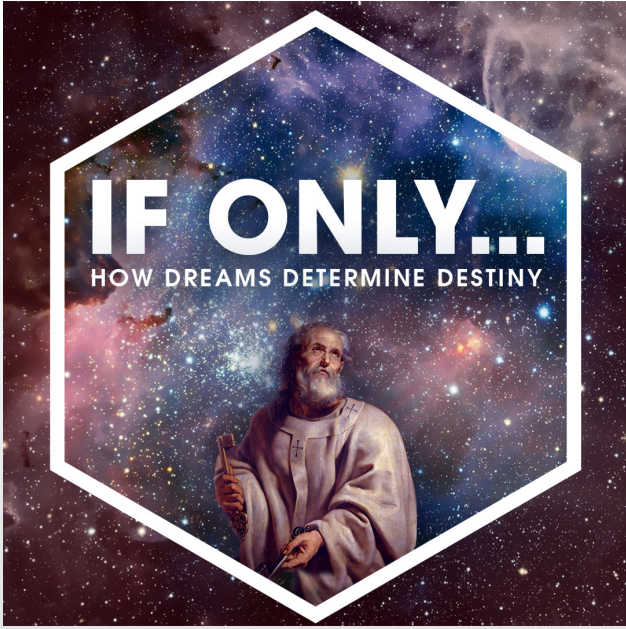




STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
SEPTEMBER 13, 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

Main Church Phone: 912-764-7589

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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.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary on September 13 are
given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Josh & Alawayne Nessmith.

Worship Attendance

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

In Person Worship: 144	
8:30AM: 31	9:01AM: 45
11:00AM: 31	REVIVE: 37

Online Worship: 286	
9:01AM: 79	11:00AM: 207

Offering Received: \$20,568.50
New Building Fund: \$150 Total: \$83,079.56
UMCOR Storm Relief: \$1,000.00 Total: \$2,255.00

Laborers

Jesus spoke quite often about working as a laborer for God and God alone. He tells parables about a farmer sowing crops (Matthew 13:3-9), a shepherd tending his sheep (Luke 15: 4-7), a son working for his father while his brother is off having fun (Luke 15: 11-32), and workers trying to figure out if they should pull weeds out of the field or let them grow (Matthew 13:24-30). He also told his disciples that, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few (Luke 10:2)."

Jesus was not concerned with work being done to get more stuff, but rather, he made clear that the work we are called to do is to work as laborers in the field God sets before us. The results of this work will bring love to the unloved, a return to God of those who have strayed, and patience for those who are still growing in their faith. There is also a mystery to our work. The results are not always evident, but require waiting and trusting that when we work for God, our work is not in vain.

Paul labored hard for God and he was the first to acknowledge that the results of the work belong ultimately to God. "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow"(I Corinthians 3:6-7).

We can work 24 hours a day, we can make all the money we ever wanted, we can build amazing structures, we can create the latest and best business practices and while this can be celebrated as a great achievement, at church we have one basic question: Are we laborers for God or not?

- Stephanie

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. We hope your student will join us! Contact Becca or Clay with any questions. bbrown@statesborofirst.com
cboerner@statesborofirst.com



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 to sign up.



Church Calendar

Sunday, September 13

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

6:00PM - Students Surge, FH

Monday, September 14

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, FH

6:00PM - Staff Parish, Choir Room

Tuesday, September 15

Wednesday, September 16

5:45PM - CM Activities, Tent

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

Thursday, September 17

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen