



**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

November 11, 2018

Worship Services:

Sunday School:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Pledge Sunday Is November 18

We are headed to the climax of our Stewardship emphasis. We have looked at why we support Statesboro First United Methodist Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service. I hope you have been praying and asking God to reveal to you where you fit in.

You will soon receive a letter asking you to make a financial pledge to the church. Next Sunday, November 18, at all four morning worship services, you will be asked to bring that estimate of giving card down to the altar and rededicate your life to serving God through this church. You will also be asked to leave your pledge card at the altar.

There is a verse in Malachi that I quote in the letter you will receive. Malachi 3:10 says: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

Maybe you have never made a pledge to the church before. Maybe you feel there is no way that you can give 10% of your income (before tax or after tax) to the church. While I believe that God desires the tithe, instead of not giving, start somewhere. Then each year step up a percentage or two until you have reached the tithing level. There is no greater way for us to show God that God is first in our lives than to give God the first of our financial blessings.

Remember that your gift is ultimately to God. Whether or not you like the preacher, whether or not you are satisfied with every decision that the church makes - none of that matters. The questions become: "How much has God blessed me?" "Does everything I own already belong to God?" "Are there additional blessings that God wants to give to me?" "Is God waiting upon me to prove that God is first in my life?"

Let us pray for each other as we sincerely attempt to answer these questions.

-Pastor Jimmy

Sunday, November 11, 2018

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

8:30AM & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Why do I support the church with my witness?"

Acts 26:12-18

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 4, 2018)

Morning Worship: 476

Sunday School: 266

8:30AM: 72

9:01AM: 135

11:00AM: 177

REVIVE: 92

Offering Received: \$25,852.00

Special Offerings: Altar/ACTS - \$1,009.00

UMCOR/Hurricane Relief - \$10,190.00 (to date)

Our Church Family

The **Flower** on the **Altar** on November 11 is given to the Glory of God and in honor of *our Veterans*, past and present.

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Brian (Mandy) Koehler* upon the death of Mandy's mother, *Mrs. Ruth Drummond Hagood* of Calhoun Falls, South Carolina who died on Sunday, November 4.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Yvonne Redden - Candler Hospital, Savannah*

Ongoing: *Laura Beasley, Ellie Hubbard, Bill Mathis Jr, Arthur Howard, Gene Deal, Jean Deal, Fred Maddox, 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, Dr. John Adams, Rev. Carter Berkeley, Bobbie Coursey*

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 Members

Mr. Robert Prosser

74 Old River Road North

Statesboro, GA 30461

Phone: 478-952-2995

Robert joins our church on transfer of membership from Christ UMC in Warner Robins, GA. His wife, *Dr. Elizabeth Prosser*, who is already a member of our church, is a professor at Georgia Southern. Her children, *Mark Paul Edwards* is in the 9th grade at Southeast Bulloch High School and *Lillian Edwards* is in the 6th grade at Southeast Bulloch Middle School. Both children are members of our church.

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Charge Conference Today at Wesley House from 4PM-6PM

Each of the United Methodist churches in Candler and Bulloch counties will gather this afternoon at the GSU Wesley House for a time of celebration and business. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Ramsey, will preside and preach. Let's have good representation from this church at this cluster rally.

Operating Budget Update

It is very important for our church family to intentionally work towards ending the year (December 31) with a positive cash flow in our operating budget. We would like the congregation to have the following information concerning our church finances.

January - October

Budget Spent:	\$1,389,749.48 (79.88% of our budget of \$1,739,767)
Budget Received:	\$1,247,671.70 (71.71% of what we need to have given)
Shortfall:	\$142,077.78

As you can see, we have under-spent our budget because we are trying to be careful in how we spend the money you have given to the work of God. Had we spent everything that was budgeted, we would have spent 83.33% of the budget. However, we have not given to date what we have needed to balance what we have spent. In these two months of November and December, please consider an extra gift to the church operating budget. If you are behind in your giving, please prayerfully consider catching up.

Thanks for your continued generosity.

The Finance Committee



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - November 11

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 - November 12

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 - November 14

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

Supplies Still Needed for Hurricane Relief

Church Family, I spoke to Bobby Durden from the Sheriff's office this week. They escorted a group of contractors down to Colquitt in Miller County to help with hurricane relief. Many folks are still in dire need of cleaning supplies due to flooding, and he inquired whether our church would be willing to assist. They are asking for supplies: bleach/409, soap, rags, mops, brushes, gloves. Alternatively, if you would like to make a monetary donation, you may make a check out to SFUMC with Colquitt in the memo line. They will be shopping for, collecting, and sending a truckload of these supplies on Monday, November 19, so we ask that any donations be brought on or before next Sunday, November 18. Thank you! -Scott

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 11

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, YR
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training Grp, 206
6:00PM - Sunday Night Surge, FH, YR, 306

Monday, November 12

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306
2:30PM - Charlene Black's Bible Study, Lib.

Tuesday, November 13

10:00AM - Linda Hubbard's Bible Study, 212
2:00PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, November 14

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
12:30PM - Roxella Ball's Bible Study, 213
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, November 15

4:00PM - Helping Hands, Lib.
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - REVIVE Band Rehearsal, FH

Friday, November 16

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
10:00AM - Preschool Harvest Feast, FH

Saturday, November 17

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 11, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Lacy Kamppi

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Laura Lanier

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lacy Kamppi

Children's Ministries News

Kids JAM

Children's Christmas Program

Wednesday, December 5, 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

Remaining Rehearsals

- Wednesday, November 14
Pre-K & Kindergarten choir in Room 201, 5:15PM-6:00PM
1st-5th grade choir in Fellowship Hall, 5:15PM-6:00PM
Both groups in Fellowship Hall for stage rehearsal 6:30PM-7:30PM
- Sunday, November 25
Stage rehearsal in Fellowship Hall, 3:00PM-5:00PM, Pre-K through 5th grade
- Wednesday, November 28
Stage rehearsal in Fellowship Hall, 5:15-6:00PM AND 6:30-7:30PM, Pre-K through 5th grade
- Wednesday, December 5
Children come dressed & ready at 5:00PM
No regularly scheduled Wednesday night meal, but dinner will be provided for the children. Program begins at 6:00PM. Christmas cookie reception to follow!

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UMW General Meeting - November 12

All women of the church are encouraged to attend the United Methodist Women meeting Monday, November 12 in Room 306. The meeting begins at 10:00AM when an international student from GSU will share information about her country. Fellowship time with a sampling of international food courtesy of the Carol Carter Circle begins at 9:45AM.

On November 18, beautifully wrapped church cookbooks will be available for sale in both the Gathering Area and the Fellowship Hall in conjunction with an opportunity to retrieve items from the church "lost and found" box. Stop by and pick up a Christmas gift with recipes from some of our church's best cooks!

Crusaders Sunday School Class - New Study

Reminder that the Crusaders Sunday School Class, Room 103, will begin a study of Deuteronomy on November 18 led by Marcus Toole. We will begin class at 10:00AM. All are welcome to join us!

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Anna Laura Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

For those who have fought for freedom,

For those who laid down their lives for others;

For those who have suffered in mind and body,

For those who have given our country their best gifts in time of need,

May God give us grateful hearts

and a united will to honor these men and women.

May we hold our veterans in our hearts always.

Until the world is perfected in peace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #696 *“America the Beautiful”*

***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.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

LACY KAMPP

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

God Of Our Fathers

arr. Mack Wilberg

“Why we support the church with our witness.”

JOEL MARTIN

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM LESLIE FLETCHER

OFFERTORY

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

arr. Chris Rice

JAMES ALLEN, PIANIST

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #395 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 26:12-18

MESSAGE

“Why do I support the church with my witness?”

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #396 *“O Jesus I Have Promised”*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

March

George Frideric Handel

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Wednesday Night Menu - November 14 - 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)

Volunteers for November 11, 2018 (Second Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Jim & Hilda Dutrow, Martha Wells

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Suzan Laircey

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Leslie Fletcher

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 (November 13): Jimmy & Pat High

**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.