



**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

**February 17, 2019**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Growing in Our Care for Others**

Today we celebrate the commissioning of our second group of Stephen Ministers. These women and men have received 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join a team of active Stephen Ministers who are already serving our congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to any person experiencing a crisis, grief, or a difficult circumstance. Stephen Ministers exist for any person who needs somebody to confidentially listen and walk through these circumstances together. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists.

Please pray for our new Stephen Ministers by asking God to bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to whomever they serve. If you or somebody you know might benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please do not hesitate to contact one of our Stephen Leaders at [stephenministry@statesborofirst.com](mailto:stephenministry@statesborofirst.com).

**Stephen Ministers - Class of 2019**

- Fred Grist
- Barbara Harris Johnson
- Ken Johnson
- David Miller
- Carol Ruffo
- John Tucker

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

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

Matthew 22:34-38

"The Greatest: Loving Yourself"

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

Matthew 26:16-20

"Who Died and Made You the Boss?"

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 10, 2019)**

**Morning Worship: 501**

**Sunday School: 298**

8:30AM: 47

9:01AM: 155

11:00AM: 207

REVIVE: 92

Offering Received: \$14,395.75

New Building Fund Received: \$10.00

Needed to date: \$190,816.50

Total in account: \$61,158.37

Received to date: \$176,979.89

## Our Church Family

The **Flower** on the **Altar** on February 17 is given to the glory of God and in honor of Griggs "McCrae" Ball who was born February 7, son of Mitchell & Hagins Ball, and grandson of Warren & Roxella Ball..

The **Flower** on the **Altar** on February 17 is given to the glory of God and in honor of Ella Anne Quick who was born February 5, daughter of Ryan & Melissa Quick, little sister of Lila Cate Quick, granddaughter of Frank & Lisa Morris, and great-granddaughter of the late Helen Morris Watson.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** John Gould - University Hospital in Augusta  
Jimmy Hodges - Home from hospital

**Ongoing:** Judy Strickland, Rawls Neville, Gillis Davis, Mary Mincey, Charles Millican, Mary Emmye Lewis, Yvonne Redden, Maggie Collins, Laura Beasley, Ellie Hubbard, Arthur Howard, Jean Deal, Brian Harrison, Steve Piazza, Marilyn Turner, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey, Rev. Carter Berkeley **Care Facilities:** Willow Pond - Janette Johnson, Willie Coleman, Bobby Deal, Carolyn McCarty, Jan Johnston Southern Manor - Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson Bethany - Khaki Herrington

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Relay for Life - Friday, April 12

Cancer has touched all of us in some way, and we want to stop this disease in its tracks. Statesboro First UMC is forming a Relay for Life team to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. On Friday, April 12, at the Bulloch County Relay for Life (which will be held downtown this year), we'll honor the lives lost to cancer, celebrate survivors, and support the caregivers who so selflessly help others. Please take note of the following ways you can help support the SFUMC team and this important cause.

#### Save the Date!

Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Sale Fundraiser for SFUMC Relay for Life Team Wednesday, February 27, 5:00-6:30PM. We will be serving spaghetti, garlic bread and salad plus homemade desserts will be available for sale. BUY TICKETS NOW after the service or in the Church Office. \$6 Adults / \$4 Children. Take out will be available.

#### Honor or Remember a Loved One with a Donation

Support your Relay for Life Team by purchasing a luminaria in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one. Tables are located in the Gathering Area or in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays. Or go online to make a donation at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). The luminaria walk will be a highlight of the April 12 Relay for Life.

#### Save your Panera Bread Restaurant Receipts

Save your Panera Bread receipts and place them in the collection boxes at the church. The SFUMC Relay for Life Team will receive 15% for each receipt we turn in through April. An easy way to support our team!

#### Join Our SFUMC Relay for Life Team

Contact Carole Cox at 828-773-8174 or [carolecox575@gmail.com](mailto:carolecox575@gmail.com) to ask how you can support our efforts. We're counting on your help to make this a special event!

### Missing Something?

Missing a casserole dish? Please check in the bottom cabinets near the ice maker in the first floor kitchen. United Methodist Women will be delivering unclaimed dishes and trays to the Habitat Restore by the end of the month. Missing glasses, jewelry or clothing? Please check in lost and found box in the Church Office before the end of the month.



## SFUMC Students News

### Combined Sunday Night Surge - February 17

Middle School and High School students will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM in the Youth Room. 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 - February 18

There will be no Breakfast Club this coming week due to Winter Break.

