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Kid's Worship is a special time for children in Pre-K - 3rd Grade. Kids are dismissed by a leader during the service and will be escorted up to Room 306 on the 3rd Floor for some kid friendly music, games, crafts and a lesson. Parents can pick their kids up in room 306 after the service, or following the 9:01 service, kids are brought downstairs to their Sunday school classes.

The **Nursery** is available for infants, toddlers and other children under the age of 4 as of September 1, 2021. It's located on the first floor near the elevator.

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STATESBORO FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
APRIL 11, 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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The Day After Easter

I wonder what the day after Easter—i.e. the day after Jesus' resurrection—was like for Jesus' first group of followers. I know what the day after Easter is like for most of us. We go back to work or school. After a day of celebration, we force ourselves to get back into the normal routine of life—albeit a little tired and a little full from all the food we've eaten. We ask each other, "How was your Easter?" and then go on to talk about the weather or the latest news items. We enjoyed the church services, but now it's time to get back into the real world of schedules, stocks, and sports. Like the day after any holiday, the day after Easter can even seem to be a bit of a letdown.

But I wonder, is that the way it was for Jesus' first followers the day after they experienced the risen Christ? Did they just get back to the normal routines of their lives? Was it a day of letdown? I don't think so.

I tend to think that when they woke up that morning they had to, first of all, ask themselves, had yesterday really happened? And, when they realized that it had, hope was birthed again and again within each of their hearts. As they sought each other out they didn't ask, "How was your yesterday?" Rather, they spoke about today, and tomorrow, and the days that would follow. Most of all, they spoke about Jesus, reminding each other that truly he was alive! They knew that the resurrection of Jesus was not just something to remember, but an event that would impact their lives far into the future, even into eternity!

The fact that the One whom they had seen crucified was now alive turned their world around. Thus, they couldn't help but spread the news. And, not only did they celebrate once a year but they lived lives of celebration, knowing that because Jesus lived, they too would live.

May your week after Easter, and every day that follows, be filled with the life of our risen Savior!

Grace and peace, Stephanie

Statesboro First United Methodist Church News

Holy Week Devotionals

Watch Online and in the SFUMC App

Members of our church family shared music and testimony during a series of live streams each night of Holy Week. If you missed the streams, we encourage you to go back and watch the recording on our website:

www.statesborofirst.com/media.

Monday: Russ Lanier & George Rountree

Tuesday: Cameron Brown & JonHolland Jones

Wednesday: Madonna Henry & Lauren Fowler, Eastyn Durrence, and David Lippincott

Thursday: Becky Holmes & Dylan DiNello

Children Singing

A Trip to The Lodge at Bethany

This Wednesday, April 14, our Children's Ministry will be taking a trip to The Lodge at Bethany to sing songs to the residents.

5:45PM: We will meet under the white tent at church and ride the bus to Bethany

6:00PM: Arrive at Bethany and sing songs

6:35PM: End with a juice and treat out on the front lawn

6:45PM: Parents Pickup at Bethany
77 Bethany Way,
Statesboro, GA 30458

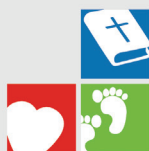
We cannot wait for this fun night of worship and service!



Student Ministry News

Missions Weekend - April 30 - May 1

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

TREASURED Vacation Bible School - June 7-11

VBS 2021 is quickly approaching and our team has been planning some exciting things for this week! We need volunteers! If you are willing to serve and volunteer this week (9AM-12PM), please fill out this Google form!

<http://get.sfumc.info/2021-vbs-volunteer>

This is an awesome way to serve not only our church but people in our community and show them the LOVE OF JESUS!!!

VBS Registration for is coming very soon! Be on the lookout for more information via our Facebook Group and Children's Ministry Email Newsletter. Join our email list by going to www.statesborofirst.com/email and choosing "Children's Ministry Related Email" from the list of categories.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 11

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH
6:00PM - SFUMC Students Surge, FH

Wednesday, April 14

5:45PM - Children's Ministry Activities
6:30PM - Students Small Groups
6:30PM - Pastor Scott's Bible Study, Zoom

Saturday, April 17

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

Monday, April 12

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, FH
10:00AM - United Methodist Women, FH
6:30PM - Young Adult Bible Study, 306

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds;

Sing praise to God's surpassing greatness.

Praise the Lord!

Taken from Psalm 150

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Easter People, Raise Your Voices UMH#304

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed UMH#881

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT (8:30AM)

Epworth By The Sea

REV. WAYNE RACZ

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO KID'S WORSHIP (11:00AM)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Because He Lives

by Bill and Gloria Gaither

RUSSELL SPENCE, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19

MESSAGE

8:30AM REV. DR. SCOTT HAGAN

11:00AM REV. WAYNE RACZ

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

I Love to Tell the Story UMH#156

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing if able during this portion of the service.*

The Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.



Our Church Family

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

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) *Government Leaders at every level- for God's will to be done through them and around them.*

Attendance

GOOD FRIDAY

In Person Worship: **89**

Online Worship: **144**

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4, 2021

In Person Worship: **696**

8:30AM: **65**

9:01AM: **237**

11:00AM: **214**

REVIVE: **48**

Sunrise: **84**

10 Outdoor: **48**

Online Worship: **325**

9:01AM: **124**

11:00AM: **201**

Sunday School: **88**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$28,203.00**

Building Fund: **\$30.00**
(Total \$85,669.27)

Other (Easter Lilies): **\$1,090.00**

