



**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 22, 2019

Worship Services:

Sunday School:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Generosity in Times of Grief

Our United Methodist Women (UMW) provides many valuable services to our church and also supports the cause of missions around the world. Many of our people may not be aware of the bereavement meals that are provided to the family when a member of our church dies. Several years ago John and Bab Lindsey began a "Funeral Meal Fund" which paid for the meat at each of these meals. As long as they were alive, the Lindsey's gave financially to this fund which allowed us to maintain a healthy balance. Although a few people along with grateful family members have also contributed, when John and Bab died, this fund began to decline. At their recent Board meeting, the Trustees voted to give \$2,000 out of undesigned Memorials to this fund so that the UMW would be able to continue this very much appreciated service.

I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank the many members of the UMW for the time they devote to helping family members cope with the death of a loved one. The different circles serve on a rotating basis so that when there is a death, the appropriate circle leader is called. These women immediately inquire from the family as to the number of persons they will need to serve. The time is set once funeral arrangements have been made, and then the women cook some of the best "Southern cooking" one will ever taste. Most of the time, these meals are held in Room 306 instead of the Fellowship Hall. State regulations will not allow us to use the Fellowship Hall during Preschool hours Monday through Friday. On Saturdays, our Soup Kitchen is held in the Fellowship Hall. I am so grateful that these women appreciate and understand how the lack of space impacts this much-needed ministry. If you would like to contribute to the Funeral Meal Fund, you may do so by making your check payable to the church and designating it for funeral meals.

Memorial Funds

Instead of sending flowers to the funeral of a family member or friend, many times we send the church a check to the Memorial Fund in memory of that person. Sometimes the family will designate a particular fund that they desire for memorials to be used. These gifts could be designated for the New Building, the Music Fund, the Lindsey Funeral Meal fund, Backpack Buddies, Helping Hands, Childrens' Ministry, or Youth Ministry. When a giver designates a particular ministry to which they wish for their donation to be used, that gift goes directly to that designated fund. However, (and this the case most of the time), if there is nothing designated, then that gift goes into an undesigned Memorial Fund managed by the Trustees. As that fund grows, the Trustees are then able to approve purchases that benefit the church. As always, I continue to be grateful for the overwhelming generosity of this congregation. You continue to make a difference in people's lives. *-Pastor Jimmy*

Sunday, September 22, 2019

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

I Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 12:3-8

"I Love My Church by Serving"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 15, 2019)

Morning Worship: 523

Sunday School: 273

8:30AM: 44

9:01AM: 117

11:00AM: 249

REVIVE: 113

Offering Received: \$15,086.16

New Building Fund: \$110.00 (total \$71,817.47)

Special Offering: UMCOR/Bahamas - \$5,050.00 (total \$5,885.00)

Methodist Children's Home - \$1,325.00

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Bill Mathis, Jr. - Atlanta*
Sara Betty Cook - Home from Rehab
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, Mike Beasley, Jim Long, Brian Harrison, Daryl Harrison, Steve Piazza, 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*

Our family truly appreciates the outpouring of love and prayers that we received during Tommie's illness and recent passing. We are grateful to have such a loving church family.

-Linda Rushing

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

August 2019 Financial Update

Budget Donations in August: \$86,157.47

Budget Spending in August: \$135,089.55

August Deficit: -\$48,932.18

Budget Donations January through August 2019: \$890,372.51

Budget Spending January through August 2019: \$1,017,126.32

Year-to-Date Deficit: - \$126,753.81

In 2018, the Year-to Date Deficit was -\$226,495.42

Magnolia Bible Study - Starts this Wednesday!

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!

Wednesday Night Menu - September 25 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shug's: Chicken Fingers, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Roll

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 22, 2019 (Fourth Sunday of September)

Prayer Warriors: Russ & Joy Lanier

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Russ Lanier

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Brian Thomas

11:00 Ushers: Mike Rollins, JJ Altman, Jack Bailey, Anthony Waters, Wayne Laircey, Russ Lanier, John Hatcher

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

Greeters: Linda Rushing, Suzan Laircey, Grace Adams Stewart, Ellen Lanier

Meals On Wheels (September 24): Mike & Pat Pontieri



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - September 22

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 23

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 25

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.

Fields of Faith - October 9

This is an event where students and families from all Bulloch County schools unite together for their faith. This event is free and open for all middle and high school students (and their families if they wish to attend). It will be held at the Statesboro High School football stadium from 7:30PM- 9PM. This will be a time for the community to come together and worship. I encourage you and your family to join us for this event. Our student ministry will be going out to eat with their small groups prior to this event. We will meet in the Youth Room at 6:00PM. Small groups will transport students to dinner and then to SHS for Fields of Faith. Parents will be responsible for picking up students from SHS at 9PM.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, September 22

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, MS/HS, YR, FH

Monday, September 23

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
6:00PM - Finance Committee Mtg, 213

Tuesday, September 24

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
6:00PM - Nominating Committee Mtg, Lib.

Wednesday, September 25

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
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 26

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

9:00AM - KAIROS Training, 306
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, September 22, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jimmy Cason

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Laura Gordon

11:00: Sarah Akins, Renee Perry

Children's Ministries News

Bulloch County Diaper Drive

We are participating in a diaper drive in support of Prevent Child Abuse Bulloch County and Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Resource Center. Please consider donating diapers of any size. These are being collected in the Church Office, or in the drop box in the Gathering Area just outside of the Sanctuary. Diapers are being collected for babies in our community through Sunday, September 29. Thank you!

Harvest Festival - October 27

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Harvest Festival scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 5:00PM-7:00PM. This family fun event is free, and open to the community. There are carnival games, rides, live music, animals, face painting, a hayride, and more!

Grilling to Serve

We are looking for volunteers to help grill hot dogs Sunday afternoon, October 27, for our annual Harvest Festival. These will be prepared before the event, with Jake Collins coordinating. Several hands are needed to feed a crowd of around 600 people. If this is an area you might enjoy serving, please contact Jake (912-678-6329) for more details. Thanks!

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 22, 2019
LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

God Is Here
arr. David Cherwien

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Amidst the forces of death and destruction,
It takes a church to save us;
Through the winds and waves of a storm,
It takes Christians with bold courage to pull us
from the storms of life.
It takes mercy and compassion to reveal the face of God.
May our service display hearts of love toward others

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #117 "O God, our Help in Ages Past"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
The Apostles' Creed #881 Hymnal

***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)

JIMMY CASON

(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 to the Lord a New Song
Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Hal Hopson

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM RUSS LANIER; 11:00AM BRIAN THOMAS

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck

JAMES ALLEN, SOLOIST

*O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.*

Help us to know Thee,

Know Thee and love Thee;

Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;

Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts,

Keep Thine our wandering thoughts;

In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;

And in temptation's hour,

Save through Thy mighty power,

Thine aid, O send us;

Hear us in mercy.

Show us Thy favor,

So shall we live and sing praise to Thee.

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #530 "Are Ye Able"

***SCRIPTURE READING**

I Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 12:3-8

MESSAGE

"I Love My Church by Serving"

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #368 "My Hope Is Built"

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Deep Peace

Linda Spevacek-Avery

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Theodore Dubois

**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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