



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
DECEMBER 6, 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

Christian Sympathy to the the Rev. Tom Johnson, Sr. at the passing of his wife Emmie this week. The Johnsons pastored Statesboro First from 1972-76.

Prayers for Barbara Fox, now undergoing physical therapy at Azalea in Metter

Prayers for Pierce Dickens, undergoing treatment at EGR

Continued prayers for Dot Piazza, Burney Marsh, Kathryn Olliff, and Mike Beasley

Cathy and Mike Rollins and son's family, specifically their infant granddaughter Adaline, who is receiving treatment for a serious infection.

The family of Hub Powell would like to thank our church for the kindness shown to us during Hub's illness and his passing. You are caring and loving church friends. He appreciated the cards and texts from you very much.

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers!

– Cissy Powell

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

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

In Person Worship: 234	
8:30AM: 25	9:01AM: 97
11:00AM: 74	REVIVE: 38
Online Worship: 176	
9:01AM: 93	11:00AM: 83
Offering Received: \$23,301.00	
Building Comfort: \$10	Total: \$30,147.67

Eighteen years ago, Julie and I helped lead a summer mission trip with teenagers down to serve in lower Louisiana. We worked on two different homes, making repairs and meeting the families. We also served inside the supply depot on the campus of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, in Baldwin, Louisiana. We had a great week, in part due to the amazing ministry that UMCOR was doing.

UMCOR cleaning buckets from our church will be delivered next week to a staging point in South Georgia before being moved to a regional depot in Alabama. From there, supplies we have purchased and packed will be ready to ship around the United States in the aftermath of disasters. Fortunately, many of us cannot relate to massive storms bringing flood waters into our homes, or trees crashing through roofs that allow water to flow in unabated. But, when that does happen, knowing that the supplies are available is hope taking shape.

Isn't that the essence of Christmas - **hope taking shape**? The people of God throughout the Old Testament waited on hope to come in the form of the Messiah. Jeremiah 23:5-6 states, "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness."

We live on the backside of the first advent of the Messiah. We know what hope taking shape looks like - it looks like Jesus. May we prepare our hearts for Jesus to come again, in the second advent.

Grace and peace, Scott





SFUMC Students News

Student Trips announced for 2021

In this week's parent meeting, we announced dates for our upcoming student trips and events:

Senior Trip - January 15-18 at SWO

Winter Ski Retreat - February 18-21 at Winterplace

By Design - March 21 at SFUMC

Mission's Weekend - April 30-May 1 at SFUMC

Summer Camp - June 21-26 at SWO

Mark Your Calendars and visit our website for more information about these upcoming trips and events.

www.statesborofirst.com/students



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Advent Season

We are enjoying learning about Advent season in Kids Worship each Sunday. Preparing for the birth of Jesus is fun and memorable for the children to learn about. The children have received Advent calendars that give them scripture to read daily and a fun activity they can do to help others during this holiday season.

This week we also visited Braswell Homes and The Lodge at Bethany and sang Christmas carols!



Church News

Angel Tree

We are once again participating in the Angel Tree Ministry. Angels are ready to be picked up and are located on the Christmas tree in the Gathering Area. 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.

Advent Devotionals

Statesboro First is offering a daily devotional resource for the Advent season, called "And the Word was God". Devotionals are available at the church and are located in the Sanctuary, Gathering Area and the Fellowship Hall.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 6

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, December 7

7:00AM - Students Breakfast Club, FH

6:00PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

6:00PM - Finance Meeting, Choir Room

Tuesday, December 8

5:30PM - Missions Committee Meeting, Library

6:00PM - Trustees Meeting, Choir Room

Wednesday, December 9

8:00AM - DQ Men's Group, 306

12:30PM - Roxella Ball's Bible Study, 306

6:30PM - Students Christmas Party, Outside

No Chilrens Ministry - Will resume Jan 13, 2021

Thursday, December 10

Friday, December 11

Saturday, December 12

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen