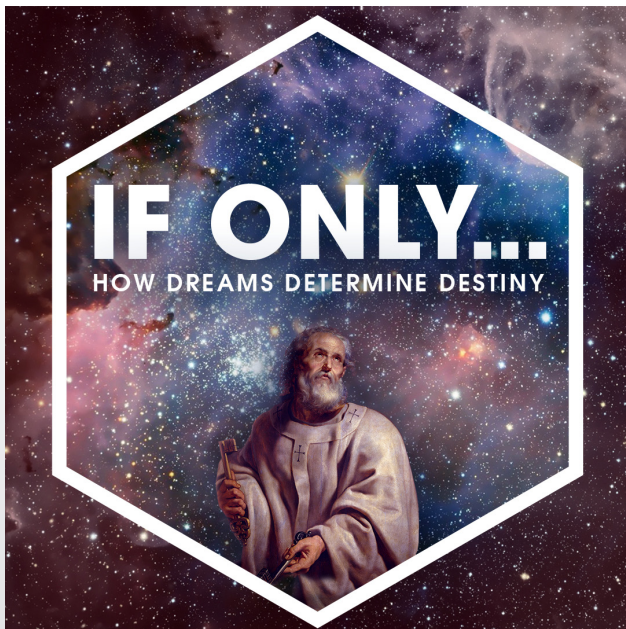




STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 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

**Steve & Nancy Hess, 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 flower on the Altar on September 20 is given to the glory of God and in honor of *Maggie Elizabeth Fitzner* who was born September 10, 2020, daughter of *Andy & McCall Fitzner*.**

## Worship Attendance

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

<b>In Person Worship: 217</b>	
<b>8:30AM: 32</b>	<b>9:01AM: 63</b>
<b>11:00AM: 78</b>	<b>REVIVE: 44</b>

<b>Online Worship: 218</b>	
<b>9:01AM: 93</b>	<b>11:00AM: 125</b>

<b>Offering Received: \$16,037.60</b>
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## To Dream

Dreaming is essential, holy work. I am convinced of this, and the story from Acts 10 of the Holy Spirit coming to the Gentile believers gathered in the house of Cornelius is just one of the many places in the Bible that support this belief. Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

I cannot shake the connection that dreaming about the future has with so much of the Gospel story. Dreaming is connected to Hope, and dreaming requires Faith. So, how much space do you allow in your life for dreaming? Have you ever felt God's Spirit redirecting your dreams towards something even larger and greater than where you started?

Yet, I left something out on Sunday as I taught. God brought that front and center to me the next night! Sitting in a church committee meeting, talking about hopes and dreams, someone asked about specifics for something we were discussing. I did not have them, but felt immediately convicted that the one who would know the specifics was the one I had left out of the conversation - God. I knew right then that we needed to bring this topic to God through prayer. Our hopes and dreams must be covered in prayer. Prayer keeps us grounded in the will of God. And unless our hopes and dreams are aligned with the will of God, whatever we are seeking after cannot be sustained. I certainly believed that on Sunday, but wonder if I made it clear enough. Here's to trying to correct that!

As Acts 10 makes clear, God's desire is that everyone is included and everyone is dreaming. As a church, let us bring our prayers and our dreams together - where is God leading us next?

- Scott

## SFUMC Students News

### High School Fall Retreat

October 9-11, 2020

If you have a High School Student, you will not want them to miss out on our Fall Retreat! We will be going to the Mann Center, here in Statesboro. The cost is \$60 which includes everything! 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), [cboerner@statesborofirst.com](mailto:cboerner@statesborofirst.com)

- **We will not have Surge this Sunday, September 20 or Breakfast Club this Monday, September 21 due to the Middle School Retreat.**



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

### **HELP: Back Pack Buddies Ministry**

We help feed children right here in our community on the weekends, through our Backpack Buddies that starts back next week, on September 23. We need help to make it happen, though. We are looking for 1-2 strong men that own a truck to be able to transport the bags (that are placed in our Backpack Buddies bins) to Sallie Zetterower School each week.

They would need to be taken to the school each week on either Wednesday or Thursday morning before 11:00AM. Please contact Jodie Hendrix if this is something that you would like to help with.

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, September 20**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

### **Monday, September 21**

### **Tuesday, September 22**

### **Wednesday, September 23**

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities, Tent

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

### **Thursday, September 24**

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

### **Friday, September 25**

### **Saturday, September 26**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen