

# CONNECT

Please place in offering plate.

Welcome to our Traditional Service!  
We're so glad you're here!

Name

Phone

Email

Please Check One:

- ☐ Here for the first time
- ☐ Returning Guest
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Member
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

# PRAYER

Share a Prayer Concern or Celebration

- ☐ I would like to hear details about serving on a homebound Holy Communion team.

- ☐ Pastor Only ☐ Share w/Others

- ☐ Sign me up for the newsletter.
- ☐ I'd like a name tag!
- ☐ I'd like to meet with a Pastor.  
Be sure to include your name and contact information!
- ☐ I'd like to learn more about...

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

## 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### PRELUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – Traditional  
*Dr. Michael Braz, pianist*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" – Traditional  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God calls the creation toward unity as one people.  
**But unity seems so distant from us in this polarized world!**  
Almighty God overcomes the world with justice and love as one.  
**Lord, may your "God Love" pour forth from heaven into our hearts!**

### \*OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LISA LEE

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH 103

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

### NEW MEMBERS JOINING

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Abide With Me" – arr., Malcolm Archer  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*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

1ST CORINTHIANS 13:1-7 (NRSV)

### "What the World Needs Now..."

REV. MARK BURGESS

### \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"Lead On, O King Eternal", UMH 580

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Freely, Freely" UMH 389 (refrain only)

### POSTLUDE

"Festive Trumpet Tune" – David German

*Special thanks to Dr. Michael Braz for blessing us with his musical gifts in worship this morning!*



**STATESBORO FIRST**  
United Methodist Church



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026**

Human Relations Sunday



### Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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# Statesboro First News

**Leadership Conference**  
Live2Lead is a leadership & personal growth event hosted live and recorded. It's an annual leadership gathering developed by the Maxwell Leadership Organization. Trainers and coaches involved are invited to buy a license to host Live2Lead in their community. Our event will be hosted by Dr. William Amponsah and Pastor Mark here in our Fellowship Hall on **February 16** from **8:30am-1pm**. Stay tuned for more details on sign up here and in our newsletter!

## LIVE2LEAD

### Invitation To Membership

Here in 2026, we are excited to have people indicating a desire to join what God is doing through SFUMC – how about you? Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? This is a great way to start a new year! Simply email Pastor mark at [mark@statesborofirst.com](mailto:mark@statesborofirst.com) or call him at 404-502-7678. He will make himself available to you to answer all your inquiring membership questions before you decide to join. Be at peace.



## Wednesday into the Word



Pastor mark will continue teaching on the Book of Joshua Wednesday, **January 28**, from **10 am - 11:30 am** in room 206. Bring a Bible and come!

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, Jan 25**  
9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
4:30PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

**Monday, Jan 26**  
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206  
6:00 PM - Trustee Mtg, LD  
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Wednesday, Jan 28**  
10:00AM - Bible Study, 206  
5:30 PM - Missions Comm Mtg, LD  
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

**Thursday, Jan 29**  
3:00PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Welcome Ctr  
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

**Saturday, Jan 31**  
9:30AM - Kairos Training, 306  
11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH

Church  
Calendar  
Online

# Statesboro First News

**Newsletter**  
Be sure you are signed up for our weekly newsletter. It typically goes out at 5PM on Thursdays, and contains more detail on items listed in the bulletin as well as other things going on in the life of our church. You can sign up from the website by simply scrolling to the bottom where you'll see the sign up link, or contact the church office via email at [adminassist@statesborofirst.com](mailto:adminassist@statesborofirst.com).



## SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Dr. Jackson Borges - healing from shoulder surgery  
Martha Wells - recovering from bile duct procedures at home  
Alan Skipper - two recent family deaths  
Becky Holmes - upcoming multiple back surgeries  
MaryAnn Lisenbee - knee replacement 2/12  
Our Faith Family in Process of Moving to Willow Pond Cottages:  
Martha Wells, Karen Gunnels, John & Martha Ray  
Bobbie & Holt Coursey - health concerns  
Michelle Woods - hospitalized St. Joseph Savannah with Leukemia  
Anna Riley - expectant Mommy due February 20, 2026  
Macie Miller - expectant Mommy due May 5, 2026  
Shelby Haskins - expectant Mommy due May 31, 2026  
Israa Margocs - expectant Mommy (Michele Rugar-Smith's Daughter-in-law) due June 30  
Susan Ragains - healing in splint from broken knee cap  
Rev. Charles Cravey - ongoing breathing issues; many tests  
Steve Anderson – cancer treatments; in and out of hospital  
Susan Campo - treatments every other week in Augusta to April 1  
Pete Payne (Doug Hess Uncle) - cancer treatments  
Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 10 yr old granddaughter (Valen)  
Jane Anderson - breathing issues; in and out of hospital  
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – ongoing cancer related immune treatment  
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)  
Community servants who put themselves at risk (police and firefighters)  
Peace in Israel, Gaza, Ukraine & Russia, & Venezuela  
All those impacted by recent violence and attacks

## Children & Student Ministry News

**VBS Dates!**  
Mark your calendar for VBS this summer June 8-11! Note this is a different week than we normally have VBS and we hope you'll make plans to join us. Stay tuned for this year's theme!

**Students:**  
Remember we're back this week with SFUMC Students and will begin with a Starbucks Run at 4:30!

# Attendance

January 11, 2026: 280	
9:01 AM: 42	11:00 AM: 142
Online: 96	

## Offering

Offering Received: **\$36,952**



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.