



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
FEBRUARY 28, 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

Christian Sympathy to the Dinello family at the passing of Jodi Dinello's mother, Mrs. Kitty Williams, on February 15.

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 21, 2021

In Person Worship: 177	
8:30AM: 27	9:01AM: 76
11:00AM: 49	REVIVE: 25
Online Worship: 200	
9:01AM: 75	11:00AM: 125

Offering Received: \$13,180.50	
New Building Fund: \$25	Total: \$85,108.52

How Did Jesus Approach Easter?

We are into our second week of the Season of Lent. Christians have been observing Lent for roughly 1600 years. The purpose was to prepare the hearts and minds of believers for the joy that is to come. For, even saved and baptized Christians need to remain open to grace in order to combat the efforts of the world to turn us away from God.

So, did Jesus prepare for what would happen during Holy Week? The betrayal on Maundy Thursday and the unspeakable suffering of Good Friday were awful. The answer from the Bible is a clear Yes. We are told in Luke 9 that Jesus "set his face" as he began his final journey to Jerusalem. His teachings with the disciples and other followers indicate that he knew his time was soon coming. His prayers and passion to have the disciples stay awake with him in the Garden of Gethsemane are the very essence of preparing for what is to come.

It is noteworthy that Jesus, who was one with the Father, still practiced his faith in order to prepare for what was coming. This is, to me, a clear call that I need to do the same. So, our teaching in worship this Lent are on the classic spiritual disciplines, or practices, that keep us connected. Last week, we heard Stephanie and Jonathan preach on fasting. In the coming weeks we will see Jesus practicing prayer, worship, service, celebration, and simplicity. Disciples of Jesus imitate Jesus - in what we pray, believe, think and do.

Grace and peace, Scott

An Update on Robin Kersey

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Robin, our beloved Church Administrator, will begin working part-time in March. This change is one that she initiated, in order to spend more time with grandkids. She will continue to oversee contributions, expenses, and payroll, working from 9AM to 1PM. Be sure to offer your appreciation for her twenty-four years of service to our church.

SFUMC Students News

By Design - Local Retreat - March 21

Our Student Ministry will be hosting a day retreat devoted to focusing on what it means to be a man of God and woman of God. This event is for both Middle and High School students. By Design will take place on March 21, directly following our 11AM church service. The guys and girls will have their own schedule of events for the day. Both groups will be headed out to eat and then partaking in an afternoon of activities, we will gather together for dinner, and then we will have separate worship services. The total cost for the day is \$35 which includes all meals and activities. Sign-ups are open!



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Save the Dates:

Dates we are excited about and look forward to that everyone in the church can participate:

Sunday, March 28: Everyone and all, adults & children will be waving palm leaves in each service.

Sunday, March 28: Easter Egg Hunt - 4PM at the Belle House. We will find eggs, enjoy outside time with friends, and enjoy cake and coffee together. What a fun day to visit with church members you haven't seen in a while. No matter your age, please come join us for a fun day of fellowship.

June 7-11: We need any and all VOLUNTEERS to help this week. We look forward to hosting a fun filled JESUS week with our VBS kids.

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 28

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

6:00PM - Student Surge, FH

Monday, March 1

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, FH

6:00PM - Trustees Committee Meeting, FH

Wednesday, March 3

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

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

Saturday, March 6

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen