



December 1, 2019

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment

Please join us for CAKE this Wednesday, December 4, at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a musical centered around acts of kindness throughout the Christmas season. The children's choir presents CAKE: Christmas Acts of Kindness Experiment, by Dana Anderson and Diane Dawson, as an act of worship during this season of love and giving. Children in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade will sing of God's love for us and the kindness that stems from giving and receiving such love.

Dinner is available prior to the program and includes Chick-fil-A sandwiches and nuggets, fruit, and salad. Meal tickets cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. The serving line opens at 5:15PM for dinner, and coffee and desserts will be shared following the program. Advanced reservations are not required.

We invite and encourage our church family and friends to come support the children and greet the Advent season with hearts focused on Jesus and the incomparable love and kindness he offers each one of us!



Sunday, December 1, 2019

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

Matthew 24:36-44

"When God Surprises You: Keep Awake"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, November 24, 2019)

Morning Worship: 500

Sunday School: 277

8:30AM: 50

9:01AM: 178

11:00AM: 201

REVIVE: 71

Offering Received: \$27,949.00

New Building Fund: \$10.00 (total \$73,053.73)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Janette Johnson - Metter Swing Bed*

Ongoing: *Anne Allen, 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

Thank You!

Thank you to the following people who helped decorate the church so beautifully for the Advent season: Olin & Cynthia Lovett, Ricky & Beth Turner, Warren & Roxella Ball, Bill & Marilyn Sellers, Jim & Pam Campbell, Bobby & Heidi Coble, Jada Coble, Rick & Pam Smith, Shane Geurin, Mr. Arnold, Stephanie Smith, Addison & Lilly Grace, Janice Smith, Carole Renfroe, Nikkia Mathis, Caroline & Marybeth, Hoke Brunson, Jodie Hendrix, Sally Waters, Natalie Neville, Kennedy Neville, Chantel Webb, Lauren Fowler & Audrey, Lane Aaron, Lorelei Prosser, Meredith & Regan Spandle, Reagan Mays, Leah Cate Henry, Savannah Gordon, Saylor Mallard, Claire Coulter, Caroline Toussaint.

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. 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.

UMW Cookbooks & Cards

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

Volunteers for December 1, 2019 (First Sunday of December)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Betty Hatcher

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bryan Burke

8:30 Ushers: Bird Hodges, Brannen Hodges

9:01 Ushers: Alice Hall, Darryl Hopkins, Stephanie Owens, Rodney Fowler

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Anthony Waters

11:00 Ushers: Bill Moore, Jim Campbell, Ronnie Ruffo, Hoke Brunson, Tal Johnson, Steve Harper, Robert Prosser

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

Greeters: Janet Mathis, Betty F. Hodges, Carol Ruffo

Meals On Wheels (December 3): Karen David



SFUMC Students News

Combined Sunday Night Surge - December 1

Middle School and High School students will meet from 6:00PM-7:30PM in the Youth Room. This is our weekly large group meeting where students participate in games, food, worship, and a message. Cost for dinner is \$2.

Breakfast Club - December 2

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 - December 4

Our student ministry will be going out to eat with their small groups this Wednesday. We will meet in the Youth Room at 6:00PM. Small groups will transport students to dinner and they will be back at the church and ready to be picked up at 8PM.

Winter Retreat - February 20-24

We are headed to Ghent, West Virginia to go skiing/snowboarding at Winter Place Ski Resort! We will be staying at Glade Spring Resort in the Chestnut Houses. It's an awesome trip full of fun and worship opportunities! Even if your student hasn't skied before, this is still a great trip for them. We have taught many students over the years how to ski/snowboard, so don't worry! Cost for the trip is \$300 which includes rentals, ski lift, transportation, lodging, and food while there. Sign ups are now open for this trip, with a limited amount of space available. Please let Becca know if you'd like to sign your student up or if you'd like more information, bbrown@statesborofirst.com.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, December 1

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 - Kids JAM Rehearsal, FH
4:00PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
6:00PM - Combined Surge, YR

Monday, December 2

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
6:00PM - Trustees Mtg, Lib.

Tuesday, December 3

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

Wednesday, December 4

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
4:30PM - Stephen Ministry Early Grp, Lib.
5:15PM - Wednesday Night Dinner, FH
6:00PM - Kid's Ministry Musical, FH
6:00PM - Stephen Ministry Whole Grp, 201
6:45PM - Stephen Ministry Late Grp, Lib.
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, December 5

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

8:00AM - GSU Rehearsal, Sanct.
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
McCall Fitzner

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Final Kids JAM Rehearsal Today

Children participating in the children's Christmas program on December 4 will have a final rehearsal today from 4:00PM-6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall. This includes children in Pre-K through 5th grade.

Christmas Eve Nativity

Children in Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to participate in the 4:00PM Christmas Eve service as part of the live nativity. This includes dressing as shepherds, angels, animals, kings, and Mary & Joseph. Older children often participate as scripture readers. Please contact Sarah or Jodie by December 15 if your child would like a special part in this Christmas Eve service held in the Sanctuary (sakins@statesborofirst.com or jhendrix@statesborofirst.com).

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Important Notice from the Business Administrator

Due to Federal tax laws, **all donations to be included on your 2019 statement must be made by December 31, 2019.** Any checks given or postmarked after that date cannot be listed on your 2019 statement regardless of the date on the check. Donations received after this date will be put on your 2020 contribution statement.

Final statements for 2019 will be sent out in early January. Please review your statement as soon as possible.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2019 income tax return until you have received written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.

Also, **when making prepaid contributions toward your 2020 pledge in 2019,** you must write "**2020**" **pledge** on the memo line of your check.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Robin Kersey

SFUMC Business Administrator

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

GATHERING

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL

arr. Page Long

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

I was glad when they said to me.

Let us go to the house of the Lord!

When will the long night of war and hatred give way

To the dawn of love, righteousness and joy?

Let us allow the light of the Prince of Peace shine into our world.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

8:30AM Service - BRYAN BURKE

11:00AM Service - RYAN & MELISSA QUICK, LILA CATE, ELLA ANNE

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #213 *"Lift Up Ye Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*

***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)

MCCALL FITZNER

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Hark the Glad Sound

arr. Raymond Haan

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM ANTHONY WATERS

OFFERTORY

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599

Johann Sebastian Bach

***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 #196 *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

***SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 24:36-44

MESSAGE

“When God Surprises You: Keep Awake”

REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #715 *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Glory to God in the Highest

John Menzies MacFarlane

POSTLUDE

Tell Out My Soul

arr. Paul Manz

**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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