



**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 16, 2020

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Relay for Life

Cancer has touched all of us in some way. And we want to stop this disease in its tracks. The Statesboro First United Methodist Church has formed a Relay for Life team to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer. On Friday, April 24 at the Bulloch County/GSU Relay for Life, we'll honor the lives lost to cancer, celebrate survivors, and support the caregivers who so selflessly help others.

Last year, the SFUMC team raised over \$9,000 towards this effort. You can help us exceed this amount by:

- Supporting the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 4 from 5:00PM-6:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$6 for the spaghetti dinner, \$2 for children's pizza. Homemade desserts will be available for sale for \$1. Take out will be available. Purchase your ticket today in the Gathering Area or outside the Fellowship Hall.
- Purchasing a Luminaria that will be lit in a special Luminaria Service at the Relay for Life on April 24. This a moving way to honor and remember loved ones who have battled or are battling cancer. Donations are \$10 for each luminaria, \$25 for a golden luminaria or \$100 for a Tribute Torch. These names will also be displayed on the Memory banners. Forms are available in the Gathering Area or outside the Fellowship Hall.
- Saving your Panera Bread Receipts and placing them in the box outside of the Church Office through May 10. Panera Bread will donate 15% of each receipt to our team. Last year we raised almost \$200 from this effort alone.
- Donating directly in support of our team and asking friends/family/business associates to do so as well. Checks can be made payable to the American Cancer Society or via credit cards through the Relay for Life website at www.relayforlife.org/Bulloch.ga - look for the Statesboro First United Methodist Church Team.
- Registering as a Cancer Survivor by going to the website and joining our team or as a participant, or by calling the national call center at 800-227-2345. Once registered, you will be notified of all the special events that are going on over the next several months, including the Survivor's Dinner on Thursday March 26.
- Joining us at the Relay for Life in Downtown Statesboro on Friday, April 24.

THANK YOU for your support of our team and the fight against cancer!! Any questions? Contact Carole Cox at carolecox575@gmail.com.

Sunday, February 16, 2020

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

9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith

Matthew 5:21-26

"A Heart that Lets Go of Anger"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 9, 2020)

Morning Worship: 515

Sunday School: 238

8:30AM: 56

9:01AM: 178

11:00AM: 188

REVIVE: 93

Offering Received: \$32,311.00

New Building Fund: \$210.00 (total \$78,351.37)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Hub Powell - Memorial*
Connie Hodges - Home from surgery
Linda Arnold - Memorial
Holt Coursey - post knee surgery

Ongoing: *Susan Cason, Gladys Hacker, Charlie Christmas, Ed Akins, Greyson Kennedy, Steve Piazza, Bill Mathis Jr., Bill Mathis Sr., Sue Brammar, Jim Long, 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, Bubba Renfrow, Susan Renfrow*

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

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

January 2020 Operating Budget Update

Donations Received in January:	\$134,270.04
Ministry Expenses in January:	\$130,193.51
Operating Budget Surplus:	\$4,076.53

News from the United Methodist Women - Did You Know...

The United Methodist Women offer volunteer support, prayers, and financial gifts to help operate nearly 100 National Mission Institution projects in the United States. Three of these projects are located in the South Georgia Conference:

- Vashti Center for Children and Families in Thomasville - fosters healing, hope, and transformation to empower children, families, and communities in Georgia.
- Open Door Community House in Columbus - empowers impoverished people to realize their full potential as children of God
- Wesley Community Center in Savannah - enhances the economic, educational, and spiritual growth through early learning care and services for women, children, and families.

The UMW also help fund projects around the world advocating for wellness and justice. UMW is committed to create change, leading to better lives for women, children, and youth! Join us! Together, we can make a difference!!

Easter Bundles Soup Kitchen - April 4

Please help us help our less fortunate neighbors. Small items to stuff eggs such as Valentine or Easter candy or class giveaways would be appreciated. We also need hygiene and charity gift items to help round out the event. Items can be placed in the bin in the Gathering Area. We will be making the bundles at Grace House on the Sundays in March from 2PM-4PM and could use volunteers even if you cannot stay the whole time. Thank you for helping keep this ministry alive. For more information, email saramelford@gmail.com.

Volunteers for February 16, 2020 (Third Sunday of February)

Prayer Warriors: Bill & Marilynn Sellers

8:30 Lay Liturgist: Suzan Laircey

8:30 Ushers: Mike Beasley, Daryl Harrison

9:01 Ushers: Jason Parker, Lyndia Akins, Ed Akins

11:00 Lay Liturgist: Lee Walker

11:00 Ushers: Si Waters, Hughes Williamson, Coley Cassedy, Edwin Hill, David Johnson, Fred Shearouse, John Lee, Rawls Neville

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

Greeters: Anne Allen, Anne Williamson, Lisa Lee, Pam Smith, Kathleen Modd

Meals On Wheels (February 18): Hilda Dutrow, Marcia Wise



SFUMC Students News

NO Sunday Night Surge - February 16

We will not have Sunday Night Surge due to Winter Break.

NO Breakfast Club - February 17

We will not have Breakfast Club due to Winter Break.

NO Small Groups - February 19

We will not have Small Groups due to Winter Break.

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 16

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
5:00PM - Stephen Ministry Training, 206

Monday, February 17

Preschool Closed - Winter Break
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Mtg, 306
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Mtg, 201
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Mtg, 103

Tuesday, February 18

Preschool Closed - Winter Break
10:00AM - Through It All Bible Study, 212
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, February 19

Preschool Closed - Winter Break
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study, 213
6:00PM - Stephen Ministry Con't Ed, Lib.
6:45PM - Stephen Ministry Superv. Grp, Lib.
7:00PM - Chancel Choir, Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 20

Preschool Closed - Winter Break
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, February 21

Preschool Closed - Winter Break
9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)

Saturday, February 22

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, February 16, 2020

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)

Martha Ray

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Children's Ministry will not meet this week due to Winter Break. We will see you back on Wednesday, February 26!



Vacation Bible School

June 1-5

9AM-12PM

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5th Grade Sunday School Collecting Medicine

The collection box for over-the-counter cold/flu medicine will be outside the Church Office for one more week. These products will be given to the Open Hearts Community Mission for the residents there, as needed. The 5th grade Sunday School class thanks you for your support!

Statesboro First United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

GATHERING

PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Antiphon For Congregation And Organ On God Of Grace And Glory

*God of grace and God of glory,
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Sometimes we turn from God and pursue paths of destruction.
God always calls us back and sets our feet on right paths.
Sometimes we choose sides and forsake our bonds of unity.
May we allow God to feed us with the milk of grace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #400 *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

***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)
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling
Ralph Manuel

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER
GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY PRAYER
8:30AM SUZAN LAIRCEY; 11:00AM LEE WALKER

OFFERTORY
Ave Maria
Caccini/Vavilov

***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 #601 *"Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"*

***SCRIPTURE READING**
Matthew 5:21-26

MESSAGE
"A Heart that Lets Go of Anger"
REV. JIMMY CASON

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**
Hymn #395 *"Take Time to Be Holy"*

POSTLUDE
Precious Name

**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.