

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



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.



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 Rupar-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
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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.