



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TURNING OUR ATTENTION



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
FEBRUARY 21, 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

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SFUMC Prayer List

Continued prayers for Charlie Christmas, Si Waters, Betty Hodges, Bobby & Holt Coursey, 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

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

In Person Worship: 171	
8:30AM: 24	9:01AM: 80
11:00AM: 35	REVIVE: 32
Online Worship: 185	
9:01AM: 82	11:00AM: 103

Offering Received: \$28,514.25	
New Building Fund: \$300	Total: \$85,283.52

Spiritual Disciplines

Lent has started and with it we have to begin asking ourselves, "How am I preparing for Christ to come this Easter?" Lent is a time of contemplation, a time of dedication, a time of discipline, and a time of preparation. This season engages and prepares our hearts as we follow Jesus on his journey to the cross, so that when we arrive at Easter, we are truly ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

In all that Jesus did and taught, He conveyed to us that our spiritual life takes place in our physical reality as well as in the heart. If we believe what He said about the spiritual life, it only makes sense we should do what He did.

We are journeying together in this season with an intentional focus on the spiritual disciplines that Jesus practiced, these include fasting, prayer, simplicity, service, worship, and celebration. Throughout Lent we will take time to engage with each of these so that they become spiritual disciplines for us as well. While you might not be as familiar with some of these disciplines as you are others, each will help us improve our walk with Christ and allow us to grow to spiritual maturity. Unlike the spiritual gifts, which are provided to us by the Holy Spirit, spiritual disciplines are more like finely honed tools that aid us in our ongoing journey to becoming the people God created us to be. Yet, each of these disciplines takes time to develop and effort to integrate into our daily lives.

By incorporating spiritual disciplines into our lives we keep our eyes more keenly focused on God. When we keep a sharp focus on God, we stop letting other things get in our way or cloud our vision, and as a result our lives find clarity, purpose, and meaning.

Join us in person or online each Sunday during Lent as we explore more fully walking in the way of Christ and focusing on spiritual disciplines.

SFUMC Students News

Student Ministry Ski Trip

Our Student Ministry is in West Virginia for their Ski Trip Winter Retreat. Students left at 7:30AM this past Thursday 2/18 and will return Sunday afternoon. Students will spend their time on the slopes during the day, and playing games and having worship in the evenings. Everyone on the trip tested negative for Covid before boarding the bus to travel. Follow us @sfumcstudents on Instagram for the latest updates!



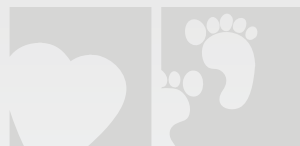
Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Love In Action

Our "Love in Action" challenge is going great for the month of February! The girls are WINNING, so boys you best get to working and bringing some stuff in. It's been a JOY watching the kids bring in items to help others out in our community. For more details contact Jodie Hendrix, 912-690-1291.



Church News

Preschool Registration

We are excited to offer ONLINE Enrollment for our Preschool Registration for Summer of 2021 and School Year of 2021-2022.

Parents of currently enrolled children (non-members and church members already in our program):

Monday, March 8, 2021 starting at 8:00AM.

Members of SFUMC who are not currently enrolled:

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 starting at 8:00AM.

General public enrollment will begin on:

Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 8:00AM.

If you have any questions regarding our Preschool or Summer Care Registration, please feel free to contact Ann Haskins, Director of Preschool/Childcare & Summer Care Ministries, at 912-764-1876 for further information. We hope to see you and your friends this year!

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 21

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

---NO SURGE--- Students Return from Ski Trip

Wednesday, February 24

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

6:30PM - Pastor Scott's Bible Study, Zoom

Saturday, February 27

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen