



**STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

"TO GLORIFY GOD AND LOVE OTHERS THROUGH WORSHIP, STUDY, AND SERVICE." JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR

April 28, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary: 8:30AM & 11:00AM
Fellowship Hall: 9:01AM & 11:00AM

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Jodie Hendrix Resigns From Her position as Assistant Director of Children's Ministries

It is with a great deal of sadness that we have accepted the two-week notice given to us by Jodie Hendrix. She has served our Children's Ministry for the past six years. Her infectious laughter, her willingness to engage our children on a personal level and the lessons she has taught our children have left indelible impressions upon their hearts. She and Sarah Akins have worked well together as a committed team. Unknown to many of us, she has always been interested in working at a funeral home, and she will soon begin her employment at Deal's Funeral Home.

Her last day as an official employee with our church will be Sunday, May 5. Her last Wednesday night with us will be May 1. We want to show our deep appreciation for Jodie's ministry. Therefore, we are inviting you to consider sharing with her a card with a personal note of your gratitude. If you should choose to do so, you may wish to enclose a check, cash, or a gift card as an extra tangible way to express your thanks. (If you enclose a check, please make sure you make it out to her and not to the church.) If you know you will be unable to be here on May 1, you can either give it to her directly or bring it by the church ahead of time so that your gift will be included.

Jodie, you will always be in our hearts. You may never know the difference you have made in the life of children.

-Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Methodist Men's Chicken BBQ

Our annual Methodist Men Chicken BBQ will be held next Saturday, May 4. While some of the men will be here as early as 4-5AM to begin the grilling, the lunches will be available from 11AM to 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be bought from the Church Office or from any members of the Methodist Men. You will be able to eat in or pick up take-out plates.

This is the major fundraiser for the Methodist Men. Proceeds from this endeavor have gone to support the Wesley Foundation at Georgia Southern, to help with the refurbishing of the Fellowship Hall, to help needy individuals with medical bills, support for scholarships for Youth Mission Trips, as well as many other worthwhile projects. Please support our men in their endeavors to "do all the good they can!"

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:01 & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason

8:30AM & REVIVE - Jonathan Smith

Deuteronomy 6:1-15

"Margin: Creating a Space for God"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, April 21, 2019)

Morning Worship: 1,114

Sunday School: 210

Sunrise Service: 106
8:30AM: 141

9:01AM: 260

11:00AM: 436

Revive: 171

Offering Received: \$29,635.00
New Building Fund: \$20.00 (total \$67,560.02)
Special Offerings: Lenten folders - \$810.00
Easter Lilies - \$2,030.00

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Richard & Bonnie Spiers*, upon the death of *Bonnie's* sister, *Laurie Shriver Robert*, who died on April 21.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Joyce Lovett - Home from Rehab* *Ken Whitaker - Rehab*
Susan Boerner - Home from hospital *Carolyn McCarty - Home from hospital*
Carter Berkeley - Home from hospital

Ongoing: *Connie Hodges, Ruth Anne Rogers, 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, Jan Johnston*
Southern Manor - *Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson* *Westwood Nursing Home* - *John Gould*

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District Conference

Today, Sunday, April 28, from 4-6PM, the Northeast District Conference will be held at Pittman Park UMC here in Statesboro. This is an annual event where we hear exciting reports of different ministries from churches all over the District from Waynesboro to Wrens to Vidalia to Glennville, Claxton, Sylvania, and Statesboro. District Officers are elected and our District Superintendent, the Reverend Chris Ramsey will offer us a challenge through his preaching. Let's have a great crowd from our church in attendance.

March 2019 Operating Budget Financial Update

Operating Budget Received in March: \$127,250.52

Operating Budget Expenses in March: \$120,740.32

March Budget Surplus **+\$6,510.20**

January through March 2019 Operating Budget to Date

2019 Approved Operating Budget **\$1,653,743**

Operating Budget Received through March: \$352,129.45

Operating Budget Expenses through March: \$372,593.30

2019 Budget Deficit to Date **-\$20,463.85**

Missions Moment

The Saturday Soup Kitchen has been a ministry of SFUMC for over 25 years. We continue to share the love of Christ by providing a meal to those in need. But....we need your help!!!!

1) **Volunteer your Sunday School class, friend group, family, and/or civic group** to host the soup kitchen one Saturday. Approximately 200 meals are needed. Upcoming open dates are May 11, May 18, June 15, June 29, July 6, July 13, and July 27. For more details and to email the soup kitchen coordinator, check out the soup kitchen website: <https://www.statesborofirst.com/soup.html>

2) **Collect jars of peanut butter and jelly.** In an effort to refrain from using Styrofoam and to be fiscally responsible, take-out meals are now a sack lunch containing a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, side and dessert. A collection box will be placed in the Gathering Area for your donations of peanut butter and jelly. Thank you for your generosity!

National Day of Prayer

Please join us for the National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 2 at 12PM at the Bulloch County Courthouse.

