



**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

September 1, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

I LOVE MY Church

I love our church because it honors the past.

As a young pastor who has been deeply impacted by her parents and grandparents, I love that the older generation is represented in our church! They bring astute wisdom and stability. Without them we would be lost. Like Titus and Paul, I love that we have a broad age range. We also so support our older generations that we offer communion to those who are unable to leave their homes where we can love on those who loved us!

I love our church because it prepares for the future.

Unlike many churches, my church is preparing for the future. We celebrate the younger generations! With an exceptional youth ministry and children's program, but we even design moments in our worship services to reach out to the next generation. The future looks good because we are preparing for it today.

I love our church because missions is central.

We give... to missions and missionaries. We want to be a part of what God is doing in our congregation, in our city, and all around the world!

I love our church because they love me.

I love that our church is relational. I know I am not just a number; I am a person. My family isn't just a stat turned in to brag about, they are people who are a part of a bigger family. When I have a prayer request, I know it will be prayed for. When I need encouragement, I know where to find it!

These are just a few reasons why I Love My Church here at Statesboro First. Why do you love this church? Where do you find connection, love, support, missions, and worship? Join us during our sermon series in September as we dive into the many reasons why "I Love My Church!" - *Rev. Stephanie Smith*

September 1, 2019

I Love My Church - John 13:33-34

September 8, 2019

Love in Community - Hebrews 10:19-25

September 15, 2019

Love by Giving - Acts 4:32-35

September 22, 2019

Love by Serving - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 & Romans 12:3-8

September 29, 2019

Love by Sharing - Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday, September 1, 2019

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - *Rev. Stephanie Smith*

John 13:33-34

"I Love my Church"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, August 25, 2019)

Morning Worship: 535

Sunday School: 267

8:30AM: 67

9:01AM: 130

11:00AM: 237

REVIVE: 101

Offering Received: \$19,655.41

New Building Fund: \$40.00 (total \$70,011.84)

Our Church Family

Christian sympathy and prayers are expressed to *Mrs. Edith Jenkins* upon the death of her brother, *Richard Marsh* of Newberry, South Carolina who died on August 23.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Bill Mathis, Jr. - Emory*

Susan Cason - Home from hospital

Sara Betty Cook - Encompass Rehab, Savannah

Ed Akins - Memorial

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

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

Welcome New Members

Mr. & Mrs. Larry (Ansley) Mays, Reagan and Riley

4022 Denton Loop

Statesboro, GA 30461

Larry's cell phone: 912-541-2295

Ansley's cell phone: 912-667-3631

Larry & Ansley join our church on transfer of membership from another local church. Larry works at Georgia Southern and Ansley works at Brooklet Elementary. They have two daughters, Reagan, who is in 5th grade at Brooklet Elementary and Riley, who is in the 2nd grade at Brooklet Elementary.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

Wednesday Night Menu - September 4 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shugs: BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, roll, dessert

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 September 1, 2019 (First Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Jimmy & Pat High

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joyce Bohler

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

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

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Susan Cason

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 (September 3): Anne Thompson & Barbara Golden



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - September 1

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

NO Breakfast Club - September 2

There will be **no** Breakfast Club Monday, September 2 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Small Groups - September 4

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.

Middle School Retreat - September 13-15

We will be leaving Friday, September 13 and heading to Epworth by the Sea for the weekend. We will return Sunday, September 15 around lunch time. This weekend will be full of fun and a great opportunity for students to fall more in love with Jesus! We hope your student will join us! The total cost is \$200. This includes all activities, programming, food, lodging, and transportation. **Sign ups close this Sunday** so please let Becca know if your student would like to join us, bbrown@statesbororfirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 1

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 - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
6:00PM - Combined Surge, YR

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Tuesday, September 3

Preschool Closed
6:00PM - Marcus Toole's Bible Study, 103
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, September 4

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
6:30PM - Adult Bible Studies
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, September 5

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, September 6

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

Saturday, September 7

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Lacy Kamppi

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins

11:00: Sarah Akins

Children's Ministries News

Backpack Buddies 2019-2020

With a new school year comes an opportunity to serve children in our community. Our church is partnered with Sallie Zetterower Elementary to provide nonperishable food items to children on weekends and school holidays. SFUMC is serving 50 students this school year! Please consider making a donation to support this ministry area or serve as a volunteer. A team of volunteers shops for food at the beginning of each week and another team packs the bags on Wednesday mornings. Contact our Children's Ministry team for more information: sakins@statesborofirst.com or jhendrix@statesborofirst.com.

Wednesday Night Ministry

Pre-K through 5th Grade:

- Kids JAM (children's choir): 5:15PM-6:00PM
Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 200
1st-3rd Grade - Room 201
4th-5th Grade - Choir Room
 - Dinner served in the Fellowship Hall: 5:30PM-6:30PM
 - Team KID (small groups): 6:30pm-7:30pm
Pre-K & Kindergarten - Room 112
1st-5th Grade - Rooms 306 and 307
- All children should be picked up from the Fellowship Hall at 7:30PM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

arr. Al Roberts

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness
know that your melody will find harmony.

Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you who have the answers,
know that new questions await you.

Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you who come seeking, know that your
questions are safe in the presence of God.

Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #545 *"The Church's One Foundation"*

***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)

LACY KAMPP

(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 SUSAN CASON

OFFERTORY (8:30AM Service)

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Darwin Wolford

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Come, Labor On

arr. Ryan Murphy

*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

John 13:33-34

MESSAGE

"I Love my Church"

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #172 *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Deep Peace

Linda Spevacek-Avery

POSTLUDE

Recessional March

Roland Rogers

**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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