



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 30, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Missionaries From Nepal to Visit SFUMC

Next Sunday, October 7, we are privileged to have Lester Dornon, M.D. and his wife, Debbie, visiting from Nepal. Dr. Dornon is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, and serves as the senior physician attached to Tansen Hospital in the western part of Nepal. The hospital in Tansen is related to the United Mission to Nepal, established in 1954 as a partnership between the people of Nepal and a coalition of 20 Christian organizations on four continents. The United Methodist Church has a long association with this medical mission. Nepal is a small country high in the Himalayan Mountains, where poverty is widespread and health facilities are in limited supply.

Tansen and other United Mission facilities not only treat the sick but train Nepali doctors and other medical staff to eventually assume full responsibility for the hospitals.

Debbie is coordinator of expatriate services at Tansen, in charge of an office that helps personnel and their families from many countries deal with issues such as housing, visa processing, creating bank accounts, and accessing other services. The Dornons served at Tansen Hospital from 1990-2002, then returned to the USA while their three children were young. In 2012, they returned to Nepal and continued to be in fruitful service at Tansen Hospital. Two of their children now live in the United States, but their youngest is still in Nepal working as a music teacher in Kathmandu.

The Dornon's are members of First United Methodist Church in Middletown, Ohio. This summer they had the excitement of seeing their daughter married in England, and then visiting supporting churches in the US. We are so fortunate that they are making time for a visit to Statesboro.

SFUMC has financially supported the Dornons in their work for the past few years, and this is our first opportunity to meet them in person and learn of the work God is doing in Nepal.

Les and Debbie will speak briefly at three of the worship services on Sunday morning. Additionally, they will address all interested persons in the Sanctuary from 10AM-10:45AM. Please consider joining us to learn more about how our mission dollars are being used to bless those in need in Nepal.

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:30, 9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Scott Harris

REVIVE - Clay Boerner

"Messy-er"

I Samuel 18:14-17, 28-29, I Samuel 24:1-8

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 23, 2018)

Morning Worship: 427

Sunday School: 265

8:30AM: 69

9:00AM: 96

11:00AM: 184

REVIVE: 78

Offering Received: \$9,830.10

Special Offerings: Methodist Children's Home - \$2,150.00 (to date)

UMCOR/Hurricane Relief - \$7,220.00 (to date)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Yvonne Redden - St. Joseph's Savannah*

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, Khaki Herrington, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey, John Gould*

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

Welcome New Member

Mrs. Jackie Brown
73 Old Hardy Road
Statesboro, GA 30461
Phone: 912-541-2044

Jackie, who is the daughter of *Gene and Jean Deal*, was baptized and joins our church on Profession of Faith. She is employed with Benchmark Family Services. She is married to *Lester*, and has a son, *Jake*, and a daughter *Abby*.

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Pastor Jimmy Leads Trip to Greece and Italy

Our senior pastor is away leading a "Fourth Missionary Journeys of Paul Trip" to Greece and Italy. Today, we are blessed to have Pastor Scott preach at 8:30, 9:01, and 11AM Traditional Worship services. Clay Boerner, our Young Clergy Intern, will preach at the 11AM REVIVE service.

Next Sunday, October 7 is World Communion Sunday. Rev. Jonathan Smith, Director of the GSU Wesley Foundation, will preach at 8:30 and 11AM. Pastor Scott will preach at 9:01 and 11AM REVIVE services.

Nominating Committee to Meet Sunday, October 14 and Sunday, October 21

The Church Nominating Committee will meet on Sunday, October 14 at 6PM in the Church Library to begin the process of recommending to the Church Council a leadership report for 2019. The Committee will meet again on Sunday, October 21 at 6PM in the Church Library. If you or someone you know is interested in serving in any leadership capacity within the church, please contact one of the following members of the committee: Pastor Jimmy, Chair, Bill Hatcher, Martha Ray, Becky Holmes, Vicki Hill, Joel Martin, Warren Ball, Bonnie Grist, Russell Mathis, Max Manack, Ronnie Ruffo, and Bill Thompson.

UMCOR Flood Buckets

The response to the UMCOR flood bucket project has been great. Please bring your filled 5-gallon bucket back today, Sunday, September 30, and put them at the front of the Sanctuary or the front of the Fellowship Hall to be blessed. Thank you for being such a compassionate church. May God bless our efforts.

Volunteers for September 30, 2018 (Fifth Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Bird & Betty Hodges

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joel Martin

8:30 Ushers: Wayne Laircey, Will Altman

9:01 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Warren Ball, Roxella Ball

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Lincoln Lippincott

11:00 Ushers: Anthony Waters, Randy Hill, Everett Kennedy, Rick Smith

(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Greeters: Jane Yawn, Becky Renfroe

Meals on Wheels (October 2): Janice Wilbanks, Pam Powell



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - September 30

Middle School and High School students will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Middle School students will meet in the Youth Room and High School students will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - October 1

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 Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

Small Groups & Confirmation - October 3

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.

Fields of Faith - October 10

This is an event where students and families from all Bulloch County schools unite together for their faith. This event is free and open for all middle and high school students (and their families if they wish to attend). It will be held at the Statesboro High School football stadium from 7:30PM-9PM. Our student ministry will be going out to eat with their small groups prior to this event. We will meet in the Youth Room at regular time and will be leaving the church by 6:05PM. Small groups will transport students to dinner and then to SHS for Fields of Faith. Parents will be responsible for picking up students from SHS at 9PM.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 30

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
4:30PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, 306
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training, 206
6:00PM - Sunday Night Surge, FH, YR, 306

Monday, October 1

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black's Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Trustees Meeting, Lib.

Tuesday, October 2

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard's Bible Study, 212
5:30PM - PS Board Meeting, Ann's Office
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, October 3

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, October 4

2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - REVIVE Band Rehearsal, FH
6:30PM - Emmaus Meeting, Lib.

Friday, October 5

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

Saturday, October 6

8:00AM - Kairos Training, 306
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
Soup Kitchen sponsored by SFUMC



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Fay Foy Franklin

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Hillari Brown

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Renee Perry

Children's Ministries News

Harvest Festival October 28

Plan to join us for this year's festival scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 5:00PM-7:00PM. It's a family event with food, live music, games, rides, and more! We welcome individuals, and adult Sunday school classes or small groups, to help provide a festival of fun that is both welcoming and safe for all who attend. Please contact Sarah Akins to volunteer, sakins@statesborofirst.com.

Kids JAM at Harvest Festival

Children in 1st-5th grade Kids JAM will sing at the Harvest Festival at 6PM!

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

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Operation Christmas Child

This year is the 25th anniversary of Operation Christmas Child. Since 1993, millions of lives have been changed. Shoeboxes filled with gifts have been delivered to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. Will you prayerfully consider being a part of this exciting ministry? Brochures explaining the program will be available soon.

Charlene Black's Bible Study

This is a reminder that Charlene Black's Bible Study on Acts will begin tomorrow, Monday, October 1 at 2:30PM in the Church Library.

Wednesday Night Menu - October 3 - 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 30, 2018

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

**GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

The Lost Chord

Sullivan

*“Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wander’d idly over the noisy keys;
I knew not what I was playing, or what I was dreaming then,
But I struck one chord of music like the sound of a great Amen.
It flooded the crimson twilight like the close of an Angel’s Psalm,
It quieted pain and sorrow like love overcoming strife,
It link’d all perplexed meanings into one perfect peace.
I have sought, but I seek it vainly, that one last chord divine,
Which came from the soul of the organ and enter’d into mine.
It may be that Death’s bright Angel will speak in that chord again;
It may be that only in Heav’n I shall hear that grand Amen!”*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God shows us the way even when we do not know where to go.

We are called to live as children of light.

We are called to follow Jesus bringing the light of Christ into the shadows.

God shows us the path of peace and forgiveness.

May we pour ourselves out for the healing of the world.

Let us live as forgiven and reconciled people.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #145 *“Morning Has Broken”*

***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)

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)

Be Strong In the Lord

Tom Fettke

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOEL MARTIN; 11:00AM LINCOLN LIPPINCOTT

OFFERTORY

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***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #370 *"Victory in Jesus"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

I Samuel 18:14-17, 28-29, I Samuel 24:1-8

MESSAGE

"Messy-er"

REV. SCOTT HARRIS

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #369 *"Blessed Assurance"*

POSTLUDE

Fragment from Tu Es Petra

Mulet

**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.