### NO Small Groups - February 20

There will be no Small Groups this coming week due to Winter Break.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Your Stephen Ministry Care at Work

I enjoyed each visit with my caregiver and looked forward to the visits. My caregiver was kind, pleasant and a joy to speak with. I felt at times it was easier to speak honestly and open with a non-family member. —*Former Care Receiver*

As a family member of someone who participated in the program, it was comforting to know she had a confidant with a listening ear, especially with someone as compassionate as her caregiver was. —*Family Member of Care Receiver*

After my husband's death in May of last year, I learned that Statesboro UMC offered grief counseling through your Stephen Ministry. I was matched with a Stephen Ministry member that has become a dear Christian friend and prayer warrior. I don't know how I could have survived without this ministry. It brought me to moving my membership and joining the chancel choir. Thank you. —*Current Care Receiver*

As my physical condition has worsened my Stephen Minister has been a real lifeline to the church and to the wider community. She is a true blessing in my life. —*Current Care Receiver*

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, February 17

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  
6:00PM - Combined Sunday Night Surge, YR

### Monday, February 18

*PS Closed for Winter Break*  
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306  
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201  
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103  
6:15PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH

### Tuesday, February 19

*PS Closed for Winter Break*  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House  
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

### Wednesday, February 20

*PS Closed for Winter Break*  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, offsite  
6:00PM - Stephen Ministers Mtg, Lib.  
6:30PM - Pastor Jimmy's Bible Study, 206  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### Thursday, February 21

*PS Closed for Winter Break*  
4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### Friday, February 22

*PS Closed for Winter Break*  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
4:30PM - Wedding Rehearsal, Sanct.

### Saturday, February 23

11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
4:00PM - Wedding, Sanct.



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**

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

Robert Benson

**Kids Worship:**

**10:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

We will not meet for Wednesday Night Ministry activities this week, February 20, due to Winter Break.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Called General Conference February 22-26, 2019

Please be in prayer for the upcoming General Conference in St. Louis. This conference will deal with the church's teaching concerning ordination of homosexuals and same-gender marriage. This conference will NOT be dealing with church membership as we believe that all persons are welcome to be members of our church. South Georgia will be represented by four lay persons and four clergy who have been elected by the South Georgia Conference. Bill Hatcher is leading the South Georgia delegation as one of the four lay persons elected. Bishops will not have a vote; only those delegates elected by their individual Annual Conference will be able to vote on these matters.

On Saturday, March 9 at the Convention Center in Tifton from 1-4PM, Bishop Bryan is calling for church members from all over the South Georgia Conference to meet. This called meeting will be for the purpose of explaining how the General Conference voted on these issues as well as the impact of those decisions on South Georgia and our individual local churches. If there is enough interest in attending, we will be glad to gather a group from our church to attend.

### January 2019 Operating Budget Update

You will notice that on the front of the bulletin, we are including each week the amount of offerings received to date as well as how much we actually needed to date. The amount needed to date results in taking the total 2019 budget of \$1,653,743, dividing that number by 52 weeks, and adding that number each week to the amount needed to date. The amount needed to date is usually not what is actually spent to date. For example, we have a budget for Vacation Bible School that is not being spent each week. However, when materials need to be ordered sometime in late Spring, we will actually spend most of that money at one time. At the same time, early in each month, we will provide for you the amount of offerings received versus what has actually spent. Below is our first monthly report for 2019.

January 2019 Budget Offerings Received: \$141,759.84

January 2019 Budget Actual Expenses: \$119,796.93

Net Receipts Over Expenses: +\$ 21,962.91

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2019**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*In Joyful Praise*

Laurence Lyon

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In mutual compassion and authentic love....

**We gather as the family of God.**

We offer our gifts, our hope, and our lives....

**To build up this community of faith.**

We bring our songs of gratitude and joy....

**To bless God with our worship and praise.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #548 *“In Christ There Is No East or West”*

**\*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)**

**ROBERT BENSON**

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

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Robert Hunter

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
OFFERTORY PRAYER  
8:30AM IRENE DENMARK; 11:00AM JOHN RAY

**OFFERTORY**  
*The Lord's Prayer*  
Albert Hay Malotte  
JAMES ALLEN, SOLOIST

\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

**HIGHLIGHTING STEPHEN MINISTRY (11:00AM Service)**  
SUSAN CASON

**COMMISSIONING OF NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS**

\*SCRIPTURE READING  
Matthew 22:34-38

**MESSAGE**  
*"The Greatest: Loving Yourself"*  
REV. JIMMY CASON

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT  
Hymn #593 *"Here I Am, Lord"*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**  
*God Be With You*  
Ralph Vaughn Williams

**POSTLUDE**  
*Fantasia*  
Elizabeth Hill

**Volunteers for February 17, 2019 (Third Sunday of February)**

Prayer Warriors: Anthony & Sally Waters, Ida Waters  
8:30 Lay Liturgist: Irene Denmark  
8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison  
9:01 Ushers: Lyndia Akins, Ed Akins, Jason Parker  
11:00 Lay Liturgist: John Ray  
11:00 Ushers: Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassidy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, John Lee  
Tommie Rushing, Fred Shearouse (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)  
Greeters: Anne Allen, Anne Williamson, Lisa Lee, Pam Smith, Kathleen Modd  
Meals On Wheels (February 19): Buck Ford

\*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.