



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 9, 2020

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Dear Church Family:

It was June 20, 1982 – our first wedding anniversary. Susan was pregnant with our son, Allen. I had just been ordained a deacon and received into probationary membership in the South Georgia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. I was standing behind the pulpit of the Green’s Cut United Methodist Church ready to preach my first sermon as an ordained United Methodist pastor.

Almost 38 years later, I write this letter to this congregation to officially inform you that I will retire from the active ministry of the Church this year. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be June 7, 2020 - although my last official day as your pastor will be June 16. Susan and I will participate in the Retirement Service to be held at the South Georgia Annual Conference in Columbus, Georgia June 7-9.

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee chaired by Hughes Williamson has already met with our District Superintendent, the Reverend Chris Ramsey and will soon meet with Bishop Lawson Bryan to discuss the characteristics of what the church needs in a new senior pastor. It is projected that a new senior pastor will be named by March 31. You will be happy to know that our Associate Pastor, the Reverend Stephanie Smith will continue to serve our church.

Susan and I will not be moving very far away. We are buying a home in the Statesboro area. We have lived in Statesboro for 19 years – longer than we have lived anywhere else.

We cannot believe how much God has blessed our lives and ministry as we served Vidette/Green’s Cut/Friendship, Associate Pastor at Isle of Hope UMC, Lizella, Leesburg, Sandersville, the DS of the Statesboro District as well as these 11 years at Statesboro First. The years have passed too quickly, but we look forward to what God will do in our lives for the next several years.

I will be your pastor until retirement. Then you will welcome a new senior pastor. I know that you will show him/her the same love and warmth that you have given me for the past 11 years. I will no longer be your pastor after June 16, but I will always be your friend.

Grace and peace,
Jimmy Cason

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
9:01AM & REVIVE - Dr. Jonathan Smith
Matthew 5:13-20
“A Heart of Righteousness”

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 2, 2020)

Morning Worship: 548

Sunday School: 297

8:30AM: 53

9:01AM: 204

11:00AM: 226

REVIVE: 65

Offering Received: \$18,464.71
New Building Fund: \$1,340.00 (total \$78,199.92)

Our Church Family

The **flowers** in the **Sanctuary** on February 9 are given to the glory of God and in honor of *Kathryn Olliff's* 94th Birthday by *Claire & Ben, Kate & Mallory Bowen*.

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Hub Powell - Memorial*

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

Dear Dan Williams Class Members and Church Family,

After 94 days, I am free from the brace for my neck – one week ago. I am now doing great and am able to drive again!! Thank you so much for your love and many acts of kindness shown both Darwin and me during my recovery. We have been back to church a few weeks so this thank you is a little late. - God Bless! *Joyce Bohler*

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MEN

Women's Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 - 7:00PM

in the Fellowship Hall

All ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend.

Great Food, Fellowship, and Entertainment.



Need A Ride for UMM Event?

If you would like to attend the United Methodist Men's Women's Appreciation Dinner this coming Tuesday but need a ride, call the Church Office. Arrangements will be made to get you there and get you home!

Volunteers for February 9, 2020 (Second Sunday of February)

Prayer Warriors: John & Martha Ray

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Bird Hodges

8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford

9:01 Ushers: Don Marsh, Nancy Marsh, Thad Riley

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Lincoln Lippincott

11:00 Ushers: Clark Collins, Chris Bishop, Jake Collins, Jim Davis, Michael Mallard, Dan Snipes, Brian Thomas, Bill Thompson, Robert Benson III, Kent Brannen
(Balcony: Olin Lovett, Ronnie Hodges, Earl Dabbs Jr., Brad Shiels)

Greeters: June Rushing, Janice Davis, Pam Campbell

Meals On Wheels (February 11): Tommy & Karen David



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - February 9

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 - February 10

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 12

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.

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Wednesday Night Menu - February 12 - 5:30PM

Uncle Shug's: Fried/Baked Porkchops, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans

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.

Save Your Panera Bread Receipts

Don't forget to save your Panera Bread receipts for Relay for Life! Collection boxes are in the Gathering Area and Church Office.

Our Church Calendar

Sunday, February 9

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
4:30PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training, 206
6:00PM - Sunday Night Surge, YR, 306, FH

Monday, February 10

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
10:00AM - UMW General Mtg, 306
6:15PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

Tuesday, February 11

10:00AM - Through It All Bible Study, 212
2:00PM - UMM Shut-In Meal Prep, Kitchen
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House
7:00PM - UMM Ladies Night, FH

Wednesday, February 12

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
6:30PM - Adult Bible Studies
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 13

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, February 9, 2020

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

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lucy Hubbard

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lacy Kamppi

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

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

May 3: Children's Sunday in 901 worship

May 3: Doggie Sunday Funday 4:00PM

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

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5th Grade Sunday School Collecting Medicine

Just a reminder - the next time you're at the store, consider picking up something for the cold/flu medicine drive for Open Hearts Community Mission. Our 5th graders are sponsoring this effort to make a difference in our community - even at the age of 10 or 11.

News from United Methodist Women

What an awesome UMW Sunday celebration! Bishop Lewis was inspiring to us all! Many thanks to all who helped make it happen.

Church circles are an integral part of the Women's Ministries of our church. Ladies, please consider joining one of the circles or gather some friends and start a new circle at our church. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus!

- Carol Carter Circle - meets the 3rd Monday of the month in Room 201 at 10AM
Chairman: Marilynn Sellers
- Dreta Sharpe Circle - meets the 3rd Monday of the month in Room 306 at 10AM
Chairman: Hilda Dutrow
- Lanier Lee Circle - meets the 3rd Monday of the month in Room 103 at 1:30PM
Chairman: Wendy Dunlap
- Lily McCroan - meets selected Tuesdays in Room 306 at 12PM
Chairman: Roxella Ball

Reminder: UMW General Meeting Monday, February 10, at 10AM in Room 306. Fellowship at 9:45AM. Natalie Neville will be speaking about ACTS.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
PRELUDE & MEDITATION
Festival Celebration on ARLINGTON
arr. Gilbert Martin

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
For they will be comforted.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they will be filled.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they will be called children of God.

-A portion of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:3-9

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #64 *"Holy! Holy! Holy!"*

***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.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

8:30AM BIRD HODGES; 11:00AM LINCOLN LIPPINCOTT

OFFERTORY (8:30AM)

I Hear What God Will Speak

Charles Callahan

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM)

Nothing But the Blood

arr. David Rasbach

***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 5:13-20

MESSAGE

“A Heart of Righteousness”

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #496 *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

arr. T. Pierce Dickens

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas Wagner

**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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