



STATESBORO FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# TURNING OUR ATTENTION



SFUMC  
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:  
**MARCH 14, 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

*Christian Sympathy to Irene Denmark and family on the passing of her brother, Bob Mullins of Decatur, Alabama, on Wednesday, March 10.*

*Congratulations to Kyle & Mary Michael Logue upon the birth of their son, Gray David Logue, born on March 5.*

*Continued prayers for Marquise Stephens (son of Arnold Stephens), Charlie Christmas, Betty Hodges, Dot Piazza, 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

MARCH 7, 2021

In Person Worship: <b>284</b>	
8:30AM: <b>42</b>	9:01AM: <b>109</b>
11:00AM: <b>79</b>	REVIVE: <b>54</b>
Online Worship: <b>189</b>	
9:01AM: <b>90</b>	11:00AM: <b>99</b>
Offering Received: <b>\$22,611.50</b>	
Altar/ACTS: \$921.00	
New Building Fund: \$30	Total: \$85,339.27

This past Sunday's teachings on the spiritual practice of simplicity were not speeches against possessing any material things. They were a reminder that we don't want the things we own to own us. Like Jesus said in Luke 12:15, "After all, one's life isn't determined by one's possessions, even when someone is very wealthy."

Soren Kierkegaard, a Danish theologian from two centuries ago, told a parable along these lines.

When the prosperous man on a dark but star-lit night drives comfortably in his carriage and has the lanterns lighted, aye, then he is safe, he fears no difficulty, he carries his light with him, and it is not dark close around him. But precisely because he has the lanterns lighted, and has a strong light close to him, precisely for this reason he cannot see the stars, for his lights obscure the stars, which the poor peasant driving without lights can see gloriously in the dark but starry night. So those deceived ones live in the temporal existence: either, occupied with the necessities of life, they are too busy to avail themselves of the view, or in their prosperity and good days they have, as it were, lanterns lighted, and close about them everything is so satisfactory, so pleasant, so comfortable—but the view is lacking, the prospect, the view of the stars.

I notice that both the poor peasant and the prosperous man own carriages. The contrast is not about one who has a lot and the other who has nothing. Instead, it is about letting the stuff we own prevent us from seeing the glory around us. Is this not the message of the Gospel? May we not miss the glory of God because our view of the heavens (and what heaven is doing all around us all the time) is made dim by our material things.

Grace and peace, Scott

## 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. **Sunday, March 7 is the last day to sign-up!**



Statesboro First Methodist  
Children's Ministries



## Children's Ministries News

### **Save the Dates:**

**Monday, March 15:** Deadline to sign up to ride the bus for our Mission trip. We are looking forward to a fun day on Saturday, March 20 at Morningstar Children & Family Service.

**Sunday, March 28:** Palm Sunday, 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. 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

### **Opportunity to Serve as Office Volunteer**

After a hiatus of a year, our church is welcoming back persons who are willing and able to serve in the Church Office. So as not to overburden anyone, we hope to schedule persons to serve in the afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30 PM, every other week. This helps cover the telephones in times now unattended as Robin Kersey has shifted to part-time. Free training provided! The desk is distanced from others, and should not interfere with the reading of books, sewing, or pursuing the internet. Contact the Church Office to inquire more.

### **Easter Lilies**

Forms to place an Easter Lily in the church for Easter Sunday, in honor of or in memory of someone, can be found in the Gathering Area. The form will also be available online. The lilies are \$15 each and the money raised will go toward Missions.

## Church Calendar

### **Sunday, March 14**

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

4:00PM - VBS Meeting, 201

6:00PM - Student Surge, FH

### **Monday, March 15**

1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Meeting, 103

6:00PM - Finance Committee Meeting, FH

6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

### **Wednesday, March 17**

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

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

### **Saturday, March 20**

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen