



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 24, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

An Important Week in the Life of Our Church

Called General Conference

864 voting delegates from around the world have already gathered in St. Louis, Missouri yesterday, February 23 and will attend a special called session of the General Conference which will conclude this Tuesday evening, February 26. Twelve delegates - eight voting delegates and four alternates, half clergy and half laity - will represent the South Georgia Conference at this Conference. Bill Hatcher from our church is leading the delegation.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church and typically meets every four years. This special called Conference will deal with proposals related to same-gender marriage, the ordination of gay clergy, and related topics. Currently our denomination does not allow clergy to officiate at same-gender weddings and does not allow self-avowed, practicing homosexuals to be ordained as clergy.

I hope that we are all praying for God's will to be done. There are several ways you can keep up with the happenings in St. Louis. Our denomination will be live-streaming the conference from start to finish and you can find that live-streaming at www.umc.org and you can also sign up to receive emails at sgaumc-email.brtapp.com/subscribe.

On March 9 from 1-4 PM at the UGA Tifton Campus Conference Center, our Bishop will convene a meeting of all interested persons in the South Georgia Conference. At this meeting, we will learn what actually happened at General Conference and the implications for the future of our denomination. If interested in going with a group from the church, please contact the church office to reserve your spot.

Pastor Scott's Final Week

By now, most of you have heard that our Associate Pastor, Scott Harris has taken a new position as Associate Pastor at Wesley UMC in Evans in the fast-growing Augusta community. Scott has served us well for five years. While he has been with us, he began the REVIVE service and has been in charge of both of our contemporary services. He has done a great job leading several of our Confirmation Classes. Needless to say, he will leave quite a void among our ministry team.

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Sunday, February 24, 2019

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

Matthew 28:16-20

"The Great Commission"

9:01 & REVIVE - Rev. Scott Harris

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 17, 2019)

Morning Worship: 475

Sunday School: 262

8:30AM: 54

9:01AM: 138

11:00AM: 208

REVIVE: 75

Offering Received: \$22,607.50

New Building Fund Received: \$350.00

Needed to date: \$222,619.25

Total in account: \$61,508.37

Received to date: \$203,789.89

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *John Gould - University Hospital in Augusta*
Khaki Herrington - Residential Hospice

Ongoing: *Jimmy Hodges, 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*

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 this **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. 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 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.

Volunteers for February 24, 2019 (Fourth Sunday of February)

Prayer Warriors: Buck & Nora Ford

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Buck Ford

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Jim Campbell

11:00 Ushers: Mike Rollins, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey,

Russ Lanier, John Hatcher (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Greeters: Linda Rushing, Suzan Laircey, Grace Adams Stewart

Meals On Wheels (February 26): Jimmy & Pat High



SFUMC Students News

NO Sunday Night Surge - February 24

There will be no Sunday Night Surge Sunday, February 24 due to the Youth ski trip.

NO Breakfast Club - February 25

There will be no Breakfast Club Monday, February 25 due to the Youth ski trip.

Small Groups - February 27

Middle and High School students meet on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room for fellowship, food, and small group Bible study. Small groups are divided by age and gender. Youth Room opens at 6:00PM, games begin at 6:20PM, Bible study starts at 7:00PM, and students are dismissed at 8PM.

By Design - March 24

Our Student Ministry will be hosting a day retreat devoted to learning God's design for us as men and women. This event is for both Middle and High School students. By Design will take place on March 24, directly following our church services. The guys and girls will have their own schedule of events for the day. The total cost for the day is \$30 which includes all meals and activities. This is an event you do not want your student to miss out on! Contact Becca to sign up your student, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, February 24

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, February 25

6:15PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH

Tuesday, February 26

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, February 27

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, offsite
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm.
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 28

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jodie Hendrix

Kids Worship:

10:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

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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Bulletin Front Continued...

Pastor Scott will be preaching his final sermons this Sunday at the 9:01 and REVIVE services. We will also honor him at our Wednesday Night Supper this Wednesday night. Come support our Relay for Life Spaghetti Fund-Raiser and also come to let Pastor Scott know how much he and his family has meant to us. He will assume his new duties at Wesley UMC on March 1.

Pastor Scott, you have made a real difference in many of our lives. We are glad that God sent you this way.

Wednesday Night Menu - February 27 - 5:00PM

Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Fundraiser

Meals are \$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for kids 12 and under

Desserts for sale for \$1.

Take out will be available.

No pizza will be served tonight.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
arr. Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
God, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
Your glory surrounds and enfolds us.
Your image resides within us and completes us.
How majestic is your name in all the earth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
Hymn #170 “O How I Love Jesus”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
The Apostles’ Creed #881 Hymnal

***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)

JODIE HENDRIX

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)
Fanfare and Concertato on “To God Be the Glory”
arr. John Paige and Brad Nix

**The congregation will stand when indicated and join in singing
the third stanza.**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son.
But purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BUCK FORD; 11:00AM JIM CAMPBELL

OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require of You?

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #572 *"Pass It On"*

*SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28: 16-20

MESSAGE

"The Great Commission"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #571 *"Go, Make of All Disciples"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

God Be With You

Ralph Vaughn-Williams

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

arr. James Mansfield

**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.