



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TURNING OUR ATTENTION



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
MARCH 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

Christian sympathy to Cynthia & Olin Lovett and family at the passing of her mother, Donna Dixon, on Sunday, March 14.

Prayers for Inman & Mary Sue Hodges, Janice Wilbanks, Jewel Dabbs, Hilda Dutrow

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.*

Thank you so much for all the love and support you gave to Mike and our family during his illness and then his death. The calls, cards, texts, food and most of all prayers helped us so much. Mike loved and felt so blessed to be a part of such a loving and caring church. Our family continues to feel the love and support as we go through life without Mike. Thank you again and again. - Laura Beasley

Worship Attendance

MARCH 14, 2021

In Person Worship: 280	
8:30AM: 33	9:01AM: 136
11:00AM: 75	REVIVE: 36
Sunday School: 143	
Online Worship: 188	
9:01AM: 54	11:00AM: 134
Offering Received: \$28,484.05	
New Building Fund: \$100	Total: \$ \$85,439.27

All the world was wearing green on Wednesday. Of course, Saint Patrick's Day has taken on a life of its own in nearby Savannah, but the story that started it all is worth revisiting.

It is beautiful that Saint Patrick's Day falls between two Sundays in which we will study service and worship, for those made up the life of the Saint who is being celebrated.

Patrick lived in the Fifth Century, and though historians are not certain of the date of his birth, his death is marked on March 17. One of the creative ways they have narrowed down the timeline was what version (Old Latin or updated Vulgate) of the Bible he would quote from in his writings.

He was born in England, but according to the *Confession of Saint Patrick*, at the age of sixteen he was captured by a group of Irish pirates who had sailed across the sea to cause mayhem. He was made a slave for six years, but he points back to those years of slavery in a foreign land as critical to his spiritual development. Again - **the lives of the most humble and influential people we know and follow have adversity in common**. He eventually was freed, traveled to France and then returned home to Britain. But, two years after being home, he had a vision of a saint named Victoricus who brought Patrick an armful of letters calling him to return to Ireland and walk among the people there. So, he studied to be a missionary, gathered a boatful of people who would go and serve alongside him, and returned as a Bishop of the Church. It was then that Ireland would hear the message of Good News for the first time. There are legendary stories of his love and miracles that God performed through him, as well.



Grace and peace, Scott O'Hagan

PS - I love this shirt despite the opinions of the three detractors with whom I live!

SFUMC Students News

Missions Weekend - April 30 - May

This is a local retreat full of service projects for our students, so we can actively be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. The cost for the weekend is \$50, which includes all food and activities. Students will gather at the church at 3:45PM that Friday to kick the retreat off. The retreat will wrap up Saturday night at 8PM. We will not be having host homes this year but the weekend will still be packed with fun! The retreat is local, so students have the ability to be active in only a portion of the weekend if need be, but if at all possible we would like them to commit to the whole time. If your student would like to sign up for this retreat, please let Becca or Clay know!



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



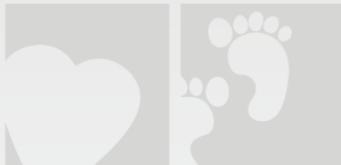
Children's Ministries News

Save the Dates:

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

Holy Week & Easter

We are offering a number of different ways for people to grow and prepare as the days draw us closer to Easter, the greatest day in the life of the Church. Our plans include:

- an outdoor, self-guided opportunity to pray at Stations of Cross during Holy Week
- evening devotions with scripture, song, and lay testimony that are live on Facebook and our church app, Monday - Thursday at 7:00PM
- in-person worship for Good Friday at 7:00PM
- offering 6 services on Easter morning, including two outside at 7AM sunrise and 10AM

Easter Bundles

We need small wrapped candies and small “gifts” that would fit inside plastic eggs or an Easter bag. These will be given to those who come to the Soup Kitchen the day before Easter. Items can be left in the Gathering Area in the designated box.

Sunday, March 21

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

12:15PM - Youth “By Design” Event

5:30PM - Finding Focus Group, 306

Monday, March 22

6:00PM - Church Council Meeting, FH

Wednesday, March 24

5:45PM - Children’s Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

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

Saturday, March 27

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen