



**STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**June 2, 2019**

**Worship Services:**

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms: 10:00AM

**THE CHURCH THAT MEETS ONCE A YEAR**

I have used the above title several times when the time for the South Georgia Annual Conference arrives. While my wife, Susan is a member of this church, I am not since my membership was transferred into the South Georgia Annual Conference when I was ordained as a United Methodist pastor. In other words, the South Georgia Annual Conference is actually my church. Unless there is a very important need to convene a meeting during the year, my church meets once a year usually the first full week of June. This year, the Conference will begin with worship at 6:30 PM today (June 2) at the Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Georgia.

An equal number of clergy and laity are members of the Conference. Since we get two appointed clergy, our church has two lay members - John and Martha Ray. Bill Hatcher is also an At-Large Delegate.

At the Ordination and Commissioning Service on Monday evening at St. Luke UMC, two former staff members of our church will become members of the Annual Conference. Kirk Hagan, a former Associate Pastor, will be ordained and received as a Full Elder. David Donnan, our former Director of Student Ministries, will be commissioned as a Provisional Member of the Annual Conference.

On Tuesday morning, voting for clergy representatives to the 2020 General Conference and for the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference will be held. On Tuesday afternoon, voting for lay delegates will take place. South Georgia is entitled to four clergy delegates and four lay delegates to the General Conference, and in addition to these delegates four more clergy and four more laity will be elected as delegates to Jurisdictional Conference. The fallout from the vote on gay marriage and gay ordination at this year's called General Conference is expected to continue at the 2020 General Conference. At the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference, new bishops are elected. Since our Bishop will retire next year, South Georgia will receive a new Bishop in 2020. One can expect these issues to be topics of conversation.

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**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

8:30AM, 9:00AM *Summer Soul* & 11:00AM *Traditional* - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
Acts 1:1-11  
"He Ascended to Heaven"

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, May 26, 2019)**

**Morning Worship: 384**

**Sunday School: 204**

Traditional Worship 8:30AM: 77	Summer Soul 9:00AM: 96	Traditional Worship 11:00AM: 211	KIDVENTURE Kids Sunday School: 9
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Offering Received: \$12,597.00  
New Building Fund: \$20.00 (total \$68,480.02)

## Our Church Family

### **Please take time to welcome our new members:**

Mr. Ralph Cowart

Mr. Alan Skipper

207 Timberline Road

Statesboro, GA 30461

Ralph's Cell Number - (912) 531-8413

Alan's Cell Number - (912) 667-5041

*Ralph* is the CEO and Owner of Southern Manor. *Alan* is the Co-Owner and Chief of Nursing at Southern Manor and the Gardens at Gentilly. Ralph joins on transfer from Blundale Baptist Church and Alan joins on transfer from Effingham Baptist Church in Rincon.

### **Prayer Concerns**

**Hospital:** *Tammie Dickens - Home from surgery*

*Coley Cassedy - Home from surgery*

*Marda Bell - Home from surgery*

*Sally Myrick - Metter Swing Bed*

*Ken Whitaker - EGR*

**Ongoing:** *Linda Arnold, Daphne Totten, Joyce Lovett, Carter Berkeley, Connie Hodges, Ruth Anne Rogers, Jimmy Hodges, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Daryl Harrison, Steve Piazza, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Marshall Thigpen, Lloyd Jones, Diane DeLoach, Frances Humphrey*

**Care Facilities:** *Willow Pond - Janette Johnson, Willie Coleman, Jan Johnston, Carolyn McCarty* Southern Manor - *Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson* Westwood Nursing Home - *John Gould*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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Statesboro First UMC will be recognized for several different honors. Among these are: giving more than 100% of our Conference Mission Apportionments, named as a "Three Star Mission Church for Second Mile Mission giving, Largest Net Gain in Membership in the Northeast District (+47), Largest Number Received on Profession of Faith (14), Fifth in the Conference and First in the District in our giving to Magnolia Manor Retirement Homes, Top Giving Church in the District in giving to the Methodist Children's Home (\$12,465), and Third Largest Giving Church in the Conference and Largest Giving Church in the District to Wesley Glen (\$11,297).

The Conference has requested that each church bring an offering for a Special Mission Giving to Russia Theological Seminary. Our Missions Committee voted to send \$1,000 out of a special Mission account for this offering.

At the conclusion of the Annual Conference, Bishop Lawson Bryan will announce the appointments. He will announce that I will be returning as your Senior Pastor for the 11th year. We are very excited to know that he will also announce the appointment of the Rev. Stephanie Smith as our new Associate Pastor.

Please pray for this important gathering.

--Pastor Jimmy



## SFUMC Students News

### High School Night Out - June 11

We will be going to the Savannah Bananas game! We will meet at the church at 4:45PM and return around 10:45PM. Students must RSVP to this event as there are a limited amount of tickets. The cost is \$15 which includes their ticket and dinner. This event is open to rising 9th graders through recently graduated Seniors.

### Middle School Night Out - June 12

We will be going to Star Castle in Savannah for laser tag and roller skating. We will meet at the church at 4:45PM and return around 10PM. The cost is \$20 which includes activities and dinner. Please let us know if your student would like to join us!

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### UMW Fellowship Gathering

Monday, June 10, UMW will sponsor a “no business, only fellowship” meeting for women in the church family. Come to Room 306 between 11:00 AM and 1:00PM with your bag lunch and share lunch and fun activities with church friends. Beverage and dessert provided. You are encouraged to bring your Scrabble board, your checkers game, your knitting or crocheting, perhaps a few books to exchange, canasta cards, pictures of your grandkids or latest trip, or just your lunch. This is a great time to reconnect with United Methodist Women or to invite a prospective member as UMW promotes fun and fellowship during these hot summer months. Regular unit meetings resume August 12.

### 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.

### Next Sunday is Pentecost

You're encouraged to wear red next Sunday for Pentecost Sunday. “Happy Birthday Church!”

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, June 2

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.  
9:00AM - *Summer Soul* Service, FH  
10:00AM - Sunday School, Classrooms  
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanct.

### Monday, June 3

9:00AM - VBS

### Tuesday, June 4

9:00AM - VBS  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### Wednesday, June 5

9:00AM - VBS  
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm

### Thursday, June 6

9:00AM - VBS

### Friday, June 7

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

### Saturday, June 8

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, June 2, 2019**

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

**Kids Worship:**

**9:00:** Sarah Akins, Lucy Hubbard  
**Kidventure** (*Summer Sunday School*): Sarah Akins  
**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Laura Brannen

## Children's Ministries News

### Vacation Bible School THIS WEEK

It's not too late for children to participate in Vacation Bible School! Walk-in registration is available for children who are not preregistered. Please be in prayer for the children, youth, volunteers, visitors, and staff involved in VBS this week, June 3-7, 9:00AM-12:00PM.

We are especially grateful for the many volunteers who helped decorate and set up for VBS this past week! We could not provide such an opportunity for our children and community without volunteer support. Additional help is needed this afternoon to arrange classrooms and finalize details for Monday morning. Please drop by at 2:00PM to lend a hand.



## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Concert to Benefit Haiti

You won't want to miss the concert by The Dukes!!! The performance is Saturday, June 22, at 7:00PM at the Performing Arts Center at GSU. All tickets are \$20 and are general admission. Tickets are available at the PAC or contact Karen David if you would like to purchase a ticket. The Dukes are donating their time and East Georgia Medical Center is underwriting the cost of renting the PAC, so all money raised will go directly to the Health Clinic that our team supports.

The conditions in Haiti are dire at this time, but with our support the Health Clinic can continue to provide needed medical, dental, and nutritional support. Over \$19,000 was raised last year with the Dark Desert Highway concert!!! Let's try to top that. The concert is aptly entitled "The Power of Love," and this is how we can show our love for our friends in Haiti.

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**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE**

**GATHERING**  
**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**  
*Lead On, O King Eternal*  
arr. Don Hustad

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Risen with Christ, we now have the Spirit of God.  
**Our life is hidden with God.**  
When Christ, our Life appears,  
**We shall appear with him in glory!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymn #328 *“Surely the Presence of the Lord” (Repeated Twice)*

**\*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)**

ELLEN COWART

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PAT HIGH; 11:00AM BRIAN THOMAS

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

*Hear Us, Almighty Lord*

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

*Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary*

arr. Joe Cox

**\*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**

Acts 1:1-11

**MESSAGE**

*“He Ascended to Heaven”*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #714 *“I Know Whom I Have Believed”*

**POSTLUDE**

*Grand Triumphal Chorus*

Alexander Guilmant/arr. Thomas Chesterton

**Volunteers for June 2, 2019 (First Sunday of June)**

**Prayer Warriors: Max and Susan Manack**

**8:30 Lay Liturgist: Pat High**

**8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford**

**11:00 Lay Liturgist: Brian Thomas**

**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 (June 4): Hilda Dutrow and Marcia Wise**

*\*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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