Gospel Hymn Sing

Come enjoy hearing the BORO Community Choir and participate in a Gospel Hymn Sing tonight, Sunday, April 28, at 6PM at the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church on Zetterower Ave. This non-denominational choir and service is open to all lovers of Gospel music!



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - April 28

Middle School and High School students will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM. Middle School students will meet in the Youth Room and High School students will meet in the Fellowship Hall. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - April 29

This event is for Middle and High School students. We meet on Monday mornings on the third floor (Room 306) for breakfast (Uncle Shugs and Daylight Donuts), a devotional, and then we give students a ride to school. Arrive at 7:00AM and the cost is \$2.

Small Groups - May 1

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.

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Thank You & School Supplies Are Next!

Thank you for your donation of items, for your homemade desserts, and for your time! Our less fortunate neighbors who came to the joint SFUMC/St. Matthew Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen left having enjoyed a special ham meal and with an Easter basket and other goodies. A special thank you to our Youth who helped prepare Easter bundles as part of their Missions Weekend activities. All baskets found homes either at the soup kitchen or through Fostering Bulloch. We are now getting ready to start collecting items for the Back to School Soup Kitchen in July. Please consider donating your unused toiletry items from hotel/dentist visits, new and slightly used books, school supplies and prizes from restaurant children's meals. These items can be placed in the crate by the Church Office.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, April 28

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
4:00PM - District Conference, Pittman Park
4:30PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
6:00PM - Sunday Night Surge, FH, YR, 306

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, May 1

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)\
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm.
5:30PM - Wednesday Dinner, FH
6:00PM - Marcus Toole's Bible Study on Genesis
6:30PM - Amy Altman's Bible Study
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

Thursday, May 2

12:00PM - National Day of Prayer, Courthouse
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305
6:00PM - 4H Event, FH
6:30PM - Emmaus Mtg, Lib.

Friday, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jodie Hendrix

Kids Worship:

10:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Jennifer Prosser

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

Children's Ministries News

Children Leading

Our Children's Ministry provides a solid foundation for children to grow spiritually, as they experience God's love and learn what it means to live and serve by the example of Christ. Children who are active in our church remind us regularly to have a childlike faith. They are eager to learn, receptive to the Gospel, and full of excitement! We love children and all that they represent in the life of our church. We invite you to join us in honoring them on **Children's Sunday, next Sunday, May 5**. Children are leading the 901 worship service, with special music provided by the children's choir. Come witness our Children's Ministry in action, and show your support for the next generation of leaders learning to go and make disciples. **If your child would like to have a special part and has not communicated with our Children's Ministry team, please contact Sarah or Jodie by April 30 (sakins@statesborofirst.com or jhendrix@statesborofirst.com).**

Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We hope you will consider serving with us at VBS this summer, June 3-7. We'll lead children to go beyond with faith, boldness, kindness, thankfulness, and hope as we focus on Ephesians 3:20 throughout the week. "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us!"

VBS Registration

Children in rising Pre-K through rising 6th grade are invited to register for Vacation Bible School. Online registration begins May 1, so be sure to visit our church website at www.statesborofirst.com.

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Keep Saving Your Panera Receipts

Please continue to 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 May. So far we have raised over \$100 in donations from your receipts.

Wednesday Night Menu - May 1 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shug's: BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, roll

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.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
LIGHTING OF CANDLES
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Holy, Holy, Holy
arr. Michael Burkhardt

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come into the house of God still basking in the joy of Easter.

But where are the lilies, the brass, and the crowds?

We desire to put God first in our lives.

It is easy to sing our Alleluias when everyone else sings along.

Give us Easter hearts that we may sing even if the crowd is silent.

We are here to worship the Lord our God!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #304 *“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed #881 Hymnal

***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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00AM Service)

MARY CULPEPPER HILL

Daughter of MITCHELL & MEG HILL

God Claims You

Chorus: Mary, Mary, God claims you.

God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

Verse: We this day do all agree, a child of God you’ll always be. **Chorus**

Verse 2: We are here to say this day that we will help you on your way. **Chorus**

CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGE

**With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ,
that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

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
He Lives
arr. Joel Raney

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY PRAYER
8:30AM RUSS LANIER ; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

OFFERTORY
Job 11:19 - *And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope.*
Charles Callahan

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***SCRIPTURE READING**
Deuteronomy 6:1-15

MESSAGE
"Margin: Creating a Space for God"
REV. JONATHAN SMITH - 8:30AM
REV. JIMMY CASON - 11:00AM

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
Hymn #397 *"I Need Thee Every Hour"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)
Sevenfold Amen
John Stainer

POSTLUDE
Grand Choeur II
George Blake

Volunteers for April 28, 2019 (Fourth Sunday of April)

Prayer Warriors: Olin & Cynthia Lovett, Ricky Turner

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Russ Lanier

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Lee Walker

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 (April 30): Sue Avra, Marinell Armstrong

**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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