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The **Nursery** is available for infants, toddlers and other children under the age of 4 as of September 1, 2022. It's located on the first floor near the elevator.

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SFUMC
NEWSLETTER



FOR THE WEEK OF:
OCTOBER 17, 2021

Worship Services:

Traditional Worship
8:30AM & 11:00AM

Contemporary Worship
9:01AM & 11:00AM

in our Sanctuary

in our Fellowship Hall

Watch online at www.statesborofirst.com/live

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Don't Abandon Your Revival.

I'm not sure I've ever sat down to read the Bible and thought, "Let me turn to the book of Nahum for some encouragement." But strangely, this is where I found myself. I read about God's warnings of consequences. Our souls seem to crave the things that make us better human beings but resist the things that make us uncomfortable, like consequences. And the more I read of Nahum 2, the more I'm a little overwhelmed at how discouraging it can be to read where warnings turn into reality.

Judgment has come for Nineveh. And Nahum is preparing the people for what's just ahead. He sees it coming, and there's no turning back now. But hope is still tucked away. Nahum reminds us that even though all these bad things are unfolding, God is restoring the majesty of Jacob and Israel. *The Lord will restore the splendor of Jacob like the splendor of Israel, though destroyers have laid them waste and have ruined their vines. Nahum 2:2 NIV*

As we look at our current reality, what are the places God wants to restore in us that sin has separated? What are the warnings we aren't listening to? And what do we see coming?

Nahum is describing what is about to happen to Nineveh. Because even though they did repent, they turned back to their sinful ways. **They abandoned their revival.** And each day, God offers us a place of personal revival through the presence of the Holy Spirit. But it's up to us to step into that place, where sometimes it does feel a little uncomfortable. It doesn't matter how many times it takes us to get it; God will always forgive. God is a personal God who meets us as individuals. And it's never too late for us.

God, help us not to abandon our revival. In Jesus' name, amen.

Statesboro First United Methodist Church News

This is Staff Appreciation Month!

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! However, we believe that our whole team deserves recognition, so we would like to celebrate our ENTIRE Staff. Please extend your appreciation to any or all of the members of the SFUMC Staff and Clergy this Month!

Cards or letters are a good way to show your appreciation, or you may want to give a gift card, invite someone for a meal, or honor them in another creative way! However you feel led to do so, please celebrate our incredible staff and clergy during the month of October.

--Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Support Our Choral Scholars

Our talented choral scholars work very hard not only here at our church, but in events at Georgia Southern University. Below are some events they are involved in. Please show your support for them by attending their events, which take place in Carol A. Carter Recital Hall at Georgia Southern!

- Vocal Arts Gala - October 16 @ 7:30PM
- Isa Wallace Voice Recital - October 22 @ 7:30PM
- Opera: "La Bella Dormente nel Bosco" by Ottorino Respighi - October 29 & 30 @ 7:30PM

Class on Awakening & the Spirit

Revival is more than three nights under a tent. Don't forget, this new class starts on Sunday, October 24 at 10:05AM in Room 206.



Student Ministry News

Sign Up to Volunteer at the Harvest Festival

If your student is interested in volunteering for the Harvest Festival on November 7 from 5PM-7PM please email, text, or call and let us know! We ask that students would commit to serving a one hour shift and then enjoy the festival for the other hour. October 20 is the cutoff date to sign up. We hope to see you there!

- Please note we will not have Surge this Sunday, October 17 or Breakfast Club Monday, October 18 due to Fall Break. See everyone back at Surge on Sunday, October 24!



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



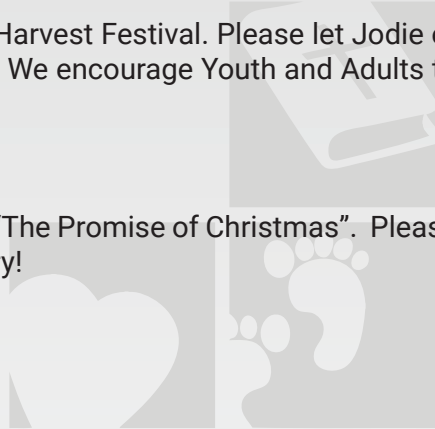
Children's Ministries News

Harvest Festival - November 7

We are still in need of many volunteers for our Harvest Festival. Please let Jodie or Eastyn know where you would like to volunteer. We encourage Youth and Adults to volunteer for this church-wide event!

Mark Your Calendars for December 1

On December 1 our children will be performing "The Promise of Christmas". Please join us as our children tell of the Christmas story!



Church Calendar

Sunday, October 17

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH

Monday, October 18

Fall Break - PS Closed
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle, 206
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle, 306
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle, 103

Tuesday, October 19

Fall Break - PS Closed
6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, October 20

Fall Break - PS Closed
7:00PM - Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, October 21

Fall Break - PS Closed
6:00PM - Chancel Ringers Rehearsal, 305

Friday, October 22

Fall Break - PS Closed

Saturday, October 23

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen
3:00PM - LaChine/Carruth Wedding

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Liturgist

8:30AM IRENE DENMARK 11:00AM JIM CAMPBELL

PRELUDE

Pastorale, Op. 26

Alexandre Guilmant

CALL TO WORSHIP

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
and gives us refreshment of soul.

Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
so that the name of God will be glorified.

We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,
and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!

~Psalm 23

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies UMH #173

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed UMH#881

GLORIA PATRI

UMH#71

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO KID'S WORSHIP

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Harry Rowe Shelley

DOXOLOGY

UMH#94

SCRIPTURE READING & MESSAGE

8:30AM & 11:00AM REV. DR. SCOTT HAGAN

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH #381

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*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

The rosebuds on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty Rushing's 95th birthday and in memory of John Rushing for their anniversary. They are given by Betty's daughter, Suzanne Bunn.

Prayers for Jimmy Franklin who is in Metter swing bed.

Prayers for Jimmy Hodges and Carter Berkeley who are both now at home recovering.

Continued prayers for Linda Arnold, Ann Mullins, Edwina Amerison, Klenke Bredenberg, Chuck Shiels, Charlie Christmas, Dot Piazza, Betty (Fred) Hodges, Barbara Fox, Inman & Mary Sue Hodges, Earl & Jewel Dabbs, Janette Johnson, Shirley Connell, Betty Rushing and Gretchen Jackson

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

OCTOBER 10, 2021

In Person Worship: **368**

8:30AM: **40**

9:01AM: **173**

11:00AM: **118**

REVIVE: **37**

Online Worship: **151**

9:01AM: **61**

11:00AM: **90**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$29,417.27**

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LEADETH
ME**

