



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

September 2, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

New Things at Statesboro First United Methodist

In Isaiah 43:19, God says to the people of Israel: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it?" Well, God has planted seeds in the hearts of some people in our church to do some new things. You are invited to be a part.

New Sunday School Class

Beginning next Sunday, September 9, a new Sunday School Class will begin in the Grace House. This class, facilitated by Michele Barton, will focus upon modern issues from a progressive point of view. They will start with a book study by Adam Hamilton called "The Will of God". If you are new to the church or have not yet found a class, you have the opportunity to be in on the formation of this new class. The class will begin at 10AM.

New Wednesday Night Offering

Thanks to the persistence of Jodie Hendrix and the willingness of Amy Altman to "step up to the plate", a new book study for moms started last Wednesday night. They are studying the book, "Walking with God in the Season of Motherhood". The group meets in Room 208, and it is not too late to join.

New Stephen Ministry Offering

For the past year, Susan Cason has been facilitating a Stephen Ministry group. Most of those have partnered with "care receivers" who have benefited from having trained care givers visit with them on a regular basis. Several people have asked to be a part of this ministry, and a new Stephen Ministry group is being organized. Facilitated by Susan Cason, Sheila Wentz and Jeff Graham, the group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 9 in Room 206 at 5PM.

Sunday, September 2, 2018

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

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Hypocritical People"

Matthew 23:28, II Samuel 12: 5-7

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 26, 2018)

Morning Worship: 532

Sunday School: 340

8:30AM: 73

9:00AM: 96

11:00AM: 243

REVIVE: 120

Offering Received: \$12,520.75

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Jimmy Hood* - August 28, 2018

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. George (Anne) Rountree* upon the death of Anne's mother, *Mrs. Jane Wren* of Swainsboro, who died on August 26, 2018.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Sarah Melford - Recovering at home after car accident*
Hugh Yawn - Home from hospital
John Gould - Metter Swing Bed
Kathleen Gruben - Post Surgery on August 31

Ongoing: *Bill Mathis Jr, Arthur Howard, Gene Deal, Jean Deal, Fred Maddox, Daryl Harrison, Brian Harrison, Steve Piazza, Marilyn Turner, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Inman Hodges, Charlie Christmas, Alice Christmas, Creighton Alexander, 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, Mary Adams, Libby Hutcheson, Roxie Remley*

Thank you Church Family, for the calls, cards and visits during these last months. Most of all we thank you for your prayers and home communion visits. You have blessed us in so many ways. We love all of you.

-*Alice and Charles Christmas*

Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Virginia Anne) Waters
315 Savannah Avenue
Statesboro, GA 30458
His cell phone: 912-682-9003
Her cell phone: 912-682-8030
Bill and *Virginia* join our church on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination. They are both retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan (Gillis) Davis
200 Fox Lake Drive, Apt. C
Statesboro, GA 30458
His cell: 478-331-4600
Her cell: 478-595-5820

Nathan will be baptized and joins our church on Profession of Faith. *Gillis* transfers from the Eastman United Methodist Church. *Nathan* is employed with the Sesolinc Group while *Gillis* is a student at Ogeechee Tech. They have a daughter, *MaKenzie*, who is in the 6th grade at Portal Middle School.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephan (Ashtyn) Hutchins
1822 North Leah Lane
Statesboro, GA 30461
His cell: 912-667-0881
Her cell: 478-697-4110

Stephan and *Ashtyn* join on transfer of membership from Dublin First United Methodist Church. *Stephan* is employed with the City of Pooler while *Ashtyn* is employed with Guardian Pharmacy. They have a son, *Bailey*, who is in the 3rd grade at Brooklet Elementary and a daughter, *Kennedy*, who is in Kindergarten at Brooklet Elementary.



SFUMC Students News

NO Sunday Night Surge - September 2
No Sunday Night Surge due to the Labor Day holiday.

NO Breakfast Club - September 3
No Breakfast Club due to the Labor Day holiday.

Small Groups & Confirmation - September 5
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. Youth Room opens at 6:00PM, games begin at 6:20PM, Bible study starts at 7:00PM, and students are dismissed at 8PM.

Dinner is available in the Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30PM. The pizza meal is \$2 and the other hot meal option is \$6. Students will be allowed in the Youth Room starting at 6PM.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Volunteers for September 2, 2018 (First Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Jimmy & Pat High

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Hilda Dutrow

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Lee Walker

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 (September 4): John & Martha Ray

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 2

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

Monday, September 3 - Labor Day

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Tuesday, September 4

Preschool Closed

6:00PM - Trustees Mtg, Lib.

6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, September 5

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

5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm.

5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH

6:00PM - Stephen Ministers Mtg, Lib.

7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, September 6

2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

6:00PM - REVIVE Band Rehearsal, FH

6:30PM - Emmaus Mtg, Lib.

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

8:00AM - Kairos Training, 306

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

Soup Kitchen sponsored by OTC



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 2, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jimmy Cason

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Backpack Buddies Ministry

Please be in prayer for students in our community who are in need of food at home. Our church is partnering with Sallie Zetterower Elementary again this school year to serve children who are eligible for the program. School administrators and teachers are currently working to determine those most in need of food during weekends and holidays. In the coming months, we will provide bags of food for hungry children to take home from school each Friday. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please consider donating juice boxes or 16oz jars of peanut butter. These items can be dropped off in the Church Office on Sundays, or anytime during the week.

Wednesday Night Ministry

5:15PM-6:00PM – Kids JAM (children's choir)

5:30PM-6:30PM – Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall

6:30PM-7:30PM – Small groups & activities for children in PreK-5th Grade

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Wills and Legacy Workshop
Thursday, September 13 at 5:30PM
Room 306

***Please note corrected date**

DO YOU HAVE A WILL?

It is amazing how many people die without a will. That oversight can add frustration to the grief felt by family members after their loved one's death. If you have a will, have you ever thought about the legacy you will leave behind by including a "final tithe" to the church.

On Thursday, September 13 at 5:30PM, the Reverend Steve Waldorf, Vice President of the Georgia United Methodist Foundation, will lead us in a seminar to help us understand the benefits of preparing a will. The meeting in Room 306 is limited to 30 people. Please call the Church Office to reserve your spot.

Wednesday Night Menu - September 5 - 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 & youth only)

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
arr. Michael Burkhardt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
God has bound each of us together in this life.
**Our lives depend on the courage, the industry,
and the integrity of all who labor.**
May we also be reminded today of Jesus who speaks to us:
“Come to me, all who labor, and I will give you rest.”

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #133 *“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

***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)

JIMMY CASON

(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

8:30AM HILDA DUTROW; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

arr. Kevin Hildebrand

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

A Communion Invitation

Craig Courtney

*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

Matthew 23:28, II Samuel 12: 5-7

MESSAGE

“Hypocritical People”

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #347 *“Spirit Song”*

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Benediction

John Behnke

**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.