



September 29, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Love By Sharing**

We sprinkle salt on our meat and potatoes and stir a pinch into our cake batter and bread dough. But if we go without, our meal tastes a bit bland and our baked goods flavorless. That's because salt brings out the flavor and adds strength to the dough. A lot isn't needed, but you can definitely tell the difference without it.

In the same way, God's people are sprinkled into many different places in this world—different work spaces, different families, different economic statuses, and different hometowns. And we've also been stirred into different mixtures with different ingredients—one person may have a heart for the homeless, be struggling through a divorce, and heavily involved in their child's sports team; while you are passionate about animals, have experience in retail, and are facing an overwhelming amount of debt.

Regardless of our differences, Jesus told His disciples the same thing: "You are the salt of the earth."

While the rest of this world is complaining about how bland and sour this world may be, God's people are called to bring out the flavor by showing them the abundant life Jesus came to give. And while trials and circumstances can deflate a non-believer, God calls Christ-followers to strengthen and encourage one another to rise again in the power of the Holy Spirit.

There may not be a lot of other Christians in your office, neighborhood, friend group, or family. But just like with the amount of salt on our steak and in our pancake mix, a lot isn't needed; God's grace is sufficient and His power is made perfect in our weakness, limitations, and minority. But every single believer is called to show up, shine God's light, and sprinkle salt into this world, because if we don't—and instead, lose our saltiness—the rest of His body will definitely be able to tell the difference.

Together, as a church and the light of the world, may we let our good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise our holy God.

Let us Love by Sharing,  
*Stephanie*

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Stephanie Smith

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Jimmy Cason

Matthew 5:13-16

"I Love My Church by Sharing"

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, September 22, 2019)**

Morning Worship: 445

Sunday School: 276

8:30AM: 56

9:01AM: 105

11:00AM: 184

REVIVE: 100

Offering Received: \$40,303.09

New Building Fund: \$100.00 (total \$71,917.47)

Special Offering: UMCOR/Bahamas - \$3,650.00 (total \$9,535.00)

# Our Church Family

## Prayer Concerns

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

**Ongoing:** *Sara Betty Cook, Ed Akins, Carter Berkeley, 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*

## 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*

### First Sundays are for Food Bank

Please note your calendars for the first Sunday of each month and bring non-perishable food for the Statesboro Food Bank. **They are especially in need of powdered milk, along with cereals and other grain products.** Red wagons for your donations are placed in the Narthex and near the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Thanks for having big hearts, SFUMC!



### Home Communion

Home communion is available to any who cannot be at a worship service. Please call Nora Ford (687-6169) if you would like for someone to come to your home.

### Wednesday Night Menu - October 2 - 5:30PM

*Baldinos: Spaghetti, salad, rolls, 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 29, 2019 (Fifth Sunday of September)

**Prayer Warriors:** Anthony & Sally Waters

**8:30 Lay Liturgist:** Ken LeCain

**8:30 Ushers:** Wayne Laircey, Will Altman

**9:01 Ushers:** Bird Hodges, Warren Ball, Roxella Ball

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

**11:00 Ushers:** Anthony Waters, Randy Hill, Everett Kennedy, Rick Smith, Lee Waters, Blake Thompson (Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

**Greeters:** Jane Yawn, Becky Renfroe

**Meals On Wheels (October 1):** Pam Powell, Janice Wilbanks



## SFUMC Students News

### **Sunday Night Surge - September 29**

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 30**

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 - October 2**

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 29**

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 30**

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306  
6:00PM - Church Council Mtg, 306

### **Tuesday, October 1**

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

### **Wednesday, October 2**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
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, October 3**

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

### **Friday, October 4**

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

### **Saturday, October 5**

8:00AM - Stephen Ministry Retreat, 306  
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

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

Martha Ray

**Kids Worship:**

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

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

## Children's Ministries News

### Diapers Collected

As of September 23 we have collected nearly 1,400 diapers to support Prevent Child Abuse Bulloch County and Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Resource Center. Diapers of all sizes are still being collected in the Church Office. You may also drop them off in the marked box located in the Gathering Area. Thank you for your generous donations!

### Harvest Festival - October 27

Our annual Harvest Festival is 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. Volunteers are needed! If you are not already contributing as part of a Sunday school class, please contact Sarah or Jodie to help serve at this event (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

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### Operation Christmas Child

Even though it doesn't feel like Fall, it's time for Operation Christmas Child - the Shoebox Ministry. This is our annual outreach mission for children in many countries by special representatives of Samaritan's Purse. We provide the little gifts and they provide the Christian literature. Flyers and more information will be available soon.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

**LITURGICAL COLOR: RED**

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*Come Though Almighty King*

arr. Mary Kay Parrish

CHANCEL RINGERS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God said, "Let there be light."

**And there was light.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

**And the light shone in the darkness.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

**And the light shall not be quenched.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #277 *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"*

**\*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)**

**MARTHA RAY**

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

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

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM KEN LeCAIN; 11:00AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER

**OFFERTORY**

*Breathe*

arr. Derek Hakes

CHANCEL RINGERS

**\*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**

Matthew 5:13-16

**MESSAGE**

*"I Love My Church by Sharing"*

REV. STEPHANIE SMITH

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #571 *"Go Make of All Disciples"*

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

*Deep Peace*

Linda Spevacek-Avery

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro*

William Boyce

*\*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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