - January 21

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 - January 22

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- January 24

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.

Youth Winter Retreat - February 22-25

The Youth annual ski trip is currently full but there is a waiting list. If your student would like to be added to the list let Becca or Tyler know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com or tgrant@statesborofirst.com. Also, if you are signed up for the trip please turn in your forms and money!

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, January 21

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
12:15PM - Relay for Life Mtg, 103
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:30PM - MS Surge, YR
7:00PM - HS Surge, YR

Monday, January 22

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Finance Committee Mtg, 213
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, January 23

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

8:00AM - KAIROS Team Mtg, 306
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by St. Matthew



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Buck Ford

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Laura Lanier

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Meredith Cummings

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Join us for a new season of Wednesday Night Ministry that will continue through the first of May! There are opportunities for children in Pre-K through 5th grade, and the nursery is also available. The children's schedule includes...

- Kids JAM (children's choir) 5:15PM-6:00PM
- Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall 5:30PM-6:30PM
- Small Groups & Activities 6:30PM-7:30PM

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Clean for A Cause

We want to remind everyone to start saving your excess items for the FIRST METHODIST CLEANOUT EXTRAVAGANZA. We have tentatively planned the first week in April for our sale. There will be a laundry basket in the Gathering Area for your items and we will begin to store them until closer to our sale date. Let's make this a double blessing: for missions and for you! If you have any questions please contact Eleanor Schneider (764-7047).

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Come, Thou Almighty King
arr. Anna Laura Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, and in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me.
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
---St. Patrick (387-461)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #163 *"Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"*

***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)

BUCK FORD

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

The Fairest of Ten Thousand

arr. David Rasbach

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM BRIAN THOMAS

OFFERTORY

Idyll

by Darwin Wolford

***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 #400 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

II Corinthians 3:13-18

MESSAGE

"Authenticity"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #347 *"Spirit Song"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Grace, Love and Fellowship

arr. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "O Worship the King"

arr. Craig Penfield

**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.