

# CONNECT

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Welcome to worship at Statesboro First.  
We're so glad you're here! We care about you.

Name

Service

I am a...

- ☐ 901
- ☐ 11:00 AM
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ First time visitor
- ☐ Guest
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Member
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone

Email

Connect Cards help us respond to your visit,  
whether you are visiting or join us regularly!

# PRAYER

Share a Prayer Concern or Celebration  
Let us know if we can share it with others!

☐ I am interested in teaching  
Sunday School!  
Please contact me.

☐ I'd like to meet with a Pastor.  
Include your name and email/phone so we can  
reach out to schedule a meeting or phone call.

I'd like to learn more about...

- ☐ Church Membership
- ☐ Serving Opportunities
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Groups/Classes

## 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### PRELUDE

"Prelude & Fugue in C, BWV 545"-- Johann Sebastian Bach

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord exists forever!

**Your Word is firmly fixed in Heaven!**

Your Faithfulness endures to all generations!

**Your Word is a lamp to our feet!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - HUGHES WILLIAMSON**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UMH 881) AND \*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)**

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

#### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" -- Paul Sjolund  
*Taylor Sutterfield, soloist*

**\*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)**

#### CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR MARK

"Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**(*Children dismissed to Worship*)

#### TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

PSALM 119: 9-16, 105 (NRSVUE)

#### "TAKE ME WITH YOU"

REV. MARK BURGESS

#### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah", UMH 127

#### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely, Freely"

#### POSTLUDE

"Cortège Académique "- Sir Ernest MacMillan

*Special thanks to SFUMC choral scholar, Taylor Sutterfield for blessing us with her musical gifts in worship today!*

*\*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.



# BACK TO SCHOOL



## STATESBORO FIRST

United Methodist Church

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost



### Our Church's Sacred Calling:

*Through us God will:  
Reach People  
Touch Souls  
Change Hearts  
Launch Disciples*



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# Statesboro First News

## Property Sale Approved

The July 24th called Charge Conference approved the SFUMC Trustee resolution to sell the property we own across South Main Street. We are inviting the three troops that currently use that property to come onto our main church campus (indoors).



## Red Bird Mission Trip Invitation



Join us on a one week “light build” Mission trip to THE UMC Mission in Kentucky, which exists to support impoverished people living in Clay County. We’ll head up Sunday, Sept 7 and return Friday, Sept 12. Cost for the trip is \$500 per person and includes lodging, food and materials. We’ll be staying at the work camp. Pastor mark will be the trip leader and will be presenting photos and additional details on Wednesday, Aug 6 at 10AM in room 206 and Sunday, August 10 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.(only need to attend one)

# Wednesday into the Word

It’s almost that time!

Pastor mark will be leading a 4 week study on the first 11 Chapters of Genesis. Bring your Bible and come join our 60 minute conversation beginning **August 13 at 10am in Room 206.**



# Church Calendar

**Sunday, Aug 3**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
4:00 PM - AA Meeting, 211  
4:30 PM- SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

**Monday, Aug 4**  
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206  
2:00 PM - Willow Pond Communion

**Tuesday, Aug 5**  
6:30PM - SPRC Meeting, 206

**Wednesday, Aug 6**  
6:00PM - Nominations Meeting, 206  
**Thursday, Aug 7**  
10:30AM- District Setup, Rocky Ford UMC  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 306  
6:30PM - Emmaus Board Mtg, 204

**Saturday, Aug 9**  
7:00 AM - Emmaus Team Mtg  
10:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church  
Calendar  
Online

# Statesboro First News

## We Need YOU!

You are invited to join us **Wednesday, August 13 at 7pm** for an open choir rehearsal, our first of the season. No musical experience required, just be ready to meet and sing with our wonderful choir and enjoy some refreshments, fellowship, and fun. You’re also invited to join our stellar handbell choir. Their first rehearsal will be **Thursday, August 14, 6pm.** Again, no experience necessary! Feel free to speak with our Minister of Music Jackson Borges and our handbell choir director Lee Walker for more info. We can’t wait to see (and hear) you!



# SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

All who are part of the back-to-school cycle!  
Joe McGlamery -- bladder cancer and liver complications - at home  
Richard Howard - recovering at home  
Chantel Webb & Family - recent passing of her mother, JoAnn Beasley  
Harper Kamppi - recovering from surgery - broken arm  
Rafe Binns - recent passing of his Grandmother  
David Ewing - shoulder replacement surgery Sept 22  
Phyllis Harrison & family - recent passing of her father in Tennessee  
Jane Anderson - breathing concerns  
Susan Campo - home with ongoing health issues  
Julie Winskie - undergoing chemo and radiation for brain cancer  
Burney Marsh - severe back pain  
Rev. Terry DeLoach - general health (back at home)  
Carol Elliot (Marcus Toole’s Sister) - recovering from chemo treatments  
Becky Renfroe -- stroke recovery - at home with care  
Steve Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related Chemo treatment  
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson’s son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment  
Texas flood victims, families and all affected  
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)  
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia  
Our Organ refurbishment project beginning tomorrow

# Children & Student Ministry News

## SFUMC Student Sundays

start *this afternoon!* All 6th-12th graders are invited to play games, eat snacks, hear a lesson, break into small groups, & grow in Christ’s love together! The fun starts in the *youth room at 4:30 and ends at 6!*



We are still in need of Sunday School teachers for all ages - elementary through high school. Contact Haley Herrington or check the circle on your Connect Card for more information.

# Attendance

July 27, 2025: 212	
9:01 AM: <b>29</b>	11:00 AM: <b>103</b>

Online: **80**

# Offering

Offering Received: **\$9,684**



If you wish to purchase flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a life event, contact our church office at (912) 764-7589.

Prefer to complete your connect card electronically? Simply scan this QR code to be automatically directed!



# Nursery & Kids’ Worship

**KIDS’ WORSHIP:** *Pre-K - 5th Grade* Children are dismissed during the service and escorted to Room 306 on the 3rd floor. Parents can pick their children up in room 306 after the service, or, following the 9:01 service, children are brought downstairs to their Sunday School classes.

**NURSERY:** *infants, toddlers, and other children under the age of 4 in room 110 across from the Fellowship Hall.*