



**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

**December 2, 2018**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM



**Georgia Southern Department of Music  
&  
Statesboro First United Methodist Church**

*present*

*"On This Day Earth Shall Ring"*

On this day earth shall ring – Gloria in excelsis Deo! The Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church will ring with sounds of praise this afternoon at 3:00PM and 6:00PM as our church hosts the Statesboro Community Christmas Celebration. This annual event is jointly presented by the choral department of Georgia Southern University and the music ministry of First United Methodist Church. Under the leadership of Dr. Shannon Jeffreys and Dr. David Langley, the Southern Chorale, the University Singers, the Southern Gentlemen and the Southern Sirens will all perform. The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, directed by Dr. Pierce Dickens, will also present selections. There will be joint numbers involving all choirs and congregational hymns as well. Please make plans to attend and invite a friend as this event begins the season of Advent. There will be a nursery provided at each concert.

**Angel Tree**

"Angel Tree" is a ministry of our church in partnership with Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners in our area. The "Angel Tree" is ready to have names picked up and will continue until all the names are taken. Each gift should cost between \$20-\$25. Please wrap your gift and place the "Angel" sticker on the outside of the gift/s so we can get it to the correct child. When selecting your "Angel" please fill out the form on the table so that we know who has taken which child. Gifts are due at the church by December 16. Volunteers will be needed to help sort and deliver packages the week of December 17-23. If you feel led to help serve in this ministry please contact Nancy Martin, 912-690-1042 or by email, metterbetter500@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance for considering this ministry as part of your "Christmas" celebration.

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

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

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

Isaiah 64:1-9

"Come Down Home" (First Sermon in "Coming Home" series)

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 25, 2018)**

**Morning Worship: 384**

**Sunday School: 195**

8:30AM: 52

9:01AM: 77

11:00AM: 177

REVIVE: 78

Offering Received: \$20,802.00

UMCOR/Hurricane Relief - \$10,390.00 (to date)

Wildfires - \$50

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

### Hospital:

*Gillis Davis - University Hospital*  
*Charles Millican - Memorial*  
*Joel Martin - Home from hospital*  
*Mary Emmye Lewis - Home from hospital*  
*Peggie Herrington - Home from hospital*  
*Yvonne Redden - Home from hospital*  
*Maggie Collins - Home from swing bed*

**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*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Important Notice from the Business Administrator

Due to Federal tax laws, **all donations to be included on your 2018 statement must be made by December 31, 2018.** Any checks given or postmarked after that date cannot be listed on your 2018 statement regardless of the date on the check. Donations received after this date will be put on your 2019 contribution statement.

Final statements for 2018 will be sent out in early January. Please review your statement as soon as possible.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2018 income tax return until you have received written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.

Also, **when making prepaid contributions toward your 2019 pledge in 2018,** you must write **"2019" pledge** on the memo line of your check.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Robin Kersey  
SFUMC Business Administrator  
764-1872 or rkersey@statesborofirst.com

### Christmas Gift Wrapping

In a recent sermon, Scott mentioned how a woman asked if he was from the church that wrapped gifts for Christmas. She and her husband both work in retail and she said how much it meant to have their presents wrapped for them. Such a simple mission! Two Saturdays are available: December 15 and December 22, 10AM-5PM. If you can participate, please contact Eleanor Schneider and let her know which date is best (or both), 912-682-3426. Bring scissors and a smile!

### Volunteers for December 2, 2018 (First Sunday of December)

**Prayer Warriors:** Bill & Betty Hatcher  
**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Joyce Bohler  
**8:30 Ushers:** Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges  
**9:01 Ushers:** Alice Hall, Darryl Hopkins, Stephanie Owens, Rodney Fowler  
**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Anthony Waters  
**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 (December 4):** Hilda Dutrow, Marcia Wise



## SFUMC Students News

### **No Sunday Night Surge - December 2**

There will be NO Sunday Night Surge due to the Middle School Retreat.

### **No Breakfast Club - December 3**

There will be NO Breakfast Club due to the Middle School Retreat.

### **Small Groups Out to Eat - December 5**

Our student ministry will be going out to eat with their small groups this coming Wednesday, December 5. We will meet at the church at 6PM and small groups will transport students to dinner. Remember to bring \$10 to cover the cost of your meal. Students will be back at the church and ready for pickup at 8PM.

### **Winter Retreat - Feb 21-24**

We are headed to Ghent, West Virginia to go skiing/snowboarding at Winter Place Ski Resort. It's an awesome trip full of fun and worship opportunities! Cost for the trip is \$300 which includes rentals, ski lift, transportation, lodging, and food while there. Sign ups are now open for this trip, with a limited amount of space available! Please let Becca know if you would like to sign your student up or if you would like more information!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### **UMW Celebrates Babies**

December 16 will be the day UMW honors babies for 2018. The UMW donates \$5 to Missions for each baby born to church members. If you have a grandchild, niece, nephew or a friend's baby who was born this year whose parents are non-members and you would like to honor them with a gift to Missions, please pick up a form in the Gathering Area, fill it out, and return it with \$5 to the Church Office. Please submit all requests by December 10.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, December 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  
3:00PM - Community Christmas Program, Sanct.  
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training Grp, 206  
6:00PM - Community Christmas Program, Sanct.

### **Monday, December 3**

6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306  
6:00PM - Trustees Committee Mtg, Lib.

### **Tuesday, December 4**

5:30PM - Preschool Board Mtg, PS Director's Office  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House  
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH  
6:30PM - Called Staff Parish Mtg, Lib.

### **Wednesday, December 5**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study, 213  
6:00PM - Kids JAM Christmas Program, FH  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### **Thursday, December 6**

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
6:00PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH  
6:30PM - Emmaus Mtg, Lib.

### **Friday, December 7**

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

### **Saturday, December 8**

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen - *Christmas Bundles*



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, December 2, 2018**

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

**Kids Worship:**

**9:01:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Christie Riner

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Patty Johnson

## Children's Ministries News

### Kids JAM Christmas Program

This Wednesday, December 5, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided for children participating in the program, but there will not be a meal or any other regularly scheduled Wednesday Night Ministry activities that evening. Please bring children dressed and ready at 5:00PM. The program begins at 6:00PM, with a Christmas cookie reception to follow!

### Serving our way to the Savior

Our Children's Ministry invites you to participate in a project designed to help keep our focus on serving others this Advent season. We encourage you to pick up a "Serving our way to the Savior" calendar card located in the Gathering Area or Fellowship Hall, and work on the suggested outreach opportunities this month. This is a great time to serve as a family, but simple enough to complete individually as well. Please join us in honoring our Savior with the gift of service to others in our community!

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### Fostering Bulloch's Hope Chest - Volunteers Needed

A group of individuals (all ages) gather every Monday (9AM-12PM) and the first Saturday of each month (9AM-12PM) at 102 Elm Street to sort and shelve clothes. We serve foster families, homeless, fire victims, families struggling to get by, and others. Come volunteer, share a smile, and receive a blessing. You do NOT have to come every Monday. Park at the County Annex building and ring the doorbell next to the green donation box. Call Jackie Vaughn at 912-764-2063 if you have a group or need more information.

### Thank You Decorators!

Thank you to everyone who gave of their time to help decorate the church for the Advent season. We appreciate each one of you that came to help: Olin & Cynthia Lovett, Ricky & Beth Turner, Jim & Pam Campbell, Warren & Roxella Ball, Bonnie Spiers, Holly Eckles, Martha Ray, Joyce Lovett, Natalie Neville, Kathy Coleman, Jordyn Coleman, Arnold Stephens, Shane Geurin.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

**GATHERING**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

arranged by Sandra Eithun

CHANCEL RINGERS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Watch and wait! Christ is coming soon!

**Christ is with us now.**

Look and see, God's creative power is close at hand.

**God's power is with us here.**

Stop and notice, God has a plan to form our lives anew.

**God is re-creating us each and every day,  
re-forming us in the image of love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #203 *"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"*

**\*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**

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

8:30AM: THOMAS & JESSIE RUSHING, AVERITT & ADELINE

11:00AM: TAL & KATIE JOHNSON, BYRDIE & TALMADGE

**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)**

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

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**  
*Far, Far Away on Judea's Plains*  
arr. Richard Elliott

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
OFFERTORY PRAYER  
8:30AM JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM ANTHONY WATERS

**OFFERTORY**  
*The Angels and the Shepherds*  
arranged by Jason Krug  
CHANCEL RINGERS

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**  
Hymn #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**  
Isaiah 64:1-9

**MESSAGE**  
*"Come Down Home"*  
First Sermon in "Coming Home" series  
REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**  
Hymn #196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**  
*O Come to Us*  
Lewis H. Redner

**POSTLUDE**  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
arr. Robert J. Hughes

*\*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.