



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
DECEMBER 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

Continued Prayers for Pierce Dickens, undergoing treatment at EGR

Prayers for Mike Beasley - EGR

Continued prayers for Dot Piazza, Coley Cassedy, Ronnie Pope, Barbara Fox

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

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

DECEMBER 20, 2020

In Person Worship: 129	
8:30AM: 22	9:01AM: 32
11:00AM: 36	REVIVE: 39
Online Worship: not available at this time	

Offering Received: \$88,551.00	
New Building Fund: \$100	Total: \$84,066.87

The Nativity, by Johann Eck (1486-1543)

Four weeks of Advent have passed quickly and the calendar declares that it is Christmas. In another sense, though, we are not through with Advent.



Born in the year 1090, Bernard of Clairvaux was a saint who lived six decades in the midst of a period of history that some called the Dark Ages. St. Bernard's magnetic preaching and exemplary character changed the lives of thousands and his writing continues today to inspire Christians everywhere. At one point he wrote of three Advents. "We know His threefold coming: to humankind, into humankind and against humankind. To all He comes without distinction, but not so into all or against all."

The first advent is that in which God comes to seek and save that which was lost. This is the advent of the first Christmas, the one we sing about and celebrate every December.

The second is that Advent by which Christ is present in our souls now. The promised one who came into the world with help from Mary, still comes into our hearts today. This is taking place at every moment of our life. Someone once said, Christ is passing by and we are judged by our awareness of his passing.

The third Advent is when Jesus comes to take us to himself at the end of time. Christ is coming again, as a part of God's final efforts to judge and save. May this Christmas week ground us in the truth of Christ coming once, then again every day, and finally at the end of the age.

Grace and peace, Scott

Church News

Job Posting: Facilities Manager

Our church is seeking a unique and called person to serve as Facilities Manager. We plan to hire a mature, growing Christian who serves out of a solid faith in Jesus Christ. This person will work within a team atmosphere and be responsible for overseeing the operation and maintenance of the church's buildings and grounds. This is a part-time position of 20-25 hours/week, and compensation will be commensurate with experience. To apply, email a cover letter, resume and a list of references to rkersey@statesborofirst.com, or call the church office for more information.

UMW Honoring Babies

Our apologies for leaving this precious baby and her family off of the list that was posted in the bulletin last week.

A "Gift to Missions" has been given by the UMW in honor of the babies born in 2020 to Statesboro First United Church Members.

Maggie Allison Powell

Born July 14, 2020

Daughter of Wes & Cobie Powell

Granddaughter of Cissy Powell

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Important Notice From the Business Administrator

Due to Federal tax laws, all donations to be included on your 2020 statement must be made by December 31, 2020. Any checks given or postmarked after that date cannot be listed on your 2020 statement regardless of the date on the check. Donations received after this date will be put on your 2021 contribution statement. Final statements for 2020 will be sent out in early January. Please review your statement as soon as possible. To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2020 income tax return until you have received written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. You may lose a deduction for some contributions if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions. Also, when making prepaid contributions toward your 2021 pledge in 2020, you must write "2021 pledge" on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please contact:

Robin Kersey

SFUMC Church Business Administrator

912-764-1872 or rkersey@statesborofirst.com

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 27

9:00AM - Online-Only Worship

11:00AM - Online-Only Worship

Thursday, December 31

Church Office closes at noon

Friday, January 1

Church Office closed

Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 2

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen