



**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 15, 2019**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Suffering: What Can I Do?**

Every time we witness the devastation caused by a natural disaster such as a hurricane, earthquake, or tornado, we face the temptation of becoming overwhelmed by the enormity of the devastation of property and human lives. Sometimes that overwhelming feeling of frustration can lead to a "paralysis of analysis." This frustration causes us to ask, "What can I do?"

We have watched what Hurricane Dorian has done to the Bahamas and to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We have breathed a sigh of relief that the winds headed farther east and allowed us to escape any of the damages. Now is our time to put our faith into action. The very best relief that you can provide to the affected areas is to write a check payable to SFUMC and designate it to UMCOR Bahamas Hurricane Relief.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the relief agency of The United Methodist Church. Our church is already on the ground helping people evacuate, providing basic supplies, and helping displaced residents find temporary shelter and a place to live. We have people on the ground who are also listening to survivor's stories and discovering ways to offer counseling and spiritual support.

Every penny that we give goes directly to help survivors. Not a penny is spent on a postage stamp, paying someone's salary, or paying any other administrative costs.

Our church is also partnering locally with Bulloch VOAD to adopt one of the many Bahamian students who are here in Statesboro. You will be hearing more about this partnership in the days ahead.

This Sunday is also the time designated for us to give to the work of the Methodist Home for Children and Youth. The Methodist Home began in the late 1800's as an orphanage. Today none of the residents are orphans; many are children who have been abused physically or sexually by family members. The Methodist Home is bringing about healing and wholeness to lives who have been devastated by the cruelty of others.

I realize that appealing to the church on behalf of two different causes creates a tension in deciding how much one can afford to give to each request. However, this church is a generous church, and both appeals are attempts to help victims become survivors.

*-Pastor Jimmy*

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

Acts 4:32-35

"Love by Giving"

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 8, 2019)**

**Morning Worship: 486**

**Sunday School: 235**

8:30AM: 55

9:01AM: 126

11:00AM: 217

REVIVE: 88

Offering Received: \$20,857.15

New Building Fund: \$485.00 (total \$71,647.47)

Special Offering: UMCOR/Bahamas - \$835.00

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

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

*Sara Betty Cook - Encompass Rehab, Savannah*

*Ed Akins - Home from hospital*

**Ongoing:** *Carter Berkeley, Stacy Spence, Bill Mathis Sr., Fred Maddox, Marshall Thigpen, George Ann Thigpen, 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*

Thank you for all of the prayers during my recent accident and recovery. They are greatly appreciated. - *Stacy Spence*

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Let Us Be the Hearts and Hands of Jesus

Please support "Patrick's Journey" BBQ Chicken Dinner. Proceeds will benefit a bone marrow transplant for Patrick Edenfield, son of Kathy and Doy Edenfield. Tickets cost \$10 and will be on sale until September 20. They can be purchased in the Church Office or through Mike or Cathy Rollins or Olin Lovett. Meals are to be picked up Friday, September 27 from 11:00AM-2:00PM at the Honey Bowen Building Senior Center Entrance.

### UMM Meet & Greet

Our September Men's Meet & Greet will be Sunday, September 15 at 6PM at the Hodges-Yawn Pond House. The menu will feature BBQ ribs cooked by Clark Collins' team, with several side dishes, drink & dessert. This is one meal you don't want to miss! All men of the church are invited to attend. Bring a friend, your son, or grandson. Let's lead by example. As we have in the previous Meet and Greet meetings, we will enjoy a meal, share some important announcements, get updated on our Prayer & Praise list, have a devotion, and hear a special testimony. Attendance has been great so come and join your fellow church members for Christian fellowship.

### Magnolia Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 25 from 2:30PM-4:00PM we will meet in Room 201 and get information about our Fall Bible Study. We are going to study "Twelve More Women of the Bible", study guide by Sherry Harney. If you are interested please join us!

### Volunteers for September 15, 2019 (Third Sunday of September)

**Prayer Warriors:** Joel & Nancy Martin

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Joel Martin

**8:30 Ushers:** Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

**9:01 Ushers:** Jason Parker, Linda Akins, Ed Akins

**11:00 Lay Liturgist:** Martha Ray

**11:00 Ushers:** Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Fred Shearouse, John Lee, Rawls Neville

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

**Greeters:** Anne Allen, Anne Williamson, Lisa Lee, Pam Smith, Kathleen Modd

**Meals On Wheels (September 17):** Buck Ford



## SFUMC Students News

### **NO Sunday Night Surge - September 15**

We will **not** have Surge tonight, Sunday, September 15, due to the Middle School Retreat.

### **NO Breakfast Club - September 16**

We will **not** have Breakfast Club Monday, September 16 due to the Middle School Retreat.

### **Small Groups - September 18**

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.

### **High School Retreat - November 1-3**

If you have a High School Student, you will not want them to miss out on our Fall Retreat! We will be going to the Mann Center, here in Statesboro, November 1 (we will leave after school) and return home November 3. This trip is local so it can be more convenient for students who have sports commitments. The cost is \$60 which includes everything! This will be a time for students to unplug and grow in their faith. Sign ups are now open for this trip so please let Becca know if your student would like to attend, [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com).

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### **Constitution Week**

The Archibald Bulloch Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution remind you that September 17-23 is Constitution Week. Our Constitution is 232 years old.

## Our Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 15**

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, 206

### **Monday, September 16**

10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201  
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306  
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103  
6:00PM - Staff Parish Committee Mtg, Lib.

### **Tuesday, September 17**

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, September 18**

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 19**

4:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Lib.  
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### **Friday, September 20**

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

### **Saturday, September 21**

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



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, September 15, 2019**

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

Lydia Cross

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## 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. Diapers are being collected in a box located in the Gathering Area outside of the Sanctuary. 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 18 - 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.

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Introduction, Fugue and Toccata on "O Praise Ye the Lord"*

arr. Kenneth Lowenberg

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is God's day and God's people.

**Let us come into God's house with thanksgiving.**

Let us lift up our hearts with gladness.

**Let us sing praises to God's name forever and ever.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #139 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**\*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)**

**LYDIA CROSS**

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

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

*The Journey*

arr. Larry Shackley

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
OFFERTORY PRAYER  
8:30AM JOEL MARTIN; 11:00AM MARTHA RAY

**OFFERTORY**  
*Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*  
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 #534 *“Be Still, My Soul”*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**  
Acts 4:32-35

**MESSAGE**  
*“Love by Giving”*  
REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**  
Hymn #600 *“Wonderful Words of Life”*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**  
*Deep Peace*  
Linda Spevacek-Avery

**POSTLUDE**  
*Postlude in D*  
*Vincent Novello*

*\*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.