



# STATESBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR

## April 7, 2019

### Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

### Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ACTIVITIES

### Next Sunday, April 14

**Easter Egg Hunt and Church Family Catered Meal at the Belle House at 12:30PM**

### Monday, April 15

*Community Holy Week Service* at Agape Worship Center,  
810 W. Grady Street from 12:00PM to 12:30PM with light lunch afterwards.

### Tuesday, April 16

*Community Holy Week Service* at First Presbyterian,  
1215 Fair Road from 12:00PM to 12:30PM with light lunch afterwards.

### Wednesday, April 17

*Community Holy Week Service* at St. Paul's Lutheran,  
18098 Fair Road from 12:00PM to 12:30PM with light lunch afterwards.

### Wednesday, April 18

**Wednesday Night Supper at 5:30 PM with Children's Easter Musical at 6:30PM**

### Thursday, April 18

*Community Holy Week Service* at Pittman Park United Methodist Church,  
1102 Fair Road from 12:00PM to 12:30PM with light lunch afterwards.

### Friday, April 19

*Good Friday Noon Day Service* at Trinity Episcopal,  
4401 Country Club Road. No lunch afterwards.

### Friday, April 19

**A Service of Tenebrae at Statesboro First UMC at 7:00PM**

### Easter Sunday, April 21

**Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00AM on the front lawn.**

**Breakfast served by Methodist Men at 7:30AM in Room 306.**

**Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Hall at 9:01 (901) and 11:00AM (REVIVE)**

**Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00AM.**

## Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

9:01 & REVIVE - Jay Bosley

Isaiah 43:1-5

*"When You Feel Like There Is No Point to Life"*

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 31, 2019)

Morning Worship: 406

Sunday School: 200

8:30AM: 62

9:01AM: 66

11:00AM: 208

Revive: 70

Offering Received: \$22,451.95

New Building Fund: \$90.00 (total \$66,779.44)

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on April 7 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Cissy Mercer* whose birthday would have been April 12. Given by *Erik, Courtney & Ollie Pirozzi*.

### Prayer Concerns

*Ruth Ann Rogers* - Home from surgery, *Connie Hodges* - Home from surgery

**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*  
*Westwood Nursing Home* - *John Gould*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### UMW Meeting

United Methodist Women meet Monday, April 8, in Room 306. Ashley Crowe, sister of Cierra Crowe, will speak to the group about her sister's missionary service in Uganda. Refreshments and fellowship start at 9:45AM, meeting begins at 10:00AM. All women attending services at SFUMC are encouraged to participate in UMW activities including the Spring Banquet the evening of May 13. Consider bringing a friend, a daughter, or a granddaughter for the May 13 evening event beginning at 6:30PM.

### Relay for Life - Friday April 12

#### *Paint the Town Purple!!*

Join the SFUMC team at the Bulloch County/GSU Relay for Life on Vine Street in downtown Statesboro. In keeping with the theme "Beating Cancer Isn't a Game!"; there will be lots of tents with games to play, food vendors, and live entertainment, and list of honored loved ones on the Memory Board. Luminarias and the Memory Board will list names in memory and honor of loved ones affected by cancer. The event will be highlighted by the Opening Ceremony at 6:00PM, Survivor/Caregiver Walk at 6:20PM, and the always moving Luminaria Ceremony at 9:00PM. Come enjoy this family friendly event.

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

It's not too late to purchase a luminaria in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a loved one. Tables will be located in the Gathering Area or outside of the Fellowship Hall this Sunday. Or go online to make a donation at [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). Thanks to your generous support, our Statesboro First United Methodist Church Team has raised \$7,969.

#### *Continue to Save your Panera Bread Restaurant Receipts*

We currently have collected enough receipts to receive \$70 for our team. We will receive 15% for each receipt we turn in through April. So please place them in the collection boxes at the church. An easy way to support our team!

### Volunteers for April 7, 2019 (First Sunday of April)

**Prayer Warriors:** Warren & Roxella Ball

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Joyce Bohler

**8:30 Ushers:** Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Hughes Williamson

**11:00 Ushers:** Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper, Robert Prosser (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

**Greeters:** Janet Mathis, Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

**Meals On Wheels (April 9):** Mike & Pat Pontieri



## SFUMC Students News

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### 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. Cereals, peanut butter, rice, dried milk, canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups are always good choices. Red wagons for your donation are placed in the Narthex and near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. This is one more way our church lives out our vision statement: "To glorify God and love others, through worship, study and service."

### Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen - April 13

The Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen is almost here! Don't forget 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](mailto:saramelford@gmail.com).

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 7

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 - Sunday Night Surge, FH/Youth

### Monday, April 8

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, 306  
10:00AM - UMW Mtg, 306  
6:15PM - Revive Band Rehearsal, FH

### Tuesday, April 9

2:00PM - UMM Meal Prep for Shut-ins, Kit.  
5:30PM - PS Board Mtg.  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### Wednesday, April 10

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, 200/Choir Suite  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Activities  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Suite

### Thursday, April 11

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### Friday, April 12

*Youth Missions Weekend*  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

### Saturday, April 13

*Youth Missions Weekend*  
8:00AM - Kairos Training, 306  
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, April 7, 2019**

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

Marilynn Sellers

**Kids Worship:**

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

**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

### Children's Easter Program

Kids JAM will have one final rehearsal for the Easter program this Wednesday, April 10. Please be sure your child is able to rehearse with us from 5:15PM-6:00PM that day. The program will be held in the Fellowship Hall on April 17 at 6:30PM.

### Palm Sunday

All children are invited to wave palm branches at the beginning of the 11:00 Traditional worship service on April 14. This is a special tradition we look forward to each year, and children age three and up are encouraged to participate. Please meet in the Gathering Area outside of the Sanctuary at 10:50AM.

### Church Family Easter Gathering

Please remember to join us at The Belle House (380 Westside Rd.) next Sunday, April 14, immediately following the 11:00AM worship services. Everyone is invited and we hope to have a crowd from all four worship services! A catered lunch will be served, and children 12 and under are invited to participate in an egg hunt following lunch (please bring a basket or bag for collecting Easter eggs).

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Mission Moment

The Missions Committee is happy to announce that the Wheel Chair Ramp Ministry has received partial funding through the United Way of Southeast Georgia. Howard Lumber Company is also working with our ministry to provide materials at a discounted rate. In addition, the money collected through our Easter Lily sale will go to support this ministry. The material cost for each ramp is in the \$600 range. Buck Ford has restarted this important ministry with a team consisting of Jake Collins, Richard Rappa, and Bill Sellers. If you are interested in joining the construction team, please contact Buck Ford at [ford.buck.1975@gmail.com](mailto:ford.buck.1975@gmail.com). Referrals can also be made directly to Buck.

### Miss Rodeo USA to Visit SFUMC

Come meet Miss Heather Morrison, Miss Rodeo USA in the Fellowship Hall during Wednesday night Activities this Week.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*  
arr. Anna Laura Page

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One voice tells us that we are of no use to God.

**The voice of God tells us that we are precious in God's sight.**

Another voice tells us that we have been separated from God's love.

**God's voice tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.**

Another voice tells us that we might as well give up; we will never be good enough.

**God's voice tells us that we have been redeemed and bought with a price.**

**May we allow God's voice to ring loudest in our ears!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #88 *"Maker, in Whom We Live"*

**\*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)**

MARILYNN SELLERS

(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 JOYCE BOHLER; 11:00AM HUGHES WILLIAMSON

**OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)**

*Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless*

arr. Robert J. Powell

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

*My Eternal King*

Jane Marshall

**\*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**

*Isaiah 43:1-5*

**MESSAGE**

*“When You Feel Like There Is No Point to Life”*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #369 *“Blessed Assurance”*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**

*Sevenfold Amen*

John Stainer

**POSTLUDE**

*All Now Sing Forth in Praise*

Edward Broughton

**Wednesday Night Menu - April 10 - 5:30PM**

*Barberitos: Taco Bar with Chips and Queso*

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

\$2.00 for pizza plate (kids & youth only)

Families of five or more (parents and children) pay a maximum of \$24.

*\*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.