



**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 8, 2020**

**Worship Services:**

Sanctuary:  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

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

**Sunday School:**

Classrooms:  
10:00AM

**Preschool Registration**

Enrollment/Re-Enrollment  
for FUMC Preschool  
Currently Enrolled Children Will Be:

Tuesday, March 24  
From 8:30AM until 1:00PM

This date will be set aside for our currently enrolled children who wish to sign-up their child/children in our preschool program for re-enrollment of their child/children for the coming school year.

Enrollment for New FUMC Church Members That Are NOT Currently Enrolled in Our Program Will be Able to Enroll On:

Wednesday, March 25  
From 8:30AM until 1:00PM

The General Public Enrollment Will Begin:

Thursday, March 26  
From 8:30AM until 1:00PM

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

8:30AM & 11:00AM Traditional - Rev. Jimmy Cason  
9:01AM & REVIVE - Rev. Stephanie Smith  
John 3:1-17  
"The Wilderness of Night"

**Our Faithfulness in Worship (Sunday, March 1, 2020)**

**Morning Worship: 468**

**Sunday School: 242**

8:30AM: 67

9:01AM: 158

11:00AM: 168

REVIVE: 75

Offering Received: \$15,573.00  
New Building Fund: \$140.00 (total \$78,551.37)  
Special Offering: Altar/ACTS - \$989.00

## Our Church Family

The **Flower** on the **Altar** on March 8 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Noah James Brown* who was born February 27, son of *Cameron & Becca Brown*. *Becca* is our Director of Student Ministries.

**Christian sympathy and prayers** are extended to *Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Nancy) James, Eva Beth, Will, Jackson, and Anna Grace* upon the death of Nancy's mother and the children's grandmother, *Mrs. Mary Lou Dove*, of Athens and Macon, who died on March 3.

### Prayer Concerns

**Hospital:** *Linda Arnold - Metter Swing Bed*

*Yvonne Redden - St. Joseph's*

*Steve Piazza - Home from hospital*

*Lloyd Jones - Home from hospital*

*Ophelia Braswell (Delia Mobley's mother) - EGR*

**Ongoing:** *Hub Powell, Connie Hodges, Holt Coursey, Susan Cason, Gladys Hacker, Charlie Christmas, Ed Akins, Greyson Kennedy, 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, 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

### Together We Pray

We are calling the conference to prayer in preparation for General Conference and wanted to let you know how you can join us! We have heard from both clergy and laity who feel helpless in the face of potential change and would like to "do something." The best thing we can do is to come together in prayer for ourselves, our congregations, our communities and our denomination! Clergy and laity are invited to participate in one of eight regional prayer gatherings. These gatherings will include times of prayer, worship, and reflection and will be focused on hearing God's voice, praying for others, and being rooted in God. We hope you will be able to join us at our Regional gathering at Pittman Park on Tuesday, March 10 from 10AM-11:30AM.

### Learning from the Discipline

Learning from the Discipline - The Methodist Way

A Short Term Class on How Our Church Operates

Each Thursday evening from March 12 to April 30, 7:00PM-8:30PM, Room 201

Taught by Pastor Jimmy Cason

General Conference, Annual Conference, Judicial Council, Bishops, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Church Nominating Committee, Voting on Homosexuality, Rumors of a Church Split! Do you hear these terms and wish you knew more about the United Methodist Church? This class will provide answers to many of your questions and prepare you for the upcoming General Conference to be held in Minneapolis May 5-15. Come and let us learn together!

### 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](http://gswesley.com/clays)



## SFUMC Students News

### **Sunday Night Surge - March 8**

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 9**

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 11**

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 8**

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 9**

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

### **Tuesday, March 10**

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

### **Wednesday, March 11**

9:00AM - ACTS, Outreach Center(offsite)  
12:30PM - Roxella's Bible Study, 213  
2:30PM - Magnolia Bible Study, 201  
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, March 12**

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers, 305  
7:00PM - Class on the Discipline, 201

### **Friday, March 13**

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

### **Saturday, March 14**

9:00AM - KAIROS Training, 306  
11:00AM - Al Anon, Grace House  
12:00PM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries

**Sunday, March 8, 2020**

**Children's Moment** (11:00 Traditional)  
Elizabeth Lippincott

**Kids Worship:**

**9:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Lisa Aaron  
**11:00:** Sarah Akins, Jodie Hendrix, Emilie Taulbee

## 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.

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

## Statesboro First United Methodist Church

### UMW News

Please join us for our SFUMW unit meeting Monday, March 9 in Room 306. We will gather for refreshments/fellowship at 9:45AM with meeting at 10AM. Our program will be presented by Forensic Nurse Becky Holmes, and will feature The Teal House - Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault & Child Advocacy Center.

### Thank You!

THANK YOU for your support of the SFUMC Relay for Life Team Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. We served over 160 plates of spaghetti and enjoyed delicious homemade desserts. We appreciate all the donations, including those from Baldino's, Barberito's, Bi-Lo, Uncle Shug's, Walmart and Walmart Neighborhood. This allowed all of the \$1500 raised to go to the American Cancer Society. You can continue your support by purchasing a Luminaria - forms are available thru April 15 in the Gathering Area and Fellowship Hall (turn in at the Church Office). And by saving your Panera Bread receipts and placing them in the box in the Gathering Area. With your help, we can assist those fighting cancer and find a cure to end this terrible disease.

### Wednesday Night Menu - March 11 - 5:00PM

*Barberitos: Taco Bar with Chips and Queso*

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, MARCH 8, 2020**  
**LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE**

**GATHERING**  
**PRELUDE & MEDITATION**

*O Praise Ye the Lord*  
arr. Charles Callahan

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God so loved the world -

**God so loved us -**

That God goes with us every step of the way.

**We rejoice that God hears us, answers us, loves us, and forgives us.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

Hymn #170 "*O How I Love Jesus*"

**\*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

**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)**

**ELIZABETH LIPPINCOTT**

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

**A WORD FROM THE GIDEONS**

**ANTHEM (11:00AM Service)**

*Hymn of Praise*

John Carter

MERRITT JONES, SOLOIST

**PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**  
OFFERTORY PRAYER  
8:30AM RUSS LANIER; 11:00AM JIM CAMPBELL

**OFFERTORY**  
*Be Thou My Vision*  
arr. Craig Courtney  
BRIDGET ROCKWELL, SOLOIST

**\*DOXOLOGY HYMN #94**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**  
Hymn #389 *“Freely, Freely”*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**  
John 3:1-17

**MESSAGE**  
*“The Wilderness of Night”*  
REV. JIMMY CASON

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**  
Hymn #462 *“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION (11:00AM Service)**  
*Jesus Calls Us*  
arr. Whitney V. Myers

**POSTLUDE**  
*Praise the Almighty*  
arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Volunteers for March 8, 2020 (Second Sunday of March)**

**Prayer Warriors: Chuck & Beth Rushing**

**8:30 Lay Liturgist: Russ Lanier**

**8:30 Ushers: Steve Garner, Buck Ford**

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

**11:00 Lay Liturgist: Jim Campbell**

**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 (March 10): Jimmy & Pat High**

*\*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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