



**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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February 4, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary: 8:30AM & 11:00AM
Fellowship Hall: 9:01AM & 11:00AM

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Boy Scout Sunday

Today at the 11AM Traditional service, we will recognize the Boy Scouts from Troup 332. Our church has sponsored Troup 332 for many, many years. The Scout Master, Stefan Minton, and the Assistant Scout Master, Heath Aldrese are both Eagle Scouts who were members of Troup 332 for several years.

There are currently 10 scouts in our troop. A couple of churches in our community disbanded their troops because of conflicts with the National Boy Scout organization. Our troop assisted a Boy Scout from one of the disbanded troops in receiving his Eagle Scout recognition. One of our two most recent Eagle Scouts is a student at Georgia Southern and the other has just enlisted in the Marine Corp. We expect to have two new Eagle Scouts in the next six months.

We proudly welcome our Boy Scouts, their leaders, and their parents to our worship of God today.

No Communion Today

Due to the spread of a very virulent strain of the flu, our church made the decision not to offer communion at any of the four worship services today. Normally any offering left in the basket at 9:01 or REVIVE or at the chancel rail at 8:30 or 11AM Traditional benefits A.C.T.S (Area Christians Together Serving). This offering aids those who need help with their utility bills, food, gas and other material needs they may have. You can still contribute to A.C.T.S. by making your check payable to the church and designating it for A.C.T.S.

February is GSU Wesley Foundation Month

Over \$2,000 has already been received for the renovation project at the Wesley Foundation, our student ministry at Georgia Southern. Our goal for this month is \$5,000.

Ash Wednesday Service on February 14

This year Ash Wednesday is the same date as Valentine's Day and Easter Sunday is the same day as April Fool's Day! On Wednesday, February 14, there will be an Ash Wednesday worship service in the Sanctuary at 6:30PM. We will begin the observance of Lent by having Ashes imposed on our forehead.

Sunday, February 4, 2018

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

"Rest" - Matthew 11:28-29; Psalm 46:10

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Rest" - Matthew 11:28-29; Psalm 46:10

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 28, 2018)

Morning Worship: 416

Sunday School: 257

8:30AM: 43

9:01AM: 95

11:00AM: 186

Revive: 92

Offering Received: \$24,559.50

Special Offering: Wesley Foundation - \$2,075.00

Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on February 4 are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of *Kendall Lily Totten* by her parents *Dirk & Daphne Totten*.

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Anne) Thompson* upon the death of Larry's father, "*J.R.*" *Thompson* of Jesus who died on January 23, 2018.

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*

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Totten Adoption Celebration

Family and friends of the Totten family will be hosting an Adoption Celebration celebrating the adoption of Kendall Lily Totten by her parents Dirk and Daphne Totten. It will be held in the Statesboro FUMC Fellowship Hall today, February 4, from 2-4PM. All church members and their families are invited to attend.

UMCOR "Connecting Neighbors" Training Event

"Connecting Neighbors" is UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) recently-updated program that gives congregations the tools and information they need to guide the development of their disaster-response ministries. Congregations that invest their time in "Connecting Neighbors" training are better prepared for what emergencies may come. The Connecting Neighbors training event features a one-day training designed to equip and empower individuals and local churches to be a presence in their community (and beyond) in the event of a natural or man-made catastrophic event. There will be a training on February 10 at Pittman Park UMC from 10AM-3PM. If you are interested in attending this training, please contact Debbie Walker, Chair of Missions, at 912-764-5800 or lwalk@frontiernet.net.

2018 List of Officers

SFUMC's 2018 List of Officers can be found in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to pick up a copy.

Missing Plate

A crystal plate that was used in the Gathering Area for refreshments on January 21 has been misplaced. If you have seen the plate please contact Jewel Dabbs.

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Volunteers for February 4, 2018 (First Sunday of February)

Prayer Warriors: Eleanor Schneider, Jo Ann Marsh

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Ken LeCain

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

9:01 Ushers: Alice Hall, Darryl Hopkins, Stephanie Owens, Rodney Fowler

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Susan Cason

11:00 Ushers: Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Parking Lot Greeters: Janet Mathis

Front Door Greeters: Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

Meals on Wheels (February 6): John & Martha Ray



SFUMC Students News

Pre Super Bowl Party - February 4

This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday and our Student Ministry will be celebrating with a pre-game party! Middle and High School students will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5PM-6:30PM. We will have food, games, worship, and a time of testimonies. We hope your student will make plans to join us! Bring \$2 for dinner.

Breakfast Club - February 5

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- February 7

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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Wednesday Night Menu - February 7 - 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, February 4

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 - Totten Adoption Celebration, FH
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:00PM - Youth Pre Super Bowl Party, FH

Monday, February 5

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306
6:00PM - Trustees Board Meeting, Lib.
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, February 6

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 10

8:00AM - Kairos Team Meeting, 306
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by Kate Martin's SS Class
4:00PM - Habitat Meeting, FH



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Sarah Akins

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Melissa Avra

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lydia Cross

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Children's Schedule for Pre-K – 5th Grade:

- 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

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Clean for a Cause

Our Church's "Clean for a Cause" sale will be held Saturday, April 7, from 7AM-12PM in the Fellowship Hall. The cause is Missions! This is a great opportunity to get rid of things you no longer use or need. We will be selling most everything you would find at a garage sale, except for adult clothing (but we would love gently used children's clothing). We only want to offer things in good condition.....that means appliances that work, all pieces of puzzles and games, etc. But we don't just want your STUFF, we want YOU! We will need people Tuesday-Friday before the sale to price items and set up, and we need lots of people on the day of the sale. In the coming weeks there will be an opportunity to sign up for shifts. It would be great if you would keep your items at your homes and bring them to the church the week of the sale, but if you want it gone right now we will take it and store it. There will be grocery carts in the Gathering Area for items, or you can call Eleanor Schneider (764-7047) or Karen David (531-1237) to make other arrangements or ask any questions. Please be generous with your stuff and your time!

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Women's Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 - 7:00PM

in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend.

Entertainment provided by Brandi Harvey.



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
arr. James C. Kasen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come to Christ, all who are weary and carry heavy burdens.

In Christ, we find rest.

Bear the yoke of Christ and learn from him.

In Christ, we find peace.

For Christ is gentle and humble in heart.

In Christ, we find strength.

We will come to Christ today.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #89 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***GLORIA PATRI** Hymn #71

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.

A WORD FROM THE BOY SCOUTS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)

KENDALL LILY TOTTEN

Daughter of AARON & DAPHNE TOTTEN

Chorus: Kendall, Kendall, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verse: We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be. **Chorus**

Verse 2: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. **Chorus**

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

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)

Come To the Water

arr. Lynda Hasseler

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM KEN LeCAIN; 11:00AM SUSAN CASON

OFFERTORY

Jesus, the Very Thought of You

arr. Franklin Ashdown

***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 #472 *"Near to the Heart of God"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 11:28-29; Psalm 46:10

MESSAGE

"Rest"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #419 *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner

**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.