



**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

November 24, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Save the Date!

Sunday, December 1

First Sunday of Advent (*No Communion*)

Wednesday, December 4

Children's Christmas Program at 6PM

Sunday, December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Handbell Choir will perform at 8:30AM & 11AM Traditional Services

This Wondrous Night presented by the Georgia Southern Chorale Department and the SFUMC Chancel Choir at 3PM and 6PM

Wednesday, December 11

Youth Christmas Party 6:30-8:30PM

Sunday, December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

GSU Brass accompaniment at 8:30AM & 11AM Traditional Services

Chancel Choir *Lessons and Carols* at 5PM with Reception to follow

Wednesday, December 18

Preschool Christmas Program at 10AM

Thursday, December 19

Service of Light at First Presbyterian at 6PM

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Communion and Candlelight Services at 4PM, 5:30PM and 6:30PM

Sunday, December 29

Combined worship service at 11AM

(No Sunday School or Kid's Worship but a nursery will be provided)

Sunday, November 24, 2019

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

Luke 23:33-43

"God's Promises for Heaven"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 17, 2019)

Morning Worship: 507

Sunday School: 270

8:30AM: 61

9:01AM: 176

11:00AM: 187

REVIVE: 83

Offering Received: \$15,644.55

New Building Fund: \$20.00 (total \$73,043.73)

Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on November 24 are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of *Kathy Brunson* by *Hoke Brunson*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Anne Allen - Home from hospital*
Janette Johnson - Metter Swing Bed

Ongoing: *Connie Hodges, Charlie Christmas, Greyson Kennedy, Joyce Bohler, Bill Mathis Jr., Sue Brammar, Joel Martin, Barbara Fox, Ed Akins, Sara Betty Cook, Carter Berkeley, Frances Humphrey, Bill Mathis Sr., Fred Maddox, Ken Whitaker, Marshall Thigpen, George Ann Thigpen, Peggie Herrington, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Mike Beasley, Jim Long, Brian Harrison, Daryl Harrison, Shirley Connell, Lloyd Jones, Diane Deloach, Steve Piazza*

Care Facilities: *Willow Pond - Willie Coleman, Carolyn McCarty*
Southern Manor - Jean Braswell, Libby Hutcheson *Brown's - John Gould*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

UMW Cookbooks & Cards

Today, just in time for Thanksgiving, beautifully wrapped SFUMC cookbooks and Christmas cards will be available for sale in the Gathering Area. Stop by and pick up a Christmas or Thanksgiving gift with recipes from some of our church's best cooks. All proceeds benefit UMW missions.

Christmas Wrappers Needed

Join us in this simple mission! Again this year, volunteers will provide a free wrapping service on Saturday, December 14 and Saturday, December 21 from 10AM-5PM at the Bealls Outlet at the mall. If you would like to help, contact Eleanor Schneider, 682-3426.

Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen - December 14

Thank you to all who have contributed Halloween candy, hygiene items, and other gift items for the Christmas Bundles Soup Kitchen scheduled for December 14. Your response has really helped this year's efforts! Workshops to assemble and wrap the bundles will continue on Sunday and Tuesday afternoons likely even around Thanksgiving. Help with transportation of the bundles to the church on Friday afternoon December 13 and distribution of the bundles at the soup kitchen on December 14 is welcomed. For more information email saramelford@gmail.com.

Angel Tree

"Angel Tree" is a ministry of our church in partnership with Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners in our area. "Angel Tree" has been contacted and we have received the names of 38 children in 23 families. The tree is ready to have names picked up and will continue until all names are taken. After selecting your "Angel" please find the code for the Angel and fill in your name, phone number and email on the sheet beside that code. Each gift should cost between \$20-\$25. Please wrap your gift and place the "Angel" sticker on the outside of the gift so we can get it to the correct child. Gifts need to be back to the church no later than December 15. Volunteers will be needed to help sort and deliver packages between December 16-24. If you feel lead to help serve in this ministry please contact Nancy Martin (912-690-1042 or metterbetter500@yahoo.com) or Hilda Dutrow (912-764-6609). Thank you in advance for considering this ministry as part of your "Christmas" celebration.



SFUMC Students News

NO Sunday Night Surge - November 24

We will not have Sunday Night Surge due to the Thanksgiving Holiday break.

NO Breakfast Club - November 25

We will not have Breakfast Club due to the Thanksgiving Holiday break.

NO Small Groups - November 27

We will not have small groups this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday break. We will resume next week, December 4, when our small groups will meet to go out to eat.

The Passion Conference - December 31 – January 2

This is a college Christian conference that allows High School Seniors to attend. It is 3 days of incredible teaching and worship, which will challenge and encourage your student in their faith! This trip is only open to Seniors and we only have 2 tickets left! The total cost will be \$215, which includes hotel, ticket, transportation, and one lunch. If your student would like to sign up please let Becca know, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

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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!



Decorating for Advent TODAY

Don't forget today, Sunday, November 24 we will be decorating the church for the Advent season. We will be starting at 2PM. All are welcome!

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, November 24

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
2:00PM - Decorating for Advent

Monday, November 25

No Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, November 26

10:00AM - *Through It All* Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, November 27

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Thursday, November 28

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Friday, November 29

Church Office & Preschool Closed

Saturday, November 30

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Jimmy Cason

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Final Kids JAM Rehearsal

Our final Kids JAM rehearsal for the children's Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 1, 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Children's Ministry

We will not meet this week, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, but the following Wednesday, December 4, is the children's Christmas program!!



Children's Christmas Program December 4

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a Christmas musical presented by children in Pre-K through 5th grade! A special meal will be served at 5:15PM, and coffee and desserts will follow the program. We invite and encourage all of our church family, and community, to come support the Kids JAM children's choir and greet the Advent season with a heart focused on acts of kindness!

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

2020 Nominated Officers

A list of the Nominated Officers for 2020 can be found in the Gathering Area. Please feel free to take a copy.

Attention All Church Members

One of the missions of our church is to minister to our shut-ins and those with on-going illnesses. If you can and will crochet, knit or sew a lap throw or shawl please contact Jo Ann Marsh (682-4299) or Peggie Herrington (682-1880).

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

GATHERING

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

arr. Jacob B. Weber

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Enter God's gates with gladness.

Enter God's courts with praise.

For we are God's people.

the sheep of God's pasture.

Serve God with joyful hearts.

Love God by showing justice and mercy.

Enter God's gates with gladness.

Enter God's courts with praise.

-Adapted from Psalm 100 and Matthew 25

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #102 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

***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

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)

Let All Things Give Thanks

Don Hart

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM JOEL MARTIN; 11:00AM HUGHES WILLIAMSON

OFFERTORY

Fanfare on ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

arr. Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymn #530 "Are Ye Able"

*SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:33-43

MESSAGE

"God's Promises for Heaven"

REV. JIMMY CASON

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Hymn #733 "Marching to Zion"

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Leland Sateren/arr. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

arr. Dennis Eliot

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Volunteers for November 24, 2019 (Fourth Sunday of November)

Prayer Warriors: Clark & Jane DeLoach

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Joel Martin

8:30 Ushers: Ken LeCain, Max Manack

9:01 Ushers: Chris Bishop, Tonya Bishop

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Hughes Williamson

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 (November 26): Mike & Pat Pontieri

*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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