



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

July 1, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Prayer For Our Country

Dear Church Family, I came across this prayer, "For Our Country," from the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, and thought I would share it as we celebrate our nation's independence. I invite you to hold on to this prayer and reflect on it individually and/or as a family on July 4th this Wednesday. I want to express my gratitude for all of the veterans, active duty servicemen and women, first-responders, and more who sacrifice so much so that we may enjoy the freedoms that we often take for granted today. I think that war is a sometimes necessary evil that cuts at the heart of God in our sin-filled world, but Scripture is clear that, "greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). We are forever indebted to all those who have sacrificed, are sacrificing, and will sacrifice their livelihoods and lives so that we may live and worship freely in this country. I hope that as we revel in our freedom on Wednesday while reflecting on the prayer below, we may do so with a spirit of gratitude for those who sacrifice much - those who are living examples of Jesus, who sacrificed everything so that all persons may live freely no matter their circumstances.

Respectfully, Scott

Prayer For Our Country

(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly ask that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many nations and tongues. Grant your spirit of wisdom to those whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may demonstrate your praise among the nations of the earth. In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in days of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Sunday, July 1, 2018

9:00AM Contemporary & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Scott Harris
"A Song for the Fallen" - 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, June 24, 2018)

Morning Worship: 330

Sunday School: 211

8:30AM: 21

9:00AM: 101

11:00AM: 208

Offering Received: \$15,180.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *John Gould - University Hospital Augusta*
Fred Maddox - Rehab in Kentucky

Ongoing: *Nora Ford, Daryl Harrison, Brian Harrison, Steve Piazza, Marilyn Turner, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, Charlie Christmas, Creighton Alexander, Jimmy Hood, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey*

Nursing Homes: *Willow Pond - Janette Johnson, Willie Coleman, Bobby Deal, Carolyn McCarty, Jan Johnston* *Southern Manor - Jean Braswell, Jim Oliver, Mary Adams, Libby Hutcheson, Roxie Remley*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Pastor Jimmy's Upcoming Travel Opportunities

- Journeys of Paul Cruise to Greece and Italy - September 26- October 7, 2018 Cost: Around \$4,000 Deadline to register: July 31, 2018
- Holy Land Classic - January 22-31, 2019 Cost: \$3,298 Deadline to register: September 1, 2018
- Alaskan Cruise - July or August, 2019 Exact dates and prices are not yet available
- Oberammergau Passion Play and Danube River Cruise - July 30-August 10, 2020 Cost: Between \$5,298 and \$7,800 depending upon the room you choose on the riverboat. Deadline: Feb. 1, 2020 although tickets to the Passion Play and rooms on the boat may not be available then. If you are interested in this trip, a deposit of \$100 now will guarantee you a ticket and a place on the boat.

For brochures and additional information, please contact Pastor Jimmy. All of these trips include round-trip airfare from Savannah to the international destination, hotel/and/or ship accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner accommodations, and deluxe motor coach buses, taxes and fees.

Help Needed at Open Hearts Community Mission

Open Hearts is looking for individuals/Sunday school classes/small groups that would be willing to prepare an evening meal for the residents of the Mission (typically around 15 people). Currently meals are needed for the first three Saturdays in July (July 7, 14, 21) and the first two Saturdays in August (August 4, 11). If you would like more details or are interested in helping out on one of these dates, please contact Betty Hodges, 536-8449.

Acolytes Needed

Please contact Bonnie Johnson (stilltime@frontiernet.net) if you are in Middle School 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! Thank you.

Volunteers for July 1, 2018 (First Sunday of July)

Prayer Warriors: Ike & Linda Hubbard

Contemporary Ushers: Alice Hall, Darryl Hopkins, Stephanie Owens, Rodney Fowler

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Leslie Fletcher

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)

Greeters: Janet Mathis, Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

Meals on Wheels (July 3): John & Martha Ray



SFUMC Students News

Youth Summer Schedule

July 16-18 - Youth Week

July 19 - Youth Week Water Night

August 1 - Parent Meeting

August 3 - MS Lock-In

August 10 - HS Kickoff

For more information on any of these events contact Becca or Tyler, bbrown@statesborofirst.com, tgrant@statesborofirst.com.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Revised Summer Sunday Morning Schedule

- 8:30AM - 30-minute Devotional and Communion in Room 208 (Dan Williams Sunday School Class)
- 9AM - Contemporary Worship Service in Sanctuary
- 10AM - Sunday School
- 11AM - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

This schedule will continue from June 10 to July 15 while the Fellowship Hall is being renovated.

A Great Way You Can Help a Hurting Friend

Do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who has suffered a loss or is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help them—tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have received special training to provide high-quality, confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to hurting people. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend. To learn more contact Scott Harris at 912-764-1874 or sharris@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, July 1

8:30AM - Dan Williams Devotional, 208

9:00AM - Contemporary Service, Sanct.

10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.

Monday, July 2

6:00PM - Trustees Meeting, Lib.

Tuesday, July 3

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Thursday, July 5

No activities scheduled

Friday, July 6

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

Saturday, July 7

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

Soup Kitchen sponsored by SFUMC



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, July 1, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Bonnie Spiers

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Faith Girls

We will not meet this Wednesday, July 4, due to the holiday but will pick up next week with a trip to Dairy Queen. Please see the schedule below. It's not too late for girls in rising 3rd - rising 6th grade to join us for this summer small group. We meet each week, 3:30PM-5:00PM at various locations.

Wednesday, July 11: Dairy Queen

(Meet at church and travel together on church bus! Drop off and pick up will be at the church.)

Wednesday, July 18: Hendrix Farm

(Meet at Jodie's house for a hayride and tour of the farm.)

Wednesday, July 25: Glen Oaks Subdivision Clubhouse Pool, hosted by Justin & Sarah Chester

Summer Sunday School Classrooms (through July 29)

- 2 & 3 years - Pre-Kindergarten: Room 209
- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: Room 114
- 3rd & 4th Grade: Room 307
- 5th Grade: Room 209

Children's Sunday School

Please consider leading a children's Sunday school class in the coming school year! We have eight classes that meet at 10:00AM each Sunday, for age 2 up to 5th grade. Most volunteers teach on a rotating schedule, allowing them the opportunity to still participate in their adult Sunday school class. We would love to tell you more about serving on this valuable team. Please contact Sarah or Jodie for more information (sakins@statesborofirst.com; jhendrix@statesborofirst.com)

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SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

America
arr. Eugene Thayer

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Out of the depths, O Lord, we cry to you.
O God, hear our prayers and supplications.
Let your ears hear the anguish of our pleas.
For you alone our souls wait with longing.

Wait for the Lord, more than those who wait for the morning.
We place our hope in you, O God, and in the power of your steadfast love.
Come! Let us worship.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #698 "God of the Ages"

***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)

BONNIE SPIERS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

11:00AM LESLIE FLETCHER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Robert Lau

***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**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

MESSAGE

“A Song for the Fallen”

REV. SCOTT HARRIS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UM Hymnal pages 12-15

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #428 *“For the Healing of the Nations”*

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe

Andrew Fletcher

**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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