



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
OCTOBER 25, 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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary on **October 25** are given to the glory of God and in loving celebration of **Joyce S. Lovett** on the occasion of her birthday by her family.*

Dot Piazza, Barbara Fox, Mike Beasley, Kathryn Olliff, Jane Yawn, Rawls Neville

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 18, 2020

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| In Person Worship: 182 | |
| 8:30AM: 18 | 9:01AM: 71 |
| 11:00AM: 59 | REVIVE: 34 |
| Online Worship: 175 | |
| 9:01AM: 76 | 11:00AM: 99 |

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| Offering Received: \$34,992.00 | |
| New Building Fund: \$100 | Total: \$83,545.27 |

In Hebrews 11:1 faith is described as “is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see,” and throughout this chapter the writer celebrates faith expressed through action. Look at every hero of faith mentioned by the writer of Hebrews: Abel offered a better sacrifice. Enoch walked with God. Noah built an ark. Abraham went to a distant land and offered up Isaac. Isaac blessed his sons. Joseph prepared for the famine. Moses’ parents hid him for three months.

This past week, we saw Noah’s faith expressed through obedience, even in the face of the unknown. God announced that a flood was going to cover the earth and God told Noah to build an ark as a means of salvation from the raging flood. Noah did, and the world took notice.

Listen to what the writer of Hebrews says:

By faith Noah responded with godly fear when he was warned about events he hadn’t seen yet. He built an ark to deliver his household. With his faith, he criticized the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes from faith.

Let me highlight the phrase “**things he hadn’t seen yet.**” That’s just another way of saying “the unknown.” I wonder if God is challenging us, like Noah, to live faithfully in the midst of the unknown? Perhaps, through our obedience to God, even when we can’t see, we too can be called faithful and become heirs of God’s promise.

Today I want to challenge you, in the midst of this season of unknowing, to remain faithful and obedient to God by giving. Perhaps God is calling us to take another step of faith. Would you take some time to consider how God might be calling you to faithfully give so that the world might take notice.

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.

- Sunday Night Surge October 25 at 6PM.
- Breakfast Club Monday, October 26 at 7AM.



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Backpack Buddies

We are happy to announce that Backpack Buddies is going well each week. Thanks to the committed packers that come and pack these bags every Wednesday morning, Kathy Tucker, Kim Hennon, Sally Davis, Beth Boykin, and Christy Reeves. A huge shout out to these sweet ladies! And, thanks to Neal Vickers for taking them to our assigned school and picking the bins up each week and bringing them back to the church. This program could not happen without these volunteers that we are so thankful for them. Also, thank you to our UMW ladies for donating drinks to our Backpack Buddies program.

Church News

Sunday in Purple

October 25

Sunday in Purple, sponsored by Statesboro First United Methodist Women, is a day to focus on increasing awareness of domestic violence in the United States. October is domestic violence awareness month in the U.S., and purple is its color. You are encouraged to wear something purple on Sunday, Oct. 25, ribbons will be available for all to join in, both men and women.

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All Saints Sunday and Communion

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 25

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, October 26

7:00AM - Breakfast Club, FH

6:00PM - Church Council (via Zoom)

Tuesday, October 27

Wednesday, October 28

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

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

Thursday, October 29

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen