



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Our High School Retreat this past weekend to the WW Mann Center. The theme was "Influence: Who are you following?," with lessons and small group time centered around discussions that challenged our students to examine who they allow themselves to be influenced by, and to take a look at how they influence others.

SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
OCTOBER 18, 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

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SFUMC Prayer List

*Dot Piazza, Barbara Fox, Mike Beasley, Kathryn Olliff,
Jane Yawn*

*We continue to pray for our Preschool and for our
teachers and students in every school.*

*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

OCTOBER 11, 2020

In Person Worship: 201	
8:30AM: 34	9:01AM: 73
11:00AM: 62	REVIVE: 32
Online Worship: 180	
9:01AM: 76	11:00AM: 104

Offering Received: \$25,284.00	
New Building Fund: \$10	Total: \$83,445.27

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with snow.

- Langston Hughes (1902-1967)

These lines of poetry have forever been true, but even more-so in the seasons of struggle. To let go of dreams is to let go of hope. The Apostle Paul pitied anyone who lived without hope (1 Corinthians 15:12-19). We want to live with abundance and to be found faithful. We want to avoid the pitfalls and obstacles that the world throws our way.

After spending five weeks listening to how the story of Peter from the New Testament confirms the truth that dreaming helps determine our destiny, I would extend Hughes' words...

Everyone, add daily your dreams
For God wants us really alive
Seeing the power and promise
In a future where we thrive.

Grace and peace, Scott

Making it Official!

Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Jodie Hendrix has accepted the position of Director of Children's Ministries, serving our families, children, and entire congregation. We have seen, over the eight years she has been a part of our church, how clearly her love of God and passion for kids is unsurpassed. Join us in appreciating Jodie.

SFUMC Students News

Parent Volunteers Needed

In order to run Surge effectively, we need parents to help with our check-in procedure from 5:40PM-6:20PM. We are also looking for volunteers to cover the check in table on Wednesday nights from 6:15PM-7:15PM. If you are interested in helping with either of these needs, please let Becca know.

- **NO** Sunday Night Surge October 18, Breakfast Club October 19, or Wednesday Night activities October 21 due to Fall Break.



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Nursery & Kids Worship

The reopening of our Nursery has been a great success. The sound of children playing and even crying is music to our ears. Be sure to make your reservation via phone call to Jodie Hendrix (912-690-1291) by Thursdays at noon. There is no reservation needed for Kids Worship.

- Wednesday nights will not meet this week, October 21, due to Fall Break.
- Wednesday night October 28, plan to wear your "friendly" Halloween costume.

Church News

November 1

All Saints Sunday and Communion

"All Saints Day" is a special day of worship in the United Methodist Church and in our congregation. It is the day when we celebrate and give thanks to God for those who have died during this past year and have "outrun us to the Father's House." We will recognize each person by name and by the lighting of a special memorial candle in our services on November 1. We will also celebrate communion this day in all four services as well as a Drive-thru Communion service that will immediately follow the 11AM services through 1PM, for those who attend online.

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 18

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

Monday, October 19

Fall Break - Preschool Closed

Tuesday, October 20

Fall Break - Preschool Closed

5:30PM - Missions Committee Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, October 21

Fall Break - Preschool Closed

Thursday, October 22

Fall Break - Preschool Closed

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

Friday, October 23

Fall Break - Preschool Closed

Saturday, October 24

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen