



**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

April 15, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

A Ministry That's Changing Lives!

Stephen Ministry here at SFUMC is grounded in Jesus' command to love one another. Stephen Ministers are equipped with extensive training to provide one-on-one caring to anyone who needs support during a difficult time in life.

We all have those "speed bumps" in life, times when we are lonely, confused, hurt, frightened, grieving or questioning our faith. These needs include, but are not limited to: facing life transitions, new members of the church, looking for a spiritual companion, hospitalized, bereaved, change in relationships, serious illness, job crisis, disabled, lonely and/or aging.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul tells us such crises can be opportunities for personal growth, but as we who are in Christ experience suffering of one sort or another, we also experience comfort through Christ. One way we receive this comfort is through others who have likewise received comfort and care through Christ (II Corinthians 1:4-6).

Now, here's the great news: If you're reading this, then you can participate in this ministry in one of the following ways: 1) Be in prayer for the ministry - for people in need of care and for Stephen Ministers who are offering it. 2) Prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister. We intend to train another group of Stephen Ministers soon and hope you will consider serving in this way if you feel led. 3) If you would like confidential one-on-one care, please consider reaching out to one of our Stephen Leaders. Here is one person's testimony about the difference it made in her life: "At a time when I felt overwhelmed by circumstances, my Stephen Minister listening, praying, encouraging, helped me find within myself the means to cope. Phone calls, an occasional cup of coffee, a short note - these are reminders that someone is always there." Another person said, "Having a Stephen Minister is like having a guardian angel on earth. You know that you have someone who cares about you unconditionally, prays for you, and is there for you during the difficult times in life." Finally, 4) If there is somebody you know who is 18 or older who would benefit from this type of care, prayerfully consider speaking with them about the possibility of receiving a Stephen Minister. They do not need to be a member of our church. This ministry is an outreach and care is available to any person in need.

For more information, please see the enclosed brochure, visit our church's webpage, <https://www.statesborofirst.com/stephen-ministry.html> and/or contact Pastor Scott, 912-764-1874.

Sunday, April 15, 2018

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

"Care and Carrying as God Cares and Carries" - Exodus 18:13-27

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Care and Carrying as God Cares and Carries" - Exodus 18:13-27

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 8, 2018)

Morning Worship: 445

Sunday School:

8:30AM: 62

9:01AM: 120

11:00AM: 188

Revive: 75

Offering Received: \$15,670.00

Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$1,136.00

PGH II Contributions March Receipts: \$4,975.00 (Loan Balance = \$50,350.00)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Dick Armstrong - Residential Hospice*
Tom Singletary - Hospice at home

Ongoing: *Jean Braswell, Steve Piazza, Janette Johnson, Bobby Deal, Sarah Mathis, Marilyn Turner, Linda Arnold, Susan Refrow, Mae Doughty, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, John Popp, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

SFUMC Relay for Life Team Fundraiser SPAGHETTI DINNER

Wednesday, April 18 5:00PM-6:30PM
Fellowship Hall

Spaghetti, Salad and HOMEMADE DESSERTS

Adults \$6 Children \$4 (no pizza) Take-out Available

Buy Tickets today, Sunday, April 15 in the Gathering Area

Luminarias in memory or honor of loved ones can be purchased
White for \$10, Gold for \$25 or Torch for \$100

Donations can also be made online at <http://www.relayforlife.org/bullochga> in support of
Statesboro First United Methodist Church team.

Join us at the Relay for Life on Friday, April 27 at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Grounds.

Miss Rodeo USA to Visit SFUMC

Come and meet Miss Rodeo USA, Summer Weldon, at the Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner this Wednesday Night, April 18! You can also see her at the Rodeo at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Grounds Friday and Saturday nights, April 20 & 21.

UMM Meet & Greet

The United Methodist Men are having a Meet & Greet tonight, Sunday, April 15 at 6PM at the Church House. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to come and bring a friend.

Congratulations to our Deen Day Smith Award Recipients

We are proud of all of our Bulloch County citizens who were recognized last week for their community service, and we are especially proud of those who are members of Statesboro First. Debra Chester received one of three Lifetime Achievement Awards. Twenty citizens received Service to Mankind Awards. Among our members who were recognized for their service include Roger Branch, Tim Durden, JoAnn Marsh, and Eleanor Schneider.

A Missions Minute

If you are interested in being part of a hurricane recovery team, please contact Debbie Walker, lwalk@frontiernet.net or 912-682-9703. There is still plenty of work to be done from Hurricane Irma. Once we gather a group of interested team members, we can choose a location and dates. Options are South Georgia, Florida (all regions, especially the Everglades and the Keys) or Puerto Rico. No special skills required. Join in the blessings of helping others!

Wednesday Night Menu - April 18 - 5:00-6:30PM

Relay for Life Spagetti Dinner - Spaghetti, Salad & Homemade Desserts

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under

Take Out Available

Pizza will not be served tonight.



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - April 15

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 - April 16

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- April 18

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.

Graduation Sunday - May 20

Please mark your calendar for this special morning. Students should have received an information packet in the mail, but if your Senior did not please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Acolytes Needed

Please contact Bonnie Johnson (stilltime@frontiernet.net) if you are in Middle or High School and would be interested in learning more about our acolyte program at Statesboro First Methodist. This is a wonderful service that you can provide for our church!

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, April 15

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 - Parent Leadership Mtg, 103
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR
5:30PM - MS Surge, YR
6:00PM - UMM Meet & Greet, CH
7:00PM - HS Surge, YR

Monday, April 16

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
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 - Young Adult Bible Study, 306
7:00PM - Revive Band Practice, FH

Tuesday, April 17

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard Bible Study, 212
5:00PM - Service League Event, 306
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, April 18

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200 & Choir
5:30PM - Wednesday Night, All
6:00PM - Stephen Ministers Mtg, 201
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, April 19

4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib.
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, April 20

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

Saturday, April 21

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Buck Ford

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Next Wednesday, April 25, we will travel with the children (Pre-K through 5th Grade) to The Lodge at Bethany to sing and visit with the residents. We will take the church bus, but also encourage parent drivers. We will leave from the Fellowship Hall around 6:25PM and return by 7:30PM.

Children's Sunday May 6

Children will help lead the 9:01 worship service on May 6. We welcome your child to take part in this tradition. Kids JAM will sing in worship, and children are invited to have a special part in the service that might include praying, reading scripture, collecting offering, greeting, or serving communion. Please discuss this opportunity and let our Children's Ministry team know if your child would like to participate (sakins@statesborofirst.com or jhendrix@statesborofirst.com).

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for VBS! June 4-8, Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-12:00PM. Online registration will begin next month.

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Soup Kitchen Bundles Update

Thanks to all who helped make a Happy Easter for our less fortunate soup kitchen neighbors. Your help is now needed for our July school supplies soup kitchen. Your unused toiletry items from hotel and dentist visits are needed so that limited funds can be spent on actual school supplies. Donations of these toiletry items, as well as "charity gifts", lightly used books, school supplies, etc. can be placed in the crates under the staircase near the Church Office.

Clean for a Cause Wrap-up

Thanks to an army of volunteers and the most giving body of Christ ever, "Clean for a Cause" raised \$4,589.87 for missions. Who would have guessed that the 'mission' began with the fellowship we all shared as we prepared for a community of shoppers?! Karen Gunnels said with glee, "I've met three new people this week - and they all go to this church!" Indeed, working on such a project allows you to get to know one another while sharing in the joy of doing something that benefits others. Your generosity made it possible! Heartfelt thanks to all who brought their "stuff" and blessed us with things to sell. It's trite but true: many hands make light work. Working for a Christ-centered cause makes the work a privilege. Thanks, Statesboro First, for being the hands, feet, and heart of Christ!

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SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Rejoice, the Lord Is King
arr. James Kasen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hear our cry, O God; listen to our prayers.
From the ends of the earth we call to You, when our hearts are faint.
Lead us to the highest rock for you are our refuge.
Let us worship God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #160 *“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”*

***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)

Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah
arr. Mack Wilberg

STEPHEN MINISTRY MOMENT
SUSAN CASON, BECKY LIVINGSTON, LESLIE FLETCHER

LAY PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BIRD HODGES; 11:00AM EARL DABBS JR.

OFFERTORY

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Katherine F. Davis

TESSA MORRIS, 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!

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Exodus 18:13-27

MESSAGE

“Care and Carrying as God Cares and Carries”

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #398 *“Jesus Calls Us”*

POSTLUDE

Renaissance Rondel

Andrew Fletcher

Volunteers for April 15, 2018 (Third Sunday of April)

Prayer Warriors: John & Michelle Barton

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bird Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

9:01 Ushers: Jason Parker, Lyndia Akins, Ed Akins

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Earl Dabbs Jr.

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)

Greeters: Anne Allen, Pam Smith, Nita Waters

Meals on Wheels (April 17): Buck & Nora Ford

**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.
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