



STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR

March 31, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

UMCOR Sunday

Today we highlight the ministry of United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). We are asking you to make a special donation to assist this wonderful ministry whose purpose is to be the "feet on the ground" in every natural disaster around the world. UMCOR receives no monies from any other funds in the church and depends entirely on faithful church members for their financial support.

In 1994, I was the pastor of Leesburg United Methodist Church when Tropical Storm Alberto came our way. Through grants from UMCOR to our Conference, Jim and Hilda Dutrow (faithful members of our church) spent a year and half living in the Albany area as they organized work teams from all over the United States who came to repair and rebuild homes. Twenty-five families in the Leesburg church had major damage to their homes, and the church spent over a year helping people rebuild their homes and lives.

When an appeal is made to give money to a certain area devastated by fire, a flood, tornado or hurricane, UMCOR is able to immediately advance grant money to that area even before they have received church offerings. They are able to do that because of seed money received on UMCOR Sunday. When the offerings are received, those monies are then placed back in the UMCOR account ready to be used for the next disaster.

The offering for UMCOR also pays for the administrative expenses needed to run this operation. You may recall that when an appeal is made for a certain area, you are told that not one penny of your money is tied up in administrative expenses. We are able to do this because of generous offerings to this basic UMCOR Sunday offering. Please make your check payable to the church and designate it for UMCOR.

Boy Scout Sunday

Today we recognize Boy Scout Troup 332 who is sponsored by our church. We are proud of these young men, and are grateful for the character building mission of the Boy Scouts. We are also proud that one of our own members and a member of this troupe, Adam Wentz, will be recognized and receive his Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony in the Sanctuary at 12:30PM today. Adam, who is a graduating senior at Southeast Bulloch High School, is the son of Roger and Sheila Wentz. Congratulations, Adam!

Sunday, March 31, 2019

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

9:01 & REVIVE - Jonathan Smith

Luke 15:1-10

"Feeling Lost"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 24, 2019)

Morning Worship: 521

Sunday School: 262

8:30AM: 60

9:01AM: 146

11:00AM: 215

Revive: 100

Offering Received: \$16,694.70

Our Church Family

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Adam (Maggie) Clay* who were married March 23, 2019 at Statesboro First.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *John Gould - University Hospital in Augusta*

Ongoing: *Jimmy Hodges, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Arthur Howard, Brian Harrison, Steve Piazza, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Frances Humphrey*

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

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Banners in Sanctuary

The beautiful banners we enjoy in our Sanctuary are created and crafted by our own Jewel Dabbs. One banner takes many hours to make, which is a labor of love as the budget is very minimal just for the materials. These banners are a wonderful addition to our worship services. Thank you Jewel, for your many hours of dedication and devotion to our church.

February Financial Update

After financial statements for the previous month are completed each month, we will give the congregation an update on our cash flow. The following is our report through February:

Given through February:	\$224,878.93
Budget Spent Through Feb:	\$251,674.10
Expenses Over Giving:	-\$26,795.17
<i>New Building Fund Received (3/24/19):</i>	<i>\$4,235.00 (Total in Account: \$66,689.44)</i>

First Sundays are for Food Bank

Please note your calendars for the first Sunday of each month and bring non-perishable food for the Statesboro Food Bank. **They are especially in need of powdered milk, along with cereals and other grain products.** Red wagons for your donations are placed in the Narthex and near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for having big hearts, SFUMC!



Home Communion

Home communion is available to any who cannot be at a worship service. Please call Nora Ford (687-6169) if you would like for someone to come to your home.

Volunteers for March 31, 2019 (Fifth Sunday of March)

Prayer Warriors: Daryl & Phyllis Harrison

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Hilda Dutrow

8:30 Ushers: Wayne Laircey, Will Altman

9:01 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Warren Ball, Roxella Ball

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Joe McGlamery

11:00 Ushers: Anthony Waters, Randy Hill, Everett Kennedy, Rick Smith, Lee Waters, Blake Thompson (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Greeters: Jane Yawn, Becky Renfroe

Meals On Wheels (April 2): Jimmy & Pat High



SFUMC Students News

NO Youth Activities Week of April 1

We will not have Surge, Breakfast Club or Small Groups this week due to Spring Break.

Missions Weekend - April 12-13

This is a local retreat full of service projects for our students, so we can actively be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. This is an opportunity you don't want your student to miss! The cost for the weekend is \$50, which includes all food and activities. Students will spend the night in host homes on Friday evening and will be ready to be picked up Saturday evening at the church after worship. We also need parent volunteers to make this weekend a success. If your student would like to sign up for this retreat or you would like to be a parent volunteer please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Graduation Sunday - May 19

Please mark your calendar for this special morning. Students will be honored in either of our 11AM services and then join together for group pictures and a luncheon. Students should have received an information packet in the mail, so please let Becca know if you did not receive one, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

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Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry

In past years Statesboro First United Methodist Church had an active ministry providing low cost ramps to local people that could not safely use the existing entry stairs to their home. The recipient would pay for the materials and a group of men from the Church would construct the ramp free of charge. Somehow that ministry faded away but there was still a need for this type of ministry in the Statesboro area. Recently this ministry has been revived at Statesboro First. This began last July with construction on a ramp in the Brooklet area which was a referral from the Habitat for Humanity office. A second Habitat referral was completed in December and a third was completed in March; referred from Statesboro High School. This ministry of our Church has been approved for partial funding through the United Way of Southeast Georgia for their 2019 fiscal year.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, March 31

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
1:00PM - Boy Scouts Reception, 306

Monday, April 1

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
6:00PM - Trustees Mtg, Lib.
6:15PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH

Tuesday, April 2

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - 901 Band Rehearsal, FH

Wednesday, April 3

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

Thursday, April 4

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:30PM - Emmaus Mtg, Lib.

Friday, April 5

Preschool Closed for Spring Break
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

Saturday, April 6

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Fay Foy Franklin

Kids Worship:

10:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

There will be no Children's Ministry activities next week, April 3, due to spring break.

Church Family Easter Gathering

Each spring we gather for a special lunch to celebrate the Easter season as a church family. All are invited to join us at The Belle House on Palm Sunday, April 14, immediately following the 11:00AM worship services. Children 12 and under are welcome to participate in the Easter egg hunt following lunch.

Children's Easter Program

Kids JAM (children's choir PreK-5th) will share an Easter musical Wednesday, April 17, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen - April 13

The Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen is getting closer! Please remember to bring your hygiene items, "charity gifts", etc. and place them in the crate near the Church Office. We are also in need of homemade desserts for that day. For more information on how you can help, email Sara Melford, saramelford@gmail.com.

Don't Forget - Save Your Panera Receipts for Relay for Life

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!

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019
LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Linda R. Lamb
CHANCEL RINGERS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The blooms of azaleas and dogwoods remind us of new life.

Look around and see the newness!

Did you hear this week about love in action?

Look around and see the newness!

Did someone who was lost find her way home?

Look around and see the newness!

In Jesus Christ, God is busy making all things new.

Be glad in God and rejoice!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #158 *“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”*

***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.

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUT TROUP #332

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)

FAY FOY FRANKLIN

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Sanctus

Charles Gounod

CINDY BERG-AYCOCK, SOLOIST

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM HILDA DUTROW; 11:00AM JOE McGLAMERY

OFFERTORY

Steadfast Assurance

Jason Krug

CHANCEL RINGERS

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 15:1-10

MESSAGE

"Feeling Lost"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #378 *"Amazing Grace"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Amen

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

Henry Kihlken

**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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