



**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

**March 11, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Community Mid-Day Holy Week Worship**

**"Living Into the Journey"**

**March 26-30, 2018 12PM - 12:30PM**

*Light Lunch Provided Each Day Except on Good Friday*

- Monday, March 26 - Agape Worship Center      Rebecca Blackwell, preaching
- Tuesday, March 27 - First Presbyterian Church      Donald Chavers, preaching
- Wednesday, March 28 - St. Paul's Lutheran      Sam Clay, preaching
- Thursday, March 29 - Second St. John Missionary Baptist      Craig Tremble, preaching
- Friday, March 30 - Trinity Episcopal      Joan Killian, preaching

**Holy Week Services at First Methodist**

- Wednesday, March 28 - Wednesday Night Supper and Regular Activities
- Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7PM
- Friday, March 30 - Good Friday Chancel Choir Musical Presentation at 7PM
- Easter Sunday, April 1 - **Easter Sunrise Service on the front lawn at 7AM with breakfast served afterwards in Room 306. Four additional Easter Services at 8:30, 9:01, 11AM Traditional and 11AM REVIVE. Sunday School at 10AM.**

**Men's Walk to Emmaus**

Please be in prayer for the following individuals from our church who will be involved in the Walk to Emmaus which is being held at Tattnall Campground: Brad Riner, Shawn Guerin, Buddy Morgan, Bird Hodges, Brett Henry, Don Marsh, George Rountree, Betty Hodges, Madonna Henry, Stephen Lewis, Christie Riner, Robert Benson, Earl Dabbs, Jr., Brin Hubbard, Lucy Hubbard, Justin Hilde, Karen Hilde, and Elizabeth Ann Harrison.

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

8:30 & 11:00AM Traditional - Bill Hatcher  
*"A Deaf Man is Brought to Jesus"* - Mark 7:31-37  
 9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris  
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**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 4, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 527**

**Sunday School: 311**

8:30AM: 61

9:01AM: 145

11:00AM: 201

Revive: 120

Offering Received: \$21,623.46

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$2,005.00

PGH Jan-Feb Contributions: \$8,611.50 (Loan Balance = \$55,350.03)

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

- Hospital:** *Elizabeth Scott - Hospice*  
*Dick Armstrong - Residential Hospice*  
*Helen Thurson - Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville (mother of Tommy Thurson)*
- Ongoing:** *Jean Braswell, Rev. Fred Maddox, Steve Piazza, Janette Johnson, Bobby Deal, Sarah Mathis, Marilyn Turner, Linda Arnold, Susan Refrow, Mae Doughty, Jim Long, Amos Connell, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, John Poppo, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach*

**Congratulations** to *Delia Mobley* on being named 2018 Rotary Citizen of the Year.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Preschool Enrollment

Yes, it is that time of year again! Time to enroll/re-enroll your child in our Preschool program for the upcoming school year (August-May).

- **Currently enrolled children and their siblings (non-members and members already in our program)** will be able to register their children on **Tuesday, March 27.**
- **SFUMC Church Members NOT currently enrolled** will be able to enroll their children on **Wednesday, March 28.** **This is for first time enrollment.**
- **General Public** enrollment will begin at 8:30AM on **Thursday, March 29.** All available spaces will be opened at that time.

If you have any questions contact Ann Haskins, Director Preschool Ministries, 764-1876.

### Clean for a Cause Update

Thanks to all of you who have been filling our shopping cart with items for the First Methodist Clean for a Cause sale, April 7. We hope you are attacking your stacks of stuff with gusto and holding the items at home, ready to bring them in the first week of April, Tuesday April 3 - Friday April 6. We're relying on lots of help from those of you who "do" garage sales. Setting up will take the first three days and Friday we'll do pricing. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the Preschool Director's Office. Please give us your time as well as your surplus. Many hands make light work, and giving to missions makes it worthwhile. If you need items picked up give us a call: Karen 531-1237 or Eleanor 764-7047. Thanks so much!

### The Way Forward Informational Meeting - March 18

At the 2016 General Conference, the Council of Bishops named a group called the "Commission on the Way Forward". For years, the United Methodist Church has been debating the issue of homosexuality especially in terms of ordination and marriage. At the present time, our church does not ordain "self-avowed, practicing" homosexuals and clergy are not allowed to officiate at a gay marriage. There is disagreement in the church on these issues. There will be a called General Conference in St. Louis February 23-26, 2019 to deal with these issues and decide the way forward for The United Methodist Church. If you are interested in more information on these issues, please consider attending this meeting being held at Pittman Park UMC next Sunday, March 18, at 4PM.

