



STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE."

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January 6, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Light for a New Year

Author Nell Mohney tells about a friend of hers who is completely positive and upbeat. However, when Nell complimented her friend on her great attitude, the woman confessed that she had not always been like that. In her earlier years, she was a complainer and a seriously negative person.

One day, many years earlier, this woman's husband confronted her about her constant complaining. When she protested, her husband pulled out a tape recorder on which he had secretly been taping their conversations. As she listened to herself on the tape, she began to cry. Who was this negative, complaining woman to whom she was listening? Was that really how she sounded? Right then and there, the woman sent up a desperate prayer that God would show her who he wanted her to be.

A week later, the woman remembered an organization whose motto had made a deep impression on her: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness." She realized that she had been living in darkness for too long. She began an intensive Bible study focusing on any verse that mentioned light. A new and deepened faith, along with some counseling from their minister, completed the woman's transformation. Her attitude was permanently changed from one of negativism and complaining to one of joy and affirmation.

Perhaps we could learn a lesson from this woman. Isaiah 9:6 states that "the people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light." And Isaiah 60:1 commands us to "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

The Christmas season has reminded us that the light of Christ overwhelms the darkness. As we begin this new year, may we choose light instead of darkness.

(Nell Mohney shares the above story in her book, Don't Put a Period Where God Put a Comma)

Sunday, January 6, 2019

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

Matthew 2:1-12

"Taking a Different Route"

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

Romans 12:18

"Bad Blood: The Empathy Lens"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, December 30, 2018)

11AM Morning Worship: 239

Offering Received: \$51,385.00

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy and prayers are extended to *Mrs. Jerry Singletary* upon the death of her sister, *Mrs. Shirley Beville* of Jacksonville Beach, Florida who died on January 1. Shirley was a former member of our church.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *John Gould - Univeristy Hospital Augusta*
Khaki Herrington - EGR

Ongoing: *Rawls Neville, Gillis Davis, Mary Mincey, Charles Millican, Joel Martin, Mary Emmye Lewis, Peggie Herrington, Yvonne Redden, Maggie Collins, 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, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey, Rev. Carter Berkeley, Bobbie Coursey*

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

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Advent Decorations

Advent decorations are ready to come down **today** and we need your help! Meet Olin Lovett at the church at 2PM today, January 6, if you are able to lend a hand.

Charlene Black's Bible Study

Please note Charlene Black's Bible study will resume Monday, January 14 at 2PM. This study meets in the Church Library.

Wednesday Night Ministry

Mark your calendars. Our Wednesday Night Ministry activities will resume Wednesday, January 16. More information to come regarding Bible studies being offered as well as children and youth activities.

Equipping the Saints

In Ephesians 4 (NRSV) Paul talks about pastors and other leaders as gifts God has given the church "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Stephen Ministry has given us an organized way to equip those gifted for caring ministry so that they can build up the body of Christ by providing Christian care and support to those experiencing a difficult time. If you would like more information about our Stephen Ministry, please contact Susan Cason, shcason529@gmail.com.

Volunteers for January 6, 2019 (First Sunday of January)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Janet Mathis

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Hilda Dutrow

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

9:01 Ushers: Alice Hall, Darryl Hopkins, Stephanie Owens, Rodney Fowler

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Sims Lanier

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 (January 8): John & Martha Ray



SFUMC Students News

Mark your Calendars

- Sunday Night Surge - January 13
- Breakfast Club - January 14
- Wednesday Night Small Groups - January 16

Winter Retreat - February 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!

Snowbird - June 24-29

We will be going back to Snowbird Wilderness Outfitters this summer for camp! Sign ups are now open for this trip and we have limited space available. This is a Christian high adventure camp located in Andrews, NC. This camp will challenge your students to grow in their faith and to have a deeper relationship with Christ. If you would like more information, please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, January 6

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

Monday, January 7

6:00PM - Trustees Committee Mtg, Lib.

Tuesday, January 8

6:00PM - Building Committee Mtg, Lib.
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, January 9

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
6:00PM - Youth Small Group Leader Dinner, 306
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, January 10

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - REVIVE Band Rehearsal, FH

Friday, January 11

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

Saturday, January 12

8:00AM - Emmaus Training, FH
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, January 6, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Lydia Cross

Kids Worship:

10:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Hillari Brown

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Melanie Propps

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

A new season of Wednesday Night Ministry begins next week, January 16!

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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Upcoming Trips with Pastor Jimmy

Alaska Wildlife Encounter - July 18-30, 2019

This trip involves a flight from Savannah to Vancouver, British Columbia where we will spend one night, seven nights cruise aboard the Celebrity Millennium, four nights on land in Alaska, and a flight home from Anchorage to Savannah. We will cruise the Inside Passage, visit Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Juneau, Skagway, Hubbard Glacier, Seward, Anchorage, and Denali. Deadline: March 20, 2019

Oberammergau Passion Play/Romantic Danube River Cruise - July 30-Aug 10, 2020.

Deadline: As quickly as you can make a decision.

For more information, to receive a trip brochure, or register for one of these trips, please contact Pastor Jimmy at 912-536-2918.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
arr. Franklin Ashdown

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
A star shines brightly to bring light for all to see.
Shine in our world, Christ Jesus.
A star shines brightly to guide our journey.
Shine in our lives, Christ Jesus.
A star shines brightly to call us together this day.
Shine in our worship, Christ Jesus.
Shine, Jesus, shine.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #254 *“We Three Kings of Orient Are”*

***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)

LYDIA CROSS

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY PRAYER
8:30AM HILDA DUTROW; 11:00AM SIMS LANIER

OFFERTORY
Come, Beloved of the Maker
arr. Franklin Ashdown

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***SCRIPTURE READING**
Matthew 2:1-12

MESSAGE
“Taking a Different Route”
REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
Hymn #419 *“I am Thine, O Lord”*

POSTLUDE

**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.