



STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TURNING OUR ATTENTION



SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
MARCH 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

Continued prayers for Marquise Stephens (son of Arnold Stephens), Charlie Christmas, Betty Hodges, Dot Piazza, Barbara Fox, Carter Berkeley, Inman & Mary Sue Hodges, Janice Wilbanks, Jewel Dabbs, Hilda Dutrow

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.*
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Worship Attendance

MARCH 21, 2021

In Person Worship: 238	
8:30AM: 26	9:01AM: 95
11:00AM: 79	REVIVE: 38
Sunday School: 117	
Online Worship: 187	
9:01AM: 87	11:00AM: 100
Offering Received: \$14,613.00	

Go to the Limits of Your Longing

- Rainer Maria Rilke

Listen. God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
then walks with us silently out of the night.

These are the words we dimly hear:

You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.

Flare up like a flame
and make big shadows I can move in.

Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.

Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.
Give me your hand.

Rilke's poem, translated into English by Joanna Macy, is from the Book of Hours published in 1905 that explored the Christian search for God and the nature of Prayer. A friend of mine shared it with me this week, and I was struck at how it picked up on themes that are lingering with me from the sermons this Season of Lent: God is calling us over the noise and distraction of the world, God is moving around us and desires that we would see it, and God offers us his hand to lead us.

Grace and peace to all of that - Scott

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

Trip to Morningstar

We had so much fun at Morningstar this past Saturday helping with yardwork. We met the sweet children and had fun giving them some special treats we had made for each one. Serving others brings such JOY to the heart. We look forward to heading back to Morningstar in the Summer sometime

Save the Date

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

- 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 Cross Tradition

It has long been a SFUMC tradition to decorate the Easter cross in front of our church with flowers from our yards. This year, the beloved tradition continues! Please join us Easter Sunday in bringing flowers from your yard and adding them to the beauty of the cross!

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 28

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:01AM - 901 Service, FH

10:00AM - Sunday School, various rooms

11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary

11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

4:00PM - Family Gathering & Easter Egg Hunt, Belle House

Monday, March 29

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, FH

5:30PM - Preschool Board Meeting, FH

6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

Wednesday, March 31

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities

6:30PM - Students Small Groups

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

Friday, April 2

7:00PM - Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 3

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen