



STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR

SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**JANUARY 3, 2021**

**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](http://www.statesborofirst.com/live)

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# SFUMC Prayer List

*Continued Prayers for Pierce Dickens*

*Continued prayers for Mike Beasley, Dot Piazza, Coley Cassidy, Ronnie Pope, Barbara Fox*

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 27, 2020*

In Person Worship: n/a
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Online Worship: <b>188</b>
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Offering Received: <b>\$34,744.00</b>
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New Building Fund: \$530	Total: \$84,596.87
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Building Comfort: \$10	Total: \$30,215.54
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American novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald once said, "It's never too late, or in my case too early, to be whoever you want to be...and if you find that you're not, I hope you have the courage to start over again." Over the past year, our lives have changed in countless ways. We learned to shop differently, socialize differently, and travel differently. We were forced to try new technology and create new routines. While starting something new can be scary it can also be sacred, especially when we allow God to create something new in us.

**2 Corinthians 5:17-20** So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived! All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!"

Our text today reminds us that if anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation (v. 17). Notice Paul uses the word, person. Paul wants his readers to know that followers of Jesus are not just forgiven of their sins; they are made into someone completely new. Did you know that the moment you put your trust in Christ, you became a new person with a new purpose and a new future?

"What is my new purpose?" you may be asking. Paul says it is to be an ambassador of Christ (v. 20). You are to represent Him with your life. However, being a new creation and His ambassador doesn't mean that we are perfect. Rather, it means we have been changed and we continue to be changed. Through the power of God alone, you are continually being made into a new you.

This New Year can give you a new start. Begin by submitting your old life to God and become new. Commit to being in His Word daily as a new creation and new ambassador for Christ.



## SFUMC Students News

### **Youth Events Start Back Up**

We hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas Break, and we can't wait to be back with you all soon! Make sure to mark your calendars for Surge starting back on January 10, Breakfast Club on January 11 and Small Groups/Confirmation on January 13. See you all soon!



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries News

### **Children's Ministry Update**

We hope and pray everyone had a Merry Christmas and was able to spend time with family over the holidays. The children enjoyed the advent season and Christmas caroling over the break. What fun memories were made!

Happy New Year and happy 2021. We look forward to a fun, safe, healthy year for all of us. We will be meeting back for our Wednesday night small groups on Wednesday, January 13, and we look forward to seeing all the kiddos.

## 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](mailto:rkersey@statesborofirst.com), or call the church office for more information.

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, January 3**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

### **Monday, January 4**

6:00PM - Trustees Meeting

### **Thursday, January 7**

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

### **Saturday, January 9**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen