



STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**JANUARY 24, 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

*Thank you for all the prayers, notes, food and kindness as Pierce was in the hospital and before and after his funeral. We appreciate your care for us. Pierce loved being a part of this church family and being able to play and lead others in worship.*

*- Tammie, Matthew and Jennifer Dickens*

***Continued Prayers for Kathleen Modd at EGRMC***

***Prayers for Betty Hodges post eye surgery***

***Prayers for Bobby & Holt Coursey***

***Continued prayers for Mike Beasley, Dot Piazza, Coley Cassedy, Barbara Fox, Carter Berkeley***

**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

*JANUARY 17, 2021*

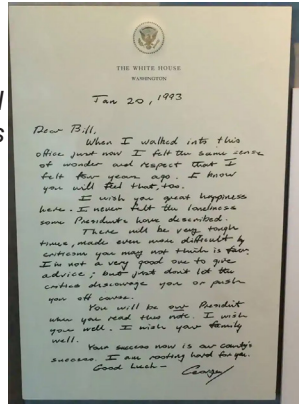
<b>In Person Worship: 135</b>	
<b>8:30AM: 15</b>	<b>9:01AM: 67</b>
<b>11:00AM: 29</b>	<b>REVIVE: 24</b>
<b>Online Worship: 288</b>	
<b>9:01AM: 142</b>	<b>11:00AM: 146</b>

**Offering Received: \$11,347.00**

One of the traditions neatly tucked inside a desk drawer of the American democracy is the writing of a note from the outgoing President of the United States to their successor. On January 20, 1993, this is how the hand-written note, that the 41st person to hold that office wrote to the one who bested him in the election just a few months before, ended:

*Dear Bill,*

*.... You will be our President when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well. Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you. Good luck — George*



I heard this read over the airwaves earlier this week and it prompted me to think of the scripture from this past Sunday. We are all one body, the Apostle Paul declares in Romans 12. But, that was not the only place he invoked the analogy of the church as the body of Christ. He writes the church in Corinth, at a time marked by divisions, and says this:

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. 14 Certainly the body isn't one part but many.... so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 25-27

President George H. W. Bush captured this part of the Gospel. We are created to be in relationship with each other. When one has success, we all do. The world pushes the agenda of scarcity, while heaven offers abundance. May this be our note to each other, as well.

Grace and peace, Scott

## SFUMC Students News

### Upcoming Youth Activities

- Sunday Night Surge, January 24 at 6PM.
- Breakfast Club Monday, January 25 at 7AM.
- Wednesday Night Small Groups, January 27 at 6:15PM.
- The Youth ski trip scheduled for February 18-21 is full. Contact Becca or Clay if your student would like to be added to the wait list.
- Mark your calendar for the *By Design* Event, Sunday, March 21.



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries News

### Kids Connection

Kids Worship is offered every Sunday morning at the 9:01 service and both 11:00 services. Kids Worship is for ages Pre-k-3rd grade. The church nursery is also open every Sunday.

Our Wednesday night small groups meet each Wednesday night from 5:45-6:45. This past week we talked about The Parable of the Talents from the book of Matthew. We look forward to seeing you!

## Church News

### **2021 Hope Chest Needs**

We continue to be blessed by donations from our community. There are some items that we frequently run out of: new ladies underwear (mainly size 9 & up), new men's boxers or briefs (mainly large & up), washcloths (new or gently used) and laundry detergent. There will be a donation box in the Gathering Area and our green donation box at 102 Elm Street is also available 24/7. Please call me at 912-536-5752 if you have any questions.

- Jackie Vaughn

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, January 24**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

5:30PM - Mission Discernment Team Meeting, 306

6:00PM - Students Surge, FH

### **Monday, January 25**

6:00PM - Church Council Meeting (Zoom)

7:10PM - Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom)

### **Wednesday, January 27**

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

### **Thursday, January 28**

6:30PM - Music Rehearsal, FH

### **Saturday, January 30**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen