



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Worship Services:

Traditional Worship
8:30AM & 11:00AM

Contemporary Worship
9:01AM & 11:00AM

in our Sanctuary

in our Fellowship Hall

Watch online at www.statesborofirst.com/live

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SFUMC Prayer List

In Memoriam
William "Buddy" Morgan - November 16, 2020

Jimmy Franklin, Cynthia Lovett and continued healing for Jodi Dinello, Dot Piazza, Barbara Fox, Mike Beasley

For teachers and students in our Preschool and every local 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 caring for our communities.

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 November 22 are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pierce Dickens and the chancel choir for their beautiful gift of music.

Worship Attendance

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

In Person Worship: 210	
8:30AM: 37	9:01AM: 77
11:00AM: 53	REVIVE: 43
Online Worship: 180	
9:01AM: 97	11:00AM: 83

Offering Received: \$22,763.00	
New Building Fund: \$0	Total: \$83,741.08

"In a time when many people only want to talk about themselves, my grandmother, who is 89, had the least to say when I asked her about herself. Instead, she wanted to share stories about her community, her friends, and her children."

Amanda, from Tennessee

This week we slow down a little more, eat a little more, and hopefully do a little less. Holidays can help remind us of our place: we are created to work and to rest, and leave the 'savior of the world' role for One who can handle it. This is the essence of the Commandment to observe the sabbath: we are not God and the world does not stop when we take time to rest (Exodus 20). My prayer for you this Thanksgiving holiday is that you are thankful and that you find rest and peace, in the company of loved ones.

But how does one arrive at an attitude of thanksgiving? I've recently heard about one way to get there. Listening. What better way to grow in our awareness of a deep sense of thanksgiving, than to listen and celebrate God's work through the lives of another?

Let me propose something we can all do. It is called The Great Thanksgiving Listen, started back in 2015. On the day after Thanksgiving, everyone is invited to take an hour to record an interview with a loved one, using recording equipment that we already own, like smartphones or laptops. Read more online at storycorps.org.

I think this is a beautiful way to steer our spirits toward a deep thanksgiving. On a day when family and friends are often already together, we should spend some time listening. May God pour out blessings this week, and every week, upon you that create thankful hearts.

Grace and Peace to you, Scott

The season of Advent begins Sunday, November 29. Statesboro First is offering a daily devotional resource, called "And the Word was God." We pray you come to know that the Word Incarnate is accompanying you every day of Advent and beyond. You are invited to practice a focused, prayerful and reflective Advent season with the wisdom of Henri J.M. Nouwen. Devotions will be available at the church.

SFUMC Students News

Student Volunteer Opportunity

The Soup Kitchen is in need of extra help every Saturday left in November, as well as December. This is a great opportunity for our students and it's also a great opportunity for families to plug in together. From 9AM-11AM they will help pack grocery bags with food to give to the soup kitchen participants. From 11AM-1PM they will assist in serving meals and handing out the bags. If your student (or family) cannot help the whole time they are happy to have help for either time frame. Debbie Walker, will be coordinating these volunteers, so anyone wanting to participate should contact her at lwalk@frontiernet.net.



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Join us on Wednesdays

We have had so much fun on Wednesday nights under our new tent learning God's word. We will not meet the week of Thanksgiving break. I hope everyone has a fun, memorable Thanksgiving with friends and family! Our last Wednesday night for the year will be December 2. We will be Christmas caroling at Braswell Homes and the Lodge at Bethany.

Advent in Kids Worship

We will start our Advent season in Kids Worship each Sunday morning on Sunday, November 29. Please come join us as we go through the Advent season and calendar.

Church News

Decorating for Advent & Christmas

We will be decorating the church for the Advent season this Sunday, November 22. We are in need of helpers, so if you are available, meet at the church at 2PM.

Angel Tree

We will once again be participating in the Angel Tree Ministry this year. Angels will be ready to be picked up starting next Sunday, November 29. If you would like to participate but are unable to get to the church to pick one out contact Nancy Martin, metterbetter500@yahoo.com or 912-685-4964.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 22

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

2:00PM - Decorating for Advent & Christmas

6:00PM - Students Surge, FH

Monday, November 23

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Tuesday, November 24

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday, November 25

Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 26

Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Preschool Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Saturday, November 28

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen