



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 9, 2018

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM



Service of Lessons and Carols

The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church will present a Service of Lessons and Carols today at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service incorporates Scripture readings, anthems sung by the choir, and congregational singing. Our service is inspired by one conducted each year since 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. It is a service that tells of the promise of the coming Messiah and the birth of Jesus Christ, and is celebrated in churches around the world. Scripture readings, familiar carols and choral anthems will help each of us to consider how, during Advent, the deep longing of our heart is met with joy in the birth of the long-expected Christ, this year and every year. A reception given by the United Methodist Women will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

- Pierce Dickens

Director of Music Ministries/Organist

Called Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will have a very important meeting on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00PM. The Finance Committee will recommend an interim 2019 budget. There is so much information we do not yet have complete - such as the amount of pledges for the 2019 budget as well as if we end 2018 with a deficit or if by year end, the amount spent and the amount given balance. In early January, the Finance Committee will meet with exact numbers rather than estimates. They will make any necessary reductions and bring that budget back to the Church Council in January for final approval.

Through the end of November, our needed Year-to-Date Budget amount needed was \$1,592,953. We have received \$1,359,964. **Therefore our current deficit going into the last month of the year is \$232,989. Please prayerfully consider giving an extra financial gift by December 31 directed to the 2018 Operating Budget.**

Sunday, December 9, 2018

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

8:30 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

Psalm 85:1-13, Mark 1:1-8

"Home Is Where We Meet" (Second Sermon in "Coming Home" series)

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, December 2, 2018)

Morning Worship: 404

Sunday School: 254

8:30AM: 70

9:01AM: 98

11:00AM: 141

REVIVE: 95

GSM/FUMC Christmas Celebration Attendance - 3:00PM: 482, 6:00PM: 304 - Total: 786

Offering Received: \$19,709.00

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*

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Joe and Susan McGlamery*, upon the death of Joe's brother, *Jimmy McGlamery*, of Minden, Louisiana who died on November 30.

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Tim and Christie Bohler*, upon the death of Tim's mother, *Mrs. Billie Bohler*, of Brooklet who died on November 29.

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Need a ride?

If you or someone you know needs a ride to the church for one of our Christmas services or events, please call the church office at 912-764-7589.

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!

Please note this correction...

The SFUMC Christmas card that was given out last week lists the SE Bulloch High School Choral Program Christmas Concert as being on Sunday, December 23. **This concert will actually take place on Sunday, December 16 at 7:00PM.**

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

Prayer Warriors: John & Michelle Barton

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bryan Burke

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Earl Dabbs Jr.

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, Anne Williamson, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

Meals on Wheels (December 11): Mike and Pat Pontieri



SFUMC Students News

Youth Christmas Party - December 12

We will be celebrating from 6:30PM-8:30PM. It will be a night full of games, prizes, food, and worship! Students should bring a gift to swap (\$10max) and a dessert/snack to share. We will provide chicken fingers and drinks. Encourage your student to come!

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!

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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.

Community Event

“O Holy Night”

Christmas at the Courthouse

Friday, December 14 6:30PM

Singing, Hot Chocolate, Cookies

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, December 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 - Lessons and Carols, Sanct.
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training Grp, 206
6:00PM - Lessons and Carols Reception, FH.

Monday, December 10

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, 306

Tuesday, December 11

8:00AM - Preschool Santa Visit, FH
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, December 12

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

Thursday, December 13

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - Youth Leader Thank You
6:00PM - Called Church Council Meeting

Friday, December 14

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
10:00AM - Preschool Christmas Program, FH

Saturday, December 15

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Jimmy Cason

Kids Worship:

9:01: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Christa Mallard
11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Heather Whitlock

Children's Ministries News

Happy Birthday Jesus

A birthday celebration is being held during Sunday school hour on Sunday, December 16, for children in the 3-year-old class up through 3rd grade. Please be sure to join us for a special time of prayer, caroling, and refreshments in Room 306. Children will still be dropped off and picked up from their regular Sunday school classrooms.

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 and 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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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

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Toccata on "Lift Up Your Heads"
arr. Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Look! Faithful love and truth have met in this place.
Righteousness and peace have kissed in our midst.

Listen! God is speaking words of hope.

Christ is calling us to work together.

See! The glory of God shines all around us.

Come! Let us worship.

----Adapted from *Psalm 85*

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #213 *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

***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 ADVENT CANDLES

8:30AM: JIMMY & PAT HIGH

11:00AM: ANDY & McCALL FITZNER, ABIGAIL

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)
Angels We Have Heard on High
arr. Benjamin Harlan

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY PRAYER
8:30AM BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM EARL DABBS JR.

OFFERTORY
Echo Noel
Louis Claude d'Aquin

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**
Hymn #218 *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**
Psalm 85:1-13, Mark 1:1-8

MESSAGE
"Home Is Where We Meet"
Second Sermon in "Coming Home" series
REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
Hymn #369 *"Blessed Assurance"*

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

POSTLUDE
Good Christian Men, Rejoice
arr. Percy Wicker MacDonald

**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.

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