



**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 18, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

God Has No Hands But Our Hands

A Thanksgiving Day editorial in the newspaper told of a school teacher who asked her class of first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. She thought of how little these children from poor neighborhoods actually could be thankful, but she knew most of them would draw pictures of turkeys or tables with food. The teacher was taken aback with the picture Douglas drew. It was a simple hand. But whose hand? The class was captivated by the image. "I think it must be the hand of God who brings us food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." Finally, the teacher bent over Douglas's desk and asked whose hand it was. "It's your hand, Teacher," he mumbled. She recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby forlorn child, by the hand. She often did that with the children, but it was extra special to Douglas.

We sometimes forget that the only hands God has is our hands. A hand stretched out in love to "one of the least of these" is a hand that reflects a thankful heart. Maya Angelou once said, "Giving liberates the soul of the believer." When we help others so that we might be saved from the greed and the insensitivity that captures the soul of the ungrateful. Thanksgiving takes place when we focus on God and when we share with the needy.

On this Pledge Sunday, may we be reminded that when give to the work of God's kingdom, we make every day Thanksgiving Day!

-Pastor Jimmy

Sunday, November 18, 2018

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

"Thanksgiving Brings Peace"

Philippians 4:4-7

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 11, 2018)

Morning Worship: 450

Sunday School: 285

8:30AM: 66

9:01AM: 117

11:00AM: 175

REVIVE: 92

Offering Received: \$15,957.35

Our Church Family

In Memoriam - *Gene Deal* - November 9, 2018

The **flowers** in the **Tower Room** on November 18 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of *C. Olin Smith* by *his family*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Yvonne Redden - Candler Hospital, Savannah*
Peggie Herrington - Memorial
Mary Emmye Lewis - Emory

Ongoing: *Laura Beasley, Ellie Hubbard, Bill Mathis Jr, Arthur Howard, 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. and Mrs. Matt (Mary) Sawhill
44 Forest Pines Road
Statesboro, GA 30458
His cell: 404-291-8278
Her cell: 770-547-8584

Matt and Mary join our church on transfer of membership from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta. *Matt* is the Area Manager for Georgia Power while *Mary* is a homemaker. They have two children, *Caroline*, who is in the 5th grade at Bulloch Academy, and *Towns* who is Kindergarten at Bulloch Academy.

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The Haiti Mission Team Thanks You

The members of the medical mission team to Haiti - *Becky Holmes, Karen David and Eleanor Schneider* - want to thank our church family for supporting the work we do for the people of Haiti. If you ever wonder how you can serve God, rest assured that medicines, salves, pain killers, antibiotics, eye drops are ways of showing that you care. For people barely able to provide enough food for their families to eat, medicine is a luxury - even when needed. They are grateful for treatment and prayer. We have a prayer table where they can lift their needs to the Lord, clearly showing how alike we are: they pray for their children's success in school, for health, for jobs, to know that there is a Father who loves and cares for them. Thank you for allowing us to represent the body of Christ who says, "YES! There is One and He does!"

Christmas Bundles - December 8

Please help make this Christmas special for our needy neighbors. The Bundles Bunch is now assembling gifts that will be distributed, along with hygiene packs, calendars, Christmas cards, etc. at the church on December 8. You can help by donating unused toiletry items from your motel/hotel and/or dentist visits and charity items. Please place any donations in the crates in the Gathering Area outside the Church Office before December 4. If you would like to help assemble the bundles contact Sara Melford at saramelford@gmail.com for more information.

Decorating for Advent - Help Needed!

Please join us in helping to prepare the church for the Advent season. We will be decorating on Sunday, November 25 starting at 2PM. All are welcome! *Olin and Cynthia Lovett* are heading up the Decorating Committee this year with help from *Ricky and Beth Turner*. If you are able to help that day or have any questions please call *Olin Lovett*, 682-0336.



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - November 18

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

No Breakfast Club - November 19

There will be NO Breakfast Club due to Thanksgiving Break. We will resume next week!

No Small Groups/Confirmation - November 21

There will be NO Small Groups/Confirmation due to Thanksgiving Break. We will resume next week!

Packing Christmas Bundles - November 28

Youth will be packing Christmas Bundles during small groups on November 28. We are asking that students bring items to pack into bundles. Items such as: small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, stuffed animals, and candy. The ages we will be packing for are 2-4 years old, 5-8 years old, and 9-12 years old.

Middle School Retreat - Nov 30-Dec 2

This Sunday is the deadline to sign your student up for the Middle School retreat. The retreat is November 30-December 2 at Epworth by the Sea. The theme for the weekend is Woven, and we will be focusing on friendships. Please let Becca know if you'd like to sign your student up or if you'd like more information, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 18

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, YR

Monday, November 19

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Break
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103
2:30PM - Charlene Black's Bible Study, Lib.
6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

Tuesday, November 20

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Break
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, November 21

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Church Office Closed*

Thursday, November 22

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Church Office Closed*

Friday, November 23

*Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Break
Church Office Closed*

Saturday, November 24

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Janice Smith

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

We will not meet this Wednesday, November 21, due to Thanksgiving break.

Kids JAM

Children's Christmas Program

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

Remaining Rehearsals

Next Sunday, November 25: DRESS REHEARSAL

- 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 Cookbooks and Lost & Found

Today, Sunday, 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!

UMM Meet & Greet

The next First United Methodist Men's Meet & Greet will be tonight, Sunday, November 18 at 6PM at the Hodges-Yawn Pond house. All men of the church are invited and encouraged to attend. Spread the word and bring a friend. The meal will feature hot dogs with all the trimmings, chili, tea and dessert. The meal will be coordinated by Bird Hodges and his team. As we have in our previous Meet & Greets, we will enjoy a meal, share some announcements, take prayer requests, and have a short devotional / testimony. Looking forward to seeing you. Come join us and enjoy the fellowship with the men of the church.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

arr. James C. Kasen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rejoice in God always! Again, I say rejoice!

Rejoice in God's steadfast love.

Rejoice in God's enduring grace.

Rejoice in God's saving word.

Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance.

Rejoice in God's healing presence.

Rejoice in God always! Again, we say, rejoice!

-Adapted from Philippians 4

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

***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

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)

JANICE SMITH

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Come With Thanksgiving

Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BIRD HODGES; 11:00AM BILL HATCHER

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Matthew Corl

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

During the musical interlude, please bring your financial pledge cards to the altar. Feel free to stop and pray at the altar.

*SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:4-7

MESSAGE

"Thanksgiving Brings Peace"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #733 *"Marching to Zion"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Out God

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Volunteers for November 18, 2018 (Third Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Tommy & Karen David

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bird Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

9:01 Ushers: Jason Parker, Ed Akins, Lyndia Akins

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Bill Hatcher

11:00 Ushers: Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassidy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse, John Lee (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Greeters: Anne Allen, Lisa Lee, Pam Smith, Nita Waters

Meals on Wheels (November 20): Bruce & Carol Yawn

**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.