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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:
NOVEMBER 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	

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The Bible on Death and Waiting in Sleep

There is more mystery to God's Creation than most people willfully consider. The Bible is heaven's gift to point us to the path of eternal life with God, but it consistently references death in its first phase as being like sleep. Consider this...

Daniel 12:2 describes the dead as "those who sleep in the dust of the earth," who later "shall awake" through being resurrected. Job, in his long litany arguing with his friends and then later with God, says, "But man dies and lies prostrate.... Until the heavens are no longer, He will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep (14:10-12)." Jesus told his disciples that Lazarus was asleep and that he was going to awaken him. The disciples responded that sleep was good because it would help him get well, prompting Jesus to then plainly tell them, "Lazarus is dead" (John 11:11-14).

Eventually all will arise from this sleep. As Jesus said, the hour is coming "in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth" (John 5:28-29). This is the comforting and encouraging truth revealed in the Scriptures. Our own Russ Lanier picked up on this language of sleep and night to write a poem earlier in 2021 that seeks to offer comfort to those who have lost loved ones. May we live as those who have hope in the truth of the Resurrection. Grace and peace, Scott

Does The Night Ever Cry?

by Russ Lanier

*Does the night ever cry?
Can it shed a tear?
Does the darkness pass by,
Or just linger near?
Hiding in light, an invisible breeze
A foreboding shadow - waiting to seize
Our moments, our passions
Our hopes and our dreams
The moon as its witness
A spectrum of beams
Must night mark the distance
Between goodness and light?
A path of resistance
Where wrong betrays right?
What if - night is God's shelter
Its comfort our rest?
The time we are still
As God's honored guests
What if - it welcomes, it heals, it listens, it stays
Granting us strength between each of our days
It knows we will leave
As all children do
Yet anxiously waits
As our fates we pursue
To see us, to hold us
To just let us know
The night cries forever –
Each time we must go*

Statesboro First United Methodist Church News

Dancing to Support Safe Haven

Our church's own Scott Hagan and Eastyn Durrence are dancing to raise funds in the 11th Annual Dancing With the Statesboro Stars. All monies raised go to serve and care for women, children and families enduring domestic violence in our community. Tickets are available for two shows, November 18 at 6:30PM and November 21 at 3PM, both at Connection Church on Cawana Road. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at the Safe Haven office at 204 N College Street.

Help Decorate for Advent and Christmas

Join a great group on Sunday, November 28 at 2PM as we help decorate all around the church. Speak with Olin Lovett and Natalie Neville with questions, or just show up to help out.

Altar Offerings for ACTS

As we celebrate communion this Sunday, please know that all offerings left on the chancel rail will benefit ACTS. ACTS, Area Christians Together in Service, is an interfaith ministry dedicated to the needs of our neighbors in Bulloch County and provides residents with emergency financial assistance. Your generosity to this mission is greatly appreciated.

Angel Tree Ministry

"Angel Tree" is a ministry of our church in partnership with Prison Fellowship which provides Christmas gifts for children of prisoners in our area. We have the names of 40 children in 18 families. The tree will be ready soon to have names picked up. Thank you in advance for considering this ministry as part of your Christmas celebration!



Student Ministry News

Parent Meeting Video

Be on the lookout next week for a new parent meeting video! This video will contain all the information you need to know about what will be happening within our Student Ministry this spring. There will be plenty of dates, details, and opportunities for students to have fun and grow in their faith! We will include the video in our weekly email next week and post it on our Instagram account @sfumcstudents.



Statesboro First Methodist
Children's Ministries



Children's Ministries News

Thank You!

Thanks to all that made our Harvest Festival a wonderful event to attend. It cannot happen without the hands and feet of the church. Thank you for being the LIGHT on this day!

Christmas for Our Backpack Buddies

Children's Ministry will sponsor 30 children from our Backpack Buddies Program for Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a child please email Jodie or Eastyn. The cost to sponsor a child would be approximately \$75. You would purchase the items that parents need for the children and turn them into the Church Office by December 6 (names and lists won't be available until November 12). Let Jodie know if you have any questions. Thanks for always making a child smile during the holidays by giving!

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 14

8:30AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
9:01AM - 901 Service, FH
11:00AM - Traditional Service, Sanctuary
11:00AM - REVIVE Service, FH
4:30PM - Youth Band Rehearsal, YR
6:00PM - Youth Surge, FH/306

Monday, November 15

7:00AM - Youth Breakfast Club, 306
10:00AM - Carol Carter Circle Meeting, 206
10:00AM - Dreta Sharpe Circle Meeting, 306
1:30PM - Lanier Lee Circle Meeting, 103
6:00PM - Finance Committee Meeting, 306

Tuesday, November 16

6:00PM - Al Anon, Grace House

Wednesday, November 17

10:00AM - Linda & Roxella's Bible Study, 306
6:15PM - Wednesday Night Ministry
7:00PM - Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, November 18

6:00PM - Chancel Ringers Rehearsal, 305

Friday, November 19

10:00AM - Preschool Thanksgiving Feast, FH

Saturday, November 13

12:00PM - Soup Kitchen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lay Liturgist

8:30AM RUSS LANIER 11:00AM HUGHES WILLIAMSON

PRELUDE

Fantasia on 'Forest Green'

Lloyd Larson

CHANCEL RINGERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.

This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

We come, seeking the face of God. Amen.

- Taken from Isaiah 25 and Psalm 24

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For All the Saints UMH #711

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED TO KID'S WORSHIP

NAMING OF OUR HONORED DEAD & PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

Fantasy on 'Kingsfold'

Dean Wagner

CHANCEL RINGERS

DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Robert J. Powell

SCRIPTURE READING & MESSAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Rejoice in God's Saints UMH #708

*BENEDICTION & POSTLUDE

Variations on 'Sine Nomine'

John Weaver

**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 flowers on the altar on November 14 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William (Buddy) Boyce Morgan by his wife and children, Amy, Taylor, Abigail, Emily & Andrew.

Continued prayers for Barron Fitz (friend of Jackson Borges), John Gould, Lynn Davis (Jody Polk's mother), Dug Duggan, Jimmy Franklin, Jimmy Hodges, Carter Berkeley, 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

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

In Person Worship: **382**

8:30AM: **38**

9:01AM: **158**

11:00AM: **108**

REVIVE: **78**

Online Worship: **132**

9:01AM: **57**

11:00AM: **75**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$40,516.87**

New Building Fund: **\$2,530.00**

Total \$91,830.92

Herbert "Hub" Powell

William "Buddy" Morgan

Pierce Dickens

Kathleen Modd

William "Bill" Stradling

Mike Beasley

Bud Johnston

Robert Smith

Suzan Laircey