### Wednesday Night Menu - March 14 - 5:30PM

*Barberitos: Taco Bar with Chips and Queso*

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.



## SFUMC Students News

### **Sunday Night Surge - March 11**

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 - March 12**

There will be NO breakfast club Monday, March 12 due to public school being out.

### **Small Groups & Confirmation- March 14**

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.

### **By Design - March 18**

For the first time, our Student Ministry will be hosting a day retreat devoted to learning God's design for us as men and women. The event, By Design, will take place on March 18 directly following our church services. The guys and girls will have their own schedule of events for the day. The total cost for the day is \$30 which includes all meals and activities. This is an event you do not want your student to miss out on! Sign ups are open now so please let us know if your student will be participating.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 11**

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  
12:30PM - Easter Lunch, Belle House  
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR  
5:30PM - MS Surge, YR  
7:00PM - HS Surge, YR

### **Monday, March 12**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
10:00AM - UMW General Mtg, 306  
2:30PM - Charlene Black Bible Study, Lib.  
6:00PM - Staff Parish Mtg, Lib.  
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

### **Tuesday, March 13**

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

### **Wednesday, March 14**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### **Thursday, March 15**

4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib.  
5:30PM - New Building Comm. Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### **Friday, March 16**

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

### **Saturday, March 17**

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen  
*Soup Kitchen sponsored by St. Matthew Church*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

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

McCall Fitzner

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:**Jodie Hendrix, Hillari Brown

**11:00:**Lainie Harris, Melanie Propps

## 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

### Easter Lunch & Egg Hunt – Today

Please join us following the 11:00AM worship services for a catered lunch at the Belle House. Everyone is invited, and there will be an Easter egg hunt for the children following lunch. We look forward to celebrating the Easter season with you!

### Palm Sunday

All children are invited to wave palm branches at the beginning of the 11:00AM traditional worship service on March 25. This is a special tradition we look forward to! Our children's choir, Kids JAM, will share special music in the 11:00AM traditional worship service that day as well. This includes Pre-K through 5th grade.

### 5th Grade Sunday School Car Wash

Mark your calendars! Our 5th graders and some friends will be washing cars here at the church to benefit Relay for Life on Saturday, March 24. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from the students, Buck/Nora Ford, or the Church Office. Rain date is Saturday, March 31.

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### Relay for Life Fundraiser - March 15

Thursday, March 15, plan to eat at Nonna Picci! From 11AM - 10PM 10% of the amount of your purchase will be donated to the SFUMC Relay for Life Team. Nonna Picci is located at 807 South Main Street next to the Mad Potter Nursery. Just mention to your server that you are supporting the SFUMC Relay for Life Team when you dine that day.

### UMW General Meeting - March 12

United Methodist Women meet Monday, March 12 at 10AM. Those who have school or hygiene kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) may bring them to the general UMW meeting in Room 306 or circle meetings this month. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:45AM.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*This Train*  
Traditional

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
**That bids our sorrows cease.**  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
**'Tis life, and health, and peace!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #57 *"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*  
(verses 1-6)

**\*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

**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)**

**MCCALL FITZNER**

(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, Ye Disconsolate***  
arr. Ethan McGrath

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM HUGHES WILLIAMSON

### OFFERTORY

*Whispering Hope*

Winner

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #361 *“Rock of Ages”*

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:31-37

### MESSAGE

*“A Deaf Man is Brought to Jesus”*

Sermon 4 in “Delivered” Series

BILL HATCHER

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #462 *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

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

*Jesus Calls Us*

arr. Whitney V. Myers

### POSTLUDE

*God Be With You*

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## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Volunteers for March 11, 2018 (Second Sunday of March)

Prayer Warriors: Lee & Debbie Walker

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Suzan Laircey

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford

9:01 Ushers: Don Marsh, Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Hughes Williamson

11:00 Ushers: Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard,

Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson, Robert Benson III

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

Greeters: June Rushing, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

Meals on Wheels (March 13): Anne Thompson, Barbara Golden

\*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.