



**STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

REV. JAMES A. CASON SENIOR PASTOR  
REV. STEPHANIE SMITH ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**August 11, 2019**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**A Word from Our Bishop**

The mass shootings this past week in El Paso, Texas, Dayton, Ohio and Gilroy, California have once again brought us face to face with the horrible violence of which human beings are capable. We are plunged into shock and collective grief.

And we wonder. Who did this? What were the motives? Why these places in these particular cities? What about the mental health of the shooters? These and a host of other questions can only be answered after thorough investigations have occurred.

In the meantime, we listen. We listen to the law enforcement reports, to the hospital updates, and to those who were around when the shootings occurred. This listening leads us to pray without ceasing for those we are seeing and hearing.

And when we wonder what to say, I call us also to speak up using the important words found in our "Social Principles," paragraph 162 in *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*:

***We deplore acts of hate or violence against groups or persons based on race, color, national origin, ethnicity, age, gender, disability, status, economic condition, sexual orientation, gender identity, or religious affiliation.***

The New Testament lesson last Sunday, August 4, also gives us the direction we need in order to be living witnesses for Christ in a culture that glorifies violence and denigrates the sanctity of human life. Listen to the words of the Apostle Paul from Colossians 3:

*"So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above... for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

*5 Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: ... evil desire.... 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. 7 These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. 8 But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth."*

Let us listen. Let us pray. But, brothers and sisters, let us be certain to speak the Gospel truth about violence in our world, in others, and in our own lives.

Let us be Alive Together in Witness.  
- R. Lawson Bryan

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
"What If?"

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 4, 2019)**

**Morning Worship: 514**

**Sunday School: 199**

8:30AM: 59

9:01AM: 144

11:00AM: 217

REVIVE: 94

Offering Received: \$24,839.00  
Special Offerings: Altar/ACTS - \$869.00

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Narthex** on August 11 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *William "Dub" Lovett by his family.*

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Mrs. Robin Kersey*, our Church Business Administrator, upon the death of her father, *Mr. Edwin Ray Shannon* of Savannah who died on July 31.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Tommie Rushing - Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville*  
*GeorgeAnne Thigpen - Encompass Rehab in Savannah*  
*Barbara Golden - Home from hospital*

**Ongoing:** *Bill Mathis Sr., Fred Maddox, Marshall Thigpen, Hugh Vaughn, Coley Cassedy, Peggie Herrington, Ken Whitaker, Greyson Kennedy, Carter Berkeley, Connie Hodges, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Brian Harrison, Daryl Harrison, Steve Piazza, Jim Long, Shirley Connell, Lloyd Jones, Diane DeLoach, Frances Humphrey*

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

**Congratulations** to *Colton Rollins* who won world championship gold medals in Traditional Sparring and Combat Sparring as he competed in the American Taekwondo Association's World Championships as a special abilities athlete. *Colton*, who is the son of *Mike and Cathy Rollins* and a member of our church, also won silver medals in both Form and in Weapons. The competition was held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

### Welcome New Members

Mr. and Mrs. David (Beth) Boykin, Bryan and Garris  
1410 Creekside Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
David's cell phone: 912-541-0144  
Beth's cell phone: 912-541-0145

The *Boykin family*, who have been active in our church for several years, join our church on transfer of membership from a local church of another denomination. Their daughter, *Bryan*, is a rising freshman at Clemson University while their daughter, *Garris*, is a rising junior at Bulloch Academy.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### UMW General Meeting - Monday, August 12

All women in the church family are encouraged to attend the United Methodist Women meeting, Monday, August 12 in Room 306. Chris Vaughn will tell us more about Fostering Bulloch and we will consider the slate of new officers nominated to begin serving in January. Join us at 9:45AM for refreshments and fellowship and the meeting from 10:00-11:30AM. The purposes of UMW include development of a creative, supportive fellowship to expand concepts of mission through local and global ministries of the church. If you haven't attended UMW meetings, perhaps you have seen UMW women serving bereavement meals, assisting with youth activities, hosting overseas missionaries, organizing church luncheons, writing encouraging notes and visiting those who are ill. We are concerned about the special needs of women, children and youth in our community and across the world.

### We Need Your Help!

We are in need of servers for our Wednesday Night dinners! If you are willing to help on a regular basis or even if you can just fill in every now and then we would love for you to consider joining our serving team. Please contact Ed Akins for more information or to sign up, 912-531-1111.



## SFUMC Students News

### High School Kick Off - TONIGHT, August 11

Our High School Kick Off party is **tonight**, August 11, from 7PM-9PM at Becca and Cam's house. There will be yard games, a water slide, food, and fellowship. Students should bring a towel and are encouraged to bring friends! For directions contact Becca at (404) 955-4245.

### Breakfast Club - August 12

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

### Small Groups - August 14

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.

### Confirmation 2019

Confirmation in The United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation; it gives students the opportunity to reflect on the most basic tenants of our faith and gives them a safe environment to ask questions and grapple with the truths and mysteries proclaimed by the church and in Scripture.

