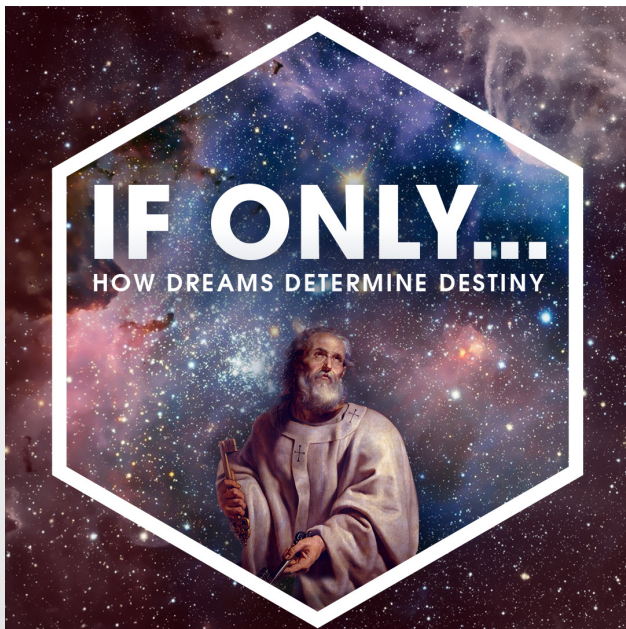




STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
SEPTEMBER 27, 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

Susan Pope, Charles & Sherry Eunice, Steve & Nancy Hess, Carter & Faye Berkeley, Randy Hill, Barbara Fox, Mike Beasley, Dr. Robert Benson, Mary Sue Hodges, Connie 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.*

In Memoriam

Creighton Alexander - September 20, 2020

Worship Attendance

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

In Person Worship: 191	
8:30AM: 25	9:01AM: 68
11:00AM: 61	REVIVE: 37

Online Worship: 199	
9:01AM: 70	11:00AM: 129

Offering Received: \$15,649.00	
New Building Fund: \$100	Total: \$83,179.56

Christianity is mainly wishful thinking. Even the part about judgment and hell reflects the wish that somewhere the scores are being kept. Dreams are wishful thinking. Children playing at being grown up is wishful thinking. Interplanetary travel is wishful thinking. Sometimes wishing is the wings the truth comes true on. Sometimes the truth is what sets us wishing for it.

- Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC*, 1973

On Sundays the Scriptures have been revealing the truth that **our ability to dream and hope determines our destiny**. Buechner got it right when he said Christianity is about dreaming and wishful thinking. Yet, there are obstacles to dreaming and all of us have encountered them. Think with me about your street, about your neighborhood, about the people who live around you. Think about how many of those people have dealt with illness, uncertainty, finances, hurt feelings, broken relationships, or fear? Any of these obstacles would seek to derail our hope in the future.

Yet, while there are obstacles to dreaming, the opposite is equally true. There are aids which indeed shape our ability to dream and see into the hope-filled future God has for us. Prayer, time spent in devotion or quiet, a deep sense of unity and connection with others, and an engagement with the ministries of the church all contribute to a person's ability to dream for themselves and for the congregation.

The truth is, we don't compartmentalize well. In our lives, everything impacts everything else. The good news is that God wants to heal all of us. God wants us to return to our true and best selves. The obstacles that would prevent us from getting back on the path are sometimes obvious. Other times, we have to slow down to discern them. Let's take the first step of naming the obstacles, so we can take the detour that returns us to the right path.

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

- Sunday Night Surge tonight, Sunday, September 27 at 6:00PM.
- Breakfast Club Monday, September 28 at 7AM



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Nursery & Kids Worship Restart

October 4, 2020

We are excited for the reopening of our Nursery on Sunday, October 4. This will be by reservation only. We are also excited for the reopening of Kids Worship on Sunday, October 4. Kids Worship reservations are NOT required at this time. We will offer Kids Worship for 2 groups: Pre K (Room 108), Kindergarten - 3rd Grade (Room 306). For more information, refer to our Statesboro First Children's Ministry Facebook page OR email.

Church News

Welcome to the Staff

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to welcome Eastyn Durrence, who began last week as our new Children's Ministry Intern, working with Jodie Hendrix to serve our families and children. It is special to hire someone who grew up in our children and student ministries. Join us in welcoming Eastyn.

The Sacrament of Communion - October 4

October 4 is World Communion day and we are looking forward to celebrating Communion at all four services as well as a Drive-thru Communion service that will be held immediately following the 11:00AM services, for those who attend online.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 27

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 28

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, FH

6:00PM - Church Council, FH/Zoom

Tuesday, September 29

5:30PM - PS Board Meeting, Choir Rm.

Wednesday, September 30

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

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

Thursday, October 1

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen