



# STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

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## April 22, 2018

### Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

### Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

### Transformation Project: Fellowship Hall

For the past two years, the Trustees have discussed the need to transform the appearance of our Fellowship Hall. Not only is our Fellowship Hall used 7 days a week, it is often used for three or four different ministries in the same day. While we praise God, the constant use of the Fellowship Hall has created an overwhelming need to improve the appearance.

Much discussion has been held between the Trustees and the Church Staff. While the Fellowship Hall project is **renovation and not building**, there were questions about the timing of the renovation versus the timing of building a new building. It is estimated that it might be two years before we are in a position to break ground on a new building. Both groups felt that this renovation project did not need to wait that long.

The Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Church Council have approved this project (new paint, new flooring, and new lighting) and have given the Trustees the authority to extend bids on this renovation project and to oversee the renovation from start to finish. The Trustees have set a budget of \$62,000. However, this amount could be lower or higher depending on the bids we receive. We hope to begin this project around June 11 which is the week after Vacation Bible School. We may not be able to use the Fellowship Hall for four to five Sundays. During that time, we will only have two worship services: 9:01 Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary and 11AM Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary.

Today we begin our efforts to raise the needed funds. Please prayerfully consider what your financial contribution will be. Then join the team by making a check payable to FUMC and put Transformation Project in the memo line.

### District Conference

The Northeast District Conference will be held this **Sunday, today, April 22** at Pittman Park UMC from 4-6PM. There will be very little business conducted. The focus will be on Growing the Church and Making Disciples. Let's have good representation from Statesboro First at this important meeting.

## Sunday, April 22, 2018

9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

"Sacrificial Love" - I John 3:16-24

8:30AM & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"The Cornerstone" - Acts 4:5-12

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 15, 2018)

Morning Worship: 450

Sunday School: 285

8:30AM: 62

9:01AM: 98

11:00AM: 189

Revive: 101

Offering Received: \$22,156.10

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Daryl Harrison - MCG, Augusta*  
*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*

## Welcome New Members

Mrs. Yvonne Redden

Mr. Will Redden

Ms. Katie Redden

906 King Road

Brooklet, GA 30415

Phone: 912- 842-9421

*Yvonne* and her two adult children, *Will* and *Katie*, join our church on transfer of membership from First Baptist in Claxton. *Yvonne* is retired while *Will* is a manager at Briggs & Stratton and *Katie* is employed at Stilson Elementary School and in charge of their After-School Program. *Yvonne* has participated in our Chancel Choir, and *Will* and *Katie* have participated in our Festival Ringers Bell Choir.

# Statesboro First United Methodist Church

## United Methodist Men Annual BBQ

The United Methodist Men will hold their annual BBQ Saturday, May 5, from 11:30AM-1:30PM. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased from any of the Methodist men or in the Church Office. Plan to get your delicious BBQ and either eat in or carry out.

## Fostering Bulloch 5K & Fun Run

Fostering Bulloch will be hosting the 3rd annual 5K and Fun Run on May 19. Proceeds will benefit building an overnight campground for foster and at-risk kids. Sponsorships are available from \$100 and up. Runners may enter online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Contact Jackie or Hugh Yaughn at [hughyaughn@hotmail.com](mailto:hughyaughn@hotmail.com) or 912-682-3848 for any questions. Help us share God's love with these kids!

## Wednesday Night Menu - April 25 - 5:00-6:30PM

*Uncle Shug's: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Dinner Roll*

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 April 22, 2018 (Fourth Sunday of April)

Prayer Warriors: Earl Dabbs, Jr., Jewel Dabbs

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bryan Burke

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Thompson

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)

Greeters: Linda Rushing, Suzan Laircey, Grace Adams Stewart, Ellen Lanier

Meals on Wheels (April 24): Bruce & Carol Yawn



## SFUMC Students News

### **Combined Sunday Night Surge - April 22**

Middle School and High School students will meet for a Combined Surge from 5:30PM-7:00PM 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 23**

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 25**

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.

### **Missions Weekend - May 4-5**

We are just 2 weeks away from our local Missions Weekend, May 4-5! This retreat is full of service projects for our students, so we can actively be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. This is an opportunity you don't want your student to miss! The cost for the weekend is \$50, which includes all food and activities.

**Parent help is still needed to make this weekend a success! There are several opportunities for volunteers Friday night and Saturday. If you would like to help please let Becca know, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).**

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, April 22**

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  
4:00PM - Youth Band Practice, YR  
5:30PM - Combined Surge, YR

### **Monday, April 23**

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

### **Tuesday, April 24**

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

### **Wednesday, April 25**

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, April 26**

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### **Friday, April 27**

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

### **Saturday, April 28**

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

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

Fay Foy Franklin

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Nikkia Mathis

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Jill Vickery

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry - Field Trip

This 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 welcome parent drivers. We will leave from the Fellowship Hall around 6:25PM and return by 7:30PM.

### Children's Sunday

Children will help lead the 901 worship service on May 6. Kids JAM will sing in worship!

### Vacation Bible School

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

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life - April 27

The American Cancer Society would not be successful without the help of generous donors and volunteers. Because of you, the ACS has been able to help thousands of people across the globe with life-saving cancer research studies, crucial patient care programs, and education and prevention initiatives. That's why it's so important to get involved in Relay For Life because when you do, you help save lives. Our local Bulloch County/GSU Relay for Life event will be held **Friday, April 27**, at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair Grounds on Highway 67. The event starts at 5:00PM, with the Opening Ceremony at 6:00PM, the Survivor/Caregiver Walk at 6:30PM, the Luminaria Ceremony at 9:30PM and the opportunity to walk a lap or two and enjoy the entertainment continuing until the Closing Ceremony at 11:00PM. The Statesboro First United Methodist Church Relay for Life Team invites you to join us in walking the track, or simply bring a chair and relax under our "Jungle Book" themed tent. Eat a hot dog, share some snacks and enjoy great camaraderie. Stay as long or as little as you like. The SFUMC Team appreciates your support of our Spaghetti Dinner and other fundraising events. It's not too late to buy a luminaria in memory/honor of a loved one in the Gathering Area today, Sunday, April 22. Or to make a donation on-line at <http://www.relayforlife.org/bullochga> in support of Statesboro First United Methodist Church team. Your participation truly makes a difference.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Fanfare Acclamation on MAJESTY*  
arr. Mark Thallander and Bruce Wilkin

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
When you feel alone, don't despair...  
**Christ is here.**  
When your hope falters, open your ears....  
**God is still speaking words of comfort and love.**  
When your spirit flags, open your hearts.....  
**The Spirit is here to guide you home.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymn #384 *"Love Divine, all Loves Excelling"*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
*The Apostles' Creed* #881 Hymnal

**\*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.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)**

CAROLINE RAWLS NEVILLE  
Daughter of RAWLS & KIMBERLY NEVILLE

**Chorus:** Caroline, Caroline, 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**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)**

ELIZABETH GAY RENFROE  
Daughter of TREY & JOY RENFROE

**Chorus:** Elizabeth, Elizabeth, 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)

FAY FOY FRANKLIN

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

*Sing Joyfully to God!*

James Chepponis

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM BILL THOMPSON

OFFERTORY

*The Beatitudes*

Albert Hay Malotte

AMI PALMER, SOLOIST

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

\*SCRIPTURE READING

I John 3:16-24

MESSAGE

*"Sacrificial Love"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #462 *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

POSTLUDE

*Allegro Marziale*

Robert Jones

\*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.

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