



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

February 2, 2020

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis - UMW Sunday Speaker

Today we welcome a native daughter back home. Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, resident bishop of the Richmond episcopal area, became the first African-American woman to be elected bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church in 2016.

Prior to her episcopal assignment, she held a distinguished record of service in the North Georgia Conference including her appointment as district superintendent of the Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District in 2010. In 2007, Bishop Lewis' remarkable pastoral leadership at Wesley Chapel, a three-year tenure, led to over 600 new and restored members and worship attendance doubled. The North Georgia Conference honored Bishop Lewis by electing her as the first African-American female to lead the delegation to the 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. In 2015, she was once again voted to lead the delegation to the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Bishop Lewis was born and raised in Statesboro, Georgia in a loving Methodist family where individuals have answered God's call to serve the church and minister to God's people. A graduate of Mercer Univeristy (B.S., Biology, 1985) the University of West Georgia (M.S., Biology, 1988) and Gammon Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center (M. Div., 1999), Bishop Lewis worked as a research biologist and chemist prior to surrendering to God's call upon her life. She has led mission experiences in Jamaica, Kenya and the Philippines.

Welcome back home, Bishop Lewis. She will be preaching at the 9:01 Contemporary Service and at the 11AM Traditional Service.

Holy Communion - Next Sunday

Statesboro First United Methodist Church practices monthly communion. Our typical time is the first Sunday of the month. However, this month we will celebrate communion in all four of our worship services on Sunday, February 9, 2020. In addition to our worship services, we have servers take communion to our shut ins and homebound. If you know of someone who would like to receive communion at home please contact the Church Office.

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:30AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith
9:01AM & 11:00AM - Bishop Sharma Lewis

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, January 26, 2020)

Morning Worship: 536

Sunday School: 277

8:30AM: 62

9:01AM: 169

11:00AM: 217

REVIVE: 88

Offering Received: \$21,202.00
New Building Fund: \$10.00 (total \$76,859.92)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

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

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

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UMW Sunday & February General Meeting

Methodist women have been meeting together for over 150 years in mission groups to serve women, children and youth in their home churches and around the world. This Sunday we celebrate that legacy with UMW Sunday. We also invite all women of SFUMC to participate in the local unit activities. Join us, Monday, February 10 in Room 306 for our monthly General Meeting. Fellowship begins at 9:45AM followed by our business meeting at 10AM.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life will be held in downtown Statesboro on Friday, April 24 and our church has a team. If you are interested in participating contact Carole Cox (carolecox@hotmail.com). There are several ways you can help raise funds for the fight against cancer:

1. Make a donation.
2. Buy a luminaria in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one beginning February 9 either after the 8:30AM service or before the 11AM service in the Gathering Area.
3. Support our biggest fundraiser - a Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, March 4 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.
4. Visit Panera Bread and save your receipts. A box is outside the Church Office through May 10. Panera will give our team 15% of the collected receipts.

Please pray the funds raised through Relay for Life will help find a cure for this widespread disease.



Save the Date - UMM Ladies Night

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 11 at 7PM. The United Methodist Men will be hosting a Ladies Night. More details to come.

Volunteers for February 2, 2020 (First Sunday of February)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Janet Mathis

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Eleanor Schneider

8:30 Ushers: Marinell Armstrong, Martha Wells

9:01 Ushers: Roxella Ball, Nancy Martin, Stephanie Owens, Karen David, Alice Hall

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Leslie Fletcher

11:00 Ushers: Hilda Dutrow, Becky Holmes, Marilyn Sellers, Carole Cox, Pam Campbell
(Balcony: Becky Renfroe, Fay Foy Franklin)

Greeters: Sally Waters, Martha Ray

Meals On Wheels (February 4): Sue Avra, Marinell Armstrong



SFUMC Students News

Pre-Super Bowl Party at Sunday Night Surge - February 2

This Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday and our Student Ministry will be celebrating with a pre-game party! Middle and High School students will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5PM-6:30PM. We will have food, games, worship, and a sports related testimony. We hope your student will make plans to join us!

Breakfast Club - February 3

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 - February 5

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.

By Design - March 22

Our Student Ministry will be hosting a day retreat devoted to learning God's design for us as men and women. This event is for both Middle and High School students. By Design will take place on March 22, directly following our 11AM church service. The guys and girls will have their own schedule of events for the day. The total cost for the day is \$35 which includes all meals and activities. This is an event you do not want your student to miss out on! Sign ups are open now.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, February 2

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 - Stephen Ministry Training, 206
5:00PM - Surge Pre-Super Bowl Party, FH

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

10:00AM - Through It All Bible Study, 212
5:30PM - PS Board Mtg, PS Director Office
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, February 5

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study, 213
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200
5:30PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
6:00PM - Stephen Ministry Con't Ed, Lib.
6:30PM - Adult Bible Studies
6:45PM - Stephen Ministry Superv. Grp, Lib.
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 6

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 8

8:00AM - Emmaus Training, 2nd floor, 306
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Nora Ford

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Jenny Coulter

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Please join us for dinner at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall

Children's WNM Schedule:

- 5:15PM-6:00PM Kids JAM children's choir (PreK-5th Grade)
- 6:30PM-7:30 Team Kid small groups (PreK-5th Grade)

Upcoming Children's Ministry Calendar Dates

February 2: 5th Grade Sunday school class collecting over the counter cold meds for Open Hearts Community Mission

March 15: Kids JAM singing in 11:00AM traditional worship

May 3: Children's Sunday in 901 worship; Doggie Sunday Funday 4PM

June 1-5: Vacation Bible School (9AM-12PM)

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5th Grade Sunday School Collecting Medicine

The 5th grade Sunday School Class is sponsoring a drive for over-the-counter medicines for the cold and flu season. These products will be given to the Open Hearts Community Mission for the homeless residents there. There is a green box outside of the Church Office for your donations. Some suggestions - Mucinex, cough medicine, Tylenol, Triaminic, Vicks vapor rub, cough drops or anything else your family may use on sick days. Thank you in advance!

Wednesday Night Menu - February 5 - 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.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

GATHERING
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Beautiful Savior
arr. Lani Smith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is our refuge and strength,
A Very Present Help in time of trouble.
Be still and know that I am God.
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

- selected verses from Psalm 46

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #600 *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

***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.

A WORD FROM OUR UMW PRESIDENT (11:00AM Service)

CATHY ROLLINS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (11:00AM)

NORA FORD

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

ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)

Tell It to the Nations

arr. Keith Christopher

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM ELEANOR SCHNEIDER; 11:00AM LESLIE FLETCHER

OFFERTORY (8:30AM)

Purer in Heart

arr. George Brandon

OFFERTORY (11:00AM)

Here I Am, Lord

arr. John Leavitt

CINDY BERG-AYCOCK, JERRY SINGLETARY, JANICE SMITH

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Hymn #418 *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

PRESENTATION OF BISHOP LEWIS (11:00AM Service)

REV. CHRIS RAMSEY, NORTHEAST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

***SCRIPTURE READING**

MESSAGE

8:30AM - REV. STEPHANIE SMITH

11:00AM - BISHOP SHARMA LEWIS

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #591 *"Rescue the Perishing"*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

Postlude on ITALIAN HYMN

arr. Gordon Young

**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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