



**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 9, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**New Sermon Series - "Address the Mess"**

This Sunday, September 9, we will begin a 4-part sermon series, "Address the Mess". It is a common misconception that the Christian life is all about avoiding messes and staying out of trouble. But it turns out that your messes and the messy people you meet along the way may actually be your greatest opportunity to know God. In this series, we will be reminded that following Jesus isn't about avoiding something; its about becoming something.

- **September 9** - "The Mess in the Mirror" Scripture: Romans 3:19-20, 23
- **September 16** - "Best Mess Ever" Scripture: John 3:17, John 8:12, and Matthew 7:24-26
- **September 23** - "Inside Out" Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11
- **September 30** - "Messy-er" Scripture: I Samuel 18:14-17; 18:28-29; 24:1-8

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

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.

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
REVIVE - Jonathan Smith, GSU Wesley Foundation Director  
"The Mess in the Mirror"  
Romans 3:19-20,23

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 2, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 384**

**Sunday School: 232**

8:30AM: 62

9:00AM: 84

11:00AM: 186

REVIVE: 52

Offering Received: \$20,823.81

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on September 9 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Josh & Alawayne Nessmith*.

*Lucy Wren Ball*, daughter of *Will & Mary Beth Ball* will be baptized at the 9:01 Service this Sunday, September 9. Lucy was born on May 3, 2018.

### Prayer Concerns

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

**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*

### Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett (Caitlin) Gilham  
23 Greenwood Avenue  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
His cell: 912-248-5766  
Her cell: 706-830-7888

*Barrett*, who is Director of Public Relations for the GSU College of Arts and Humanities, joins our church on transfer of membership from a church of another denomination. *Caitlin*, who is a School Counselor at Metter High School, joins on transfer from another United Methodist Church. They have a daughter, *Blair*, who is almost a year old.

Ms. Dell Shilling, Katelyn, Christian, and Jessica  
400 Fields Park Road  
Statesboro, GA 30461  
Cell phone: 912-531-2414

*Dell and Katelyn*, who are both employed by Ogeechee OBGYN, join our church on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination. *Christian*, who is in the National Guard, also joins on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination. *Jessica*, who is in the 10th grade at Statesboro High School joins on Profession of Faith.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Volunteers for September 9, 2018 (Second Sunday of September)

**Prayer Warriors:** Ronnie Hodges, Marcus Toole

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Joyce Bohler

**8:30 Ushers:** Steve Garner, Buck Ford

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Sims Lanier

**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 (September 11):** Karen David, Anita Hill



## SFUMC Students News

### **NO Sunday Night Surge - September 9**

No Sunday Night Surge due to the Rock the Universe trip.

### **NO Breakfast Club - September 10**

No Breakfast Club due to the Rock the Universe trip.

### **Small Groups & Confirmation - September 12**

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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### **UMW General Meeting, Monday, September 10**

Ladies of the church are encouraged to attend the United Methodist Women meeting Monday, September 10 in Room 306. Maddie Marsh will speak about her experiences on a mission trip to a Colorado Indian reservation. Refreshments and fellowship start at 9:45AM, the meeting begins at 10AM and concludes by 11:30AM. If you are concerned about the needs of children, youth, and women on local, national and international levels you will want to participate. This would be a good opportunity to invite a friend or new church member to join you and dozens of other Christian women in room 306. For additional information about projects or individual circles that meet at other times, you may contact martharay@frontiernet.net.

### **Charlene Black's Bible Study - October 1**

Please note that Charlene Black's Bible Study, originally set to start on September 10 will now begin on Monday, October 1. The group will meet at 2:30PM in the Church Library.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 9**

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  
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training, 213

### **Monday, September 10**

10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306  
6:00PM - Staff Parish Committee Mtg, Lib.

### **Tuesday, September 11**

2:00PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen  
6:00PM - Building Committee Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, September 12**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm.  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### **Thursday, September 13**

2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
5:30PM - Wills & Legacy Worskhop, 306  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:00PM - REVIVE Band Rehearsal, FH

### **Friday, September 14**

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

### **Saturday, September 15**

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

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

Martha Ray

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Leigh Aaron

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Alana Avret

## Children's Ministries News

### 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

### Open Hearts Community Missions Meals

Thank you so much to Suzan Laircey, Monica Bilczewski, Nene Pope, Nancy Marsh, Cathy Rollins (Truth Diggers Sunday school class), Michelle Rupar, Todd, Jen, Addie and Ben Becker for taking meals to the Open Hearts Mission during July and August. There were a few weeks during the summer months that the shelter needed extra help feeding their residents. These individuals stepped up and fed that need. We are grateful. -Betty Bird Hodges

### Haiti Calls, and We Must Go!

Becky Holmes, Eleanor Schneider, and Karen David will again be going on the medical mission that Dr. Randy Smith leads to Haiti October 14-20. Our church has been so generous to support us in past years, and we are asking for your support again this year. We need over-the-counter medications (large sizes are great) such as pain relievers (Advil, Motrin, Tylenol, infant and children's liquid Tylenol), eye and ear drops, cold and allergy medicines, cough drops, antacids, anti-diarrheals, feminine relief items, most anything sold over-the-counter, except aspirin. We also need all strengths of reading glasses and infant formula. There will be a box in the Gathering Area, or you may leave items in your Sunday School classes and we will collect them. You bless us and all those in Haiti who receive care when you donate. Thank you!

### Wednesday Night Menu - September 12 - 5:30PM

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

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.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The time is near.

**The night is past.**

Leave the darkness behind.

**Live in the light of God's love.**

Set aside selfish ways.

**Share Christ's love wherever you are.**

**Let us worship God today.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #89 *"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

**\*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)**

**MARTHA RAY**

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

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**

***Festival of Praise***

Molly Ijames

JAMES ALLEN, GUEST PIANIST

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM SIMS LANIER

**OFFERTORY**

***If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee***

arr. Craig Phillips

**\*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!**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #400 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 3:19-20, 23

**MESSAGE**

*"The Mess in the Mirror"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #297 *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

***Benediction***

John Behnke

**POSTLUDE**

***Carillon***

Paul Bryan

*\*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.