Statesboro First offers a Confirmation Class in the fall semester for students in 6th grade. A parents meeting for our new Confirmation Class will be held in Room 206 on Wednesday, August 14 at 6PM. The students are invited to meet with their Small Group Leaders in the Grace House at 6:30PM. For more information please contact Becca or Clay, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com), [cboerner@statesborofirst.com](mailto:cboerner@statesborofirst.com).

## Our Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 11

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 - Stephen Ministry Training Grp, 206

### Monday, August 12

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
10:00AM - UMW General Meeting, 306  
6:00PM - Staff Parish Committee Mtg, Lib.

### Tuesday, August 13

2:00PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen  
5:00PM - Service League Event, 306  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### Wednesday, August 14

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### Thursday, August 15

6:00PM - Nominating Committee Mtg, Lib.

### Friday, August 16

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

### Saturday, August 17

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, August 11, 2019**

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

Katie Johnson

**Kids Worship:**

**9:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

## Children's Ministries News

### Wednesday Night Ministry

Pre-K through 5th Grade:

- Kids JAM (children's choir): 5:15PM-6:00PM  
Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 200  
1st-5th Grade - Choir Room
- Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall: 5:30PM-6:30PM
- Team KID - Kids in Discipleship (small groups): 6:30PM-7:30PM  
Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 112  
1st-5th Grade - Room 306

All children should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Ready? Set? Minister!

Are you interested in a ministry that allows you to care for others? You may be looking for an opportunity with Stephen Ministry. A one-to-one caring ministry for which you are trained and supported. SFUMC is beginning a new training class on Sunday, August 11 at 5:00PM. We would love for you to attend this first meeting to see if this is a match for your ministry gifts. To find out more about what this ministry has to offer, contact Susan Cason at [shcason529@gmail.com](mailto:shcason529@gmail.com) or 912-536-0689. From one of our Stephen Ministers: "Becoming a Stephen Minister was a way to reach out with the love of Christ to be there for someone in need. The training taught me to listen closely and to be there to help one walk through a difficult journey."



### United Methodist Men Meet & Greet - August 18

Our August Men's Meet and Greet will be Sunday, August 18 at 6PM at the the remodeled Wesley Foundation on Fair Road. As we have in previous Meet and Greet meetings, we will enjoy a meal and share some important announcements. Jonathan Smith will lead the program and share all the good things going on and how they are helping introduce the church to college students. For many of us it will be the first time in the remodeled Wesley building. The menu will feature hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, tea and dessert. All men of the church are invited to attend. Bring a friend, your son, or grandson. Let's lead by example. Attendance has been great so come and join your fellow church members for fellowship.

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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Stephanie Smith, Assoc. Pastor:	912-764-1874	Church FAX:	912-764-7638

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**  
**CAMPMEETING MONTH**

**GATHERING**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Send the Light*  
arr. Robert MacDonald

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*Isn't the Love of Jesus Something Wonderful*  
John W. Peterson

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
Hymn of Praise Medley (*see insert*)

**PASSING OF THE PEACE AND REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM Service)**

**KATIE JOHNSON**

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

**ANTHEM (11:00AM)**

*Leaning on Jesus*  
arr. Lloyd Larson

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM PHYLLIS HARRISON; 11:00AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER

**OFFERTORY**

*We're Marching to Zion*  
arr. Don Phillips

**\*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 of Preparation Medley (*see insert*)

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

## MESSAGE

*“What If?”*

REV. JIMMY CASON

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

*(see insert)*

## POSTLUDE

# Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Wednesday Night Small Group

#### Pastor Jimmy's Bible Study

If you desire to learn more about the basic teachings of Jesus as well as learning how to be a better disciple of Christ, then Pastor Jimmy's Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew might be what you are looking for. This group will meet in Room 206 on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30PM starting Wednesday, August 21. Bring your Bible and an open heart and mind.

### Wednesday Night Discussion Group

This will be a topical discussion group facilitated by Marcus Toole and Michael Woody. The group is open to adults of all ages but is especially intended for young adults wanting to discuss the big questions that arise when we try to connect Christian faith with the world that we live in. Each week the group will decide upon a topic for the following week. The facilitators will research the topic in terms of how various biblical writers, different Christian faith traditions and modern people see the issue then lead the group in an open discussion. The group will begin meeting this coming Wednesday, August 14 at 6PM in Room 103.

### Wednesday Night Menu - August 14 - 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.

### Volunteers for August 11, 2019 (Second Sunday of August)

**Prayer Warriors:** Eleanor Schneider, Jo Ann Marsh

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Phyllis Harrison

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Eleanor Schneider

**11:00 Ushers:** Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard, Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson, Robert Benson III, Kent Brannen

**(Balcony:** Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

**Greeters:** June Rushing, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

**Meals On Wheels (August 13):** Marcia Wise, Hilda Dutrow

*\*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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