



STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**HAPPY LABOR DAY**



SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

**Worship Services:**

Traditional Worship  
8:30AM & 11:00AM

in our Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship  
9:01AM & 11:00AM

in our Fellowship Hall

Watch online at [www.statesborofirst.com/live](http://www.statesborofirst.com/live)

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## SFUMC Prayer List

***Carter & Faye Berkeley, Ed Akins, Barbara Fox,  
Mike Beasley, Dr. Robert Benson, Mary Sue Hodges***

***We continue to pray for our Preschool  
We continue to pray for our Teachers and students***

***In this season especially, we lift up the researchers  
who are working for a cure and the medical  
personnel who are on the front lines of this fight.***

***Every week we invite you to join us in praying for:***

- 1) Our nation's military and the civilians who support them as they defend freedom around the world.***
- 2) First-responders, who serve and protect our communities.***
- 3) Leaders of government at every level - for God's will to be done through them and around them.***

## Worship Attendance

*AUGUST 30, 2020*

<b>In Person Worship: 203 (-35)</b>	
<b>8:30AM: 28 (+3)</b>	<b>9:01AM: 79 (-6)</b>
<b>11:00AM: 47 (-16)</b>	<b>REVIVE: 49 (-16)</b>

<b>Online Worship: 261 (+8)</b>	
<b>9:01AM: N/A</b>	<b>11:00AM: 261 (+8)</b>

<b>Offering Received: \$12,116.00</b>
<b>New Building Fund: \$0   Total: \$82,929.22</b>
<b>Special Offering: UMCOR Hurricanes: \$1,200.00</b>

# **The Gospel of Matthew**

**September 6, 2020**

As we have read through the Gospel of Matthew, and reached its conclusion, God has birthed the church through the power of the Holy Spirit. Along the way, God was speaking to and showing us what doing church should look like through the teaching and life of Jesus.

In Matthew 18:1-5, Jesus placed a child in the circle of disciples when asked about greatness in the Kingdom. From that we gather that greatness looks like a child. However, let us not miss that greatness also looks like an outsider being made an insider. Jesus regularly went outside the circle when answering what Kingdom greatness looks like. He then followed this example with a word of warning to those who cause little ones to stumble, and his words were harsh. Read that in Matthew 18:6-7.

I believe that children learn best through doing and watching, and much from listening or being told. So, when Jesus sends the disciples out to make disciples, that is happening most significantly through our witness. People learn from what they see us do.

Stephanie has been reaching out to the confirmation class of last year who completed all of their work, but did not have the chance to actually stand in front of the church. We are planning for a special Sunday afternoon service soon, where some will be baptized and all will profess their faith in Jesus. As I have overheard a couple of those calls she has placed to these young people, I have noted how she lingers over the word witness. I am struck by how beautiful it is to be a part of a church that is teaching the next generation through our witness, and then encouraging them to think about their own witness to the world.

We are witnesses together. So, we are reading the Gospels together. We are doing life together, even when we are separated by distance. We are together, and Jesus is with us.

**Grace and peace,**

**Scott**



## SFUMC Students News

### **Middle School Students head to Epworth September 18-20, 2020**

We are so excited for our Middle School Retreat! This weekend offers a great opportunity for students to fall more in love with Jesus while also having fun and staying safe by following public health guidelines. We are meeting at the church at 3:45 to travel by bus to Epworth By the Sea on St. Simons Island. Cost for the trip is \$200. Read more and fill out registration paperwork at [www.statesborofirst.com/students](http://www.statesborofirst.com/students). We hope your student will join us! Contact Becca or Clay with any questions. [bbrown@statesborofirst.com](mailto:bbrown@statesborofirst.com)  
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Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries News

### **Children's Wednesday Night Small Groups Wednesdays starting at 5:45PM**

We are so excited to be offering kids small groups on Wednesdays! This is a time of games, crafts, and bible lessons under our new big tent.

Children are divided by age (Pre-K/Kindergarten, 1st-3rd, 4th & 5th) and rotate to each area throughout the hour. Start at the red SFUMC umbrella in the side parking lot for check in. A volunteer will take your child's temperature and sanitize their hands. Pick up your child at 6:45PM at the red umbrella.

Since we're outside for the full hour, masks are not required but your child is encouraged to wear one.

## Church News

### **One Thing For 90 Days**

#### **Reading the gospels together**

Take some time each day to focus and reflect with your bible. We began the Gospel of Mark a few days ago and continue on. With our daily devotional emails, occasional streams, and frequent discussion in our Facebook group. It's not too late to join in. Go to [statesborofirst.com/one thing](https://statesborofirst.com/one thing) to sign up.



## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 6**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

### **Monday, September 7**

Closed for Labor Day

### **Tuesday, September 8**

6:00PM - Trustees Meeting, Choir Room

### **Wednesday, September 9**

5:45PM - CM Activities, Tent

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

### **Thursday, September 10**

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

### **Friday, September 11**

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### **Saturday, September 12**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen