



# 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 8, 2019

### Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

### Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

### Love in Community

Growing up in a church where the average member clearly remembered the impact of World War II, I was much more familiar with the hymns and songs of the last century than the current one. We, of course, sang many hymns by the songwriter, Fanny Crosby, such as "Blessed Assurance". "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of heaven divine!" I can still hear the organ accompaniment. I remember singing that song, seeing other generations take that message to heart—that they were saved, that they had that blessed assurance—and wondering when I would start to feel that same sense of certainty and assurance.

This week's passage reiterates some of the most beautiful facts and promises of the Christian life and that there is a new way of life in Christ (10:19-25). It's beautiful. It's a blessed assurance.

It is often times a journey to accept and live into the love of God. To truly dwell in the fact that we are beloved children of the Divine not only because we are human beings (and God loves all human beings) but because of the unique factors that make us each an individual, is not something that happens instantaneously for everyone. Hebrews offers not only the list of promises, but also a way to move forward on that journey.

"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25)

It's the church. It's community. It's living together in both a spirit of confession and celebration. That's how we learn to accept our belovedness. That's how we show others they are beloved.

For those of us that still struggle with living in the truth of our blessed assurance, we are living in the reality of the not yet. It's not to say that it's... sinful, or wrong, or bad. It's to say that it is a reality and a struggle for some folks. It just is. But it stands as an opportunity for the church to be a source of affirmation and reminder of the truth of God's love for all. I love that our church can be that for everyone. We can be the source of love, the source of community for those that need to know God is for them. That nothing can separate us from the love of God. That Jesus is both waiting at the right hand of God for "his enemies... [to] be made a footstool for his feet" (Hebrews 10:13) and present with us. It's part of that beautiful mystery of faith.

I Love My Church and it's Community - *Stephanie Smith*

## Sunday, September 8, 2019

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

Hebrews 10:19-25

"Love in Community"

### Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 1, 2019)

Morning Worship: 386

Sunday School: not available

8:30AM: 59

9:01AM: 95

11:00AM: 141

REVIVE: 91

Offering Received: \$15,197.00

New Building Fund: \$150.00 (total \$71,162.47)

Special Offering: Altar/Acts - \$847.00

## Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on September 8 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Josh & Alawayne Nessmith*.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Bill Mathis, Jr. - Emory*

*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 Vaughn, 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*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### You are Invited!

The Joyseekers Sunday School Class invites you to join us in a study titled "I Said This, You Heard That - How Your Wiring Colors Your Communication." This is a 6 session series with the videos available for free in the App Store or Google Play. The Joyseekers meet in Room 214. We gather from 10AM-10:10AM with the lesson 10:10AM-10:45AM. (We will share these study materials with other classes if your class is interested.) If you have any questions, please call Debbie Walker, 912-682-9703.

*If you ever said the wrong thing - or said the right thing the wrong way - you know how quickly your mouth can make a big mess. But it doesn't have to be that way. This study explores how your wiring affects what you say, how you listen, and how others hear you. You'll learn a simple framework that will instantly improve your communication. And you'll see how advice from the apostle Paul thousands of years ago may have held the secret all along.*

### UMW Meeting - Monday, September 9

The Director of the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at Saint Simons is scheduled to speak at the United Methodist Women meeting Monday, September 9. Anne Packard serves as curator of the Museum at Epworth and is Archivist of the S. GA. Methodist Conference. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this special UMW meeting with refreshments and fellowship at 9:45AM, meeting begins at 10:00AM. Our speaker is responsible for protecting the Methodist archives from fire, flood, and vermin. With the threat of Hurricane Dorian approaching the islands as this notice is prepared, we expect Anne will have some very interesting stories to share with us Monday at UMW.

### Volunteers for September 8, 2019 (Second Sunday of September)

**Prayer Warriors:** Ronnie Hodges, Marcus Toole

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Bryan Burke

**8:30 Ushers:** Steve Garner

**9:01 Ushers:** Don Marsh, Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Sims Lanier

**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 (September 10):** John & Martha Ray



## SFUMC Students News

### **Sunday Night Surge - September 8**

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 - September 9**

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 - September 11**

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.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 8**

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  
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry, 206  
6:00PM - Surge, FH, YR

### **Monday, September 9**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
10:00AM - UMW Meeting, 306  
6:00PM - Trustees Meeting, Lib.

### **Tuesday, September 10**

2:00PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen  
6:00PM - Marcus Toole's Bible Study, 103  
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, September 11**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
4:30PM - Stephen Ministry Early Grp, Lib.  
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200  
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH  
6:00PM - Stephen Ministry Whole Grp, 201  
6:30PM - Adult Bible Studies  
6:45PM - Stephen Ministry Late Grp, Lib.  
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

### **Thursday, September 12**

6:00PM - Nominating Committee, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### **Friday, September 13**

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

### **Saturday, September 14**

8:00AM - Preschool Fire Training, 201  
9:00AM - Kairos Training, 306  
9:00AM - Habitat Board Meeting, 206  
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, September 8, 2019**

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

Marilynn Sellers

**Kids Worship:**

**9:00:** Sarah Akins, Christa Mallard

**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Lacy Kamppi

## Children's Ministries News

### Bulloch County Diaper Drive

Please consider donating a package of diapers to support a local diaper drive our church is supporting this month. Prevent Child Abuse Bulloch County and Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Resource Center are teaming up to help meet the needs of babies and mothers in our community. Diapers of any size are acceptable, and SFUMC is a drop off location for collecting diapers through Sunday, September 29. Thank you for your support!

### Save the Date

Please be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Harvest Festival scheduled for the evening of Sunday, October 27. This family fun event is open to the community and features a free meal, carnival games, rides, live music, animals, and more!

### 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

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

**Wednesday Night Menu - September 11 - 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.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

arr. John Longhurst

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together to worship,  
knowing that God is already here among us;  
**knowing that there is nothing that separates us  
from the presence of our Lord.**

Wherever we are, wherever we go,  
**God is near.**

So let us enter into this service of worship  
with confidence and hope,  
**knowing that God is already with us,  
and that He stands eager to meet us  
and bless us with His love.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #568 *“Christ for the World We Sing”*

**\*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)**

**MARILYNN SELLERS**

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

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

*Sing Unto the Lord*

Charles Yannerella

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM SIMS LANIER

**OFFERTORY**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Robert J. Powell

**\*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 #361 *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**

Hebrews 10:19-25

**MESSAGE**

*"Love in Community"*

REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #369 *"Blessed Assurance"*

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

*Deep Peace*

Linda Spevacek-Avery

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in F*

Herbert Arthur Chambers

*\*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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