



**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

March 1, 2020

Worship Services:

Sanctuary:
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

Sunday School:

Classrooms:
10:00AM

Wilderness

Lent begins in the wilderness. The Spirit guides Jesus into the wilderness where he comes face to face with temptation and struggle. Yet, in his forty days of fasting, resisting, and wandering, Jesus is shaped and formed for ministry. Similarly, through the wilderness of Lent, we are invited to surrender to the wild leadings of the Spirit. We rarely enter the wilderness willingly, but hopefully through our wandering we remember who we are and whose we are. The wilderness can become sacred even if it remains dangerous. There is no wilderness space too harsh or threatening for God's love. This Lent, we welcome you to the journey.

Lent finds many of us in the midst of very personal wilderness experiences—the wilderness of discerning a major life change, the wilderness of starting anew under the shroud of grief, the wilderness of seeking connection in a deeply polarized culture, the wilderness of finding your way through a difficult season, the wilderness of listening for God in the swirl of questions and doubt, the wilderness of self-discovery and personal growth, the wilderness of getting lost over and over again. The good news of the wilderness is that nothing is static or still. Grains of sand harden into stone. The mid-day heat gets swallowed up by the evening's chill. The creatures of the day fall quiet as the creatures of the night awake. Everything is always in transition, ever-changing. The wilderness is harsh and sometimes scarce, but new life persists in unexpected places. Even if you are walking in circles, you are getting somewhere. And so, this Lent, we invite you to join us in asking, 'Where is God meeting me in the wilderness? What can the wilderness teach me? What do I need to learn before I can find my way out?'

Let us seek God together this season of Lent,
Rev. Stephanie Smith

March 1, 2020, 1st Sunday of Lent
MATTHEW 4:1-11

March 29, 2020, 5th Sunday of Lent
JOHN 11:1-45

March 8, 2020, 2nd Sunday of Lent
JOHN 3:1-17

April 5, 2020, Palm/Passion Sunday
MATTHEW 21:1-11

March 15, 2020, 3rd Sunday of Lent
EXODUS 17:1-7

April 12, 2020, EASTER SUNDAY
JOHN 20:1-18

March 22, 2020, 4th Sunday of Lent
JOHN 9:1-41

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason
9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith
Matthew 4:1-11
"Led Into Wilderness"

Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, February 23, 2020)

Morning Worship: 546

Sunday School: 239

8:30AM: 51

9:01AM: 175

11:00AM: 205

REVIVE: 115

Offering Received: \$19,251.01
New Building Fund: \$60 (total \$78,411.37)

Our Church Family

Prayer Concerns

Hospital: *Hub Powell - Home from hospital*
Linda Arnold - Metter Swing Bed
Yvonne Redden - St. Joseph's

Ongoing: *Connie Hodges, Holt Coursey, 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, Lloyd Jones, George Ann Thigpen, Judy Strickland, Yvonne Redden, Laura Beasley, Mike Beasley, Brian Harrison, Daryl Harrison, Shirley Connell, 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

Easter Bundles Workshop Update

Circumstances have made it necessary to delay the start of the workshops to assemble the bundles until March 15. Therefore, there will be no workshop on March 1 or on March 8. This change also means that your donations of hygiene items, charity gifts, or other suitable items to stuff eggs or to enhance the bundles are even more important to make Easter brighter for our less fortunate neighbors. For more information, email saramelford@gmail.com. Thanks for all your interest and help.

Relay for Life Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner

THIS 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 or call the Church Office to make a reservation.

Wesley Foundation Clay Tournament

Come out to Bay Gall Sporting Clays on March 26 at 11AM for the Inaugural Wesley Foundation Sporting Clay Shoot. The Tournament will consist of four person teams with a shotgun start at 1PM. Registration begins at 11AM and includes lunch. There will be cash prizes, a raffle, and a long bird competition. Team registrations are \$400 and sponsorships opportunities range from \$100 to \$500. Register online at gswesley.com/clays

Magnolia Bible Study

The Magnolia Bible Study group will begin meeting this Wednesday, March 4 and will be studying the book "*Your Battles Belong to the Lord*" by Joyce Meyer. The group meets from 2:30PM-4:00PM in Room 201. If you are interested in joining please call or text Jackie Yaughn (912-536-5752) or Nancy Martin (912-690-1041) to order your books.

Volunteers for March 1, 2020 (First Sunday of March)

Prayer Warriors: Eleanor Schneider, Martha Wells

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: Troy Marsh

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 (March 3): Bruce & Carol Yawn



SFUMC Students News

Sunday Night Surge - March 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 - March 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 - March 4

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

Monday, March 2

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

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study, 213
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201
5:00PM - Wednesday Night Ministry, FH
5:15PM - Kids JAM, Choir Rm, 200
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, March 5

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

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



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Children's Moment (11:00 Traditional)
Lacy Kamppi

Kids Worship:

9:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Leigh Aaron

11:00: Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Joy Renfroe

Children's Ministries News

Wednesday Night Ministry

Children's Schedule

- 5:15-6:00 Kids JAM (children's choir Pre-K - 5th grade)
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner served in Fellowship Hall
- 6:30-7:30 Small groups and activities for PreK - 5th grade

Parent Reminder: Kids JAM will share special music in the 11:00AM traditional worship service on March 15. In preparation, please be sure children attend Wednesday evening rehearsals.

Save the Date: Church Family Easter Lunch & Egg Hunt
Palm Sunday, April 5, 12:30PM at the Belle House

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Thank You!

Many thanks for the OTC medicines donated to Open Hearts Community Mission during the cold/flu season. Your generosity is heartwarming.

Habitat House Dedication

You are invited to the Habitat House dedication happening today, Sunday, March 1 at 2PM. House #56 is located at 310 Len Tenner Court.

Don't Forget - Upcoming Time Change

Just a reminder that we will spring forward an hour next Sunday, March 8!

UMW News

A very special ministry of our SFUMC UMW is preparing and serving bereavement meals for the families of our church members who have passed away. If you have lost a family member and have received the blessing of food brought to your home, or had a meal served to your family here at our church, you have felt the love of Jesus! If you would like to join us in being the hands and feet of Jesus, please contact the Church Office or UMW members.

Wednesday Night Menu - March 4 - 5:00PM

Relay for Life Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Meals are \$6.00 for spaghetti dinner

\$2.00 for children's pizza

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

GATHERING
PRELUDE & MEDITATION

Rejoice, The Lord is King

arr. Anna Laura Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

God is with us, even in our loneliness.

On the treacherous paths, God guides us.

We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #163 *"Ask Ye What Great Things I Know"*

***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)

LACY KAMPPI

(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 BRYAN BURKE; 11:00AM TROY MARSH

OFFERTORY (8:30AM)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. Gordon Young

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:00AM)

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

***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 4:1-11

MESSAGE

“Led Into Wilderness”

REV. JIMMY CASON

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Hymn #474 *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)

Jesus Calls Us

arr. Whitney V. Myers

POSTLUDE

O Worship the King

arr. Craig Penfield

**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.
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