

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

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

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus" – arr., Jason Krug
The Chancel Ringers

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Open our eyes so we may see You Jesus
We do not wish to be blind anymore!
Open our eyes so we may see ourselves Jesus.
We do not wish to be blind anymore!

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - LISA LEE

*OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" UMH 160

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Echoes from a Weary World" – Jason Krug
The Chancel Ringers

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT WITH PASTOR MARK "Jesus Loves Me" UMH 191

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

JOHN 9:1-41

(From Eugene Peterson's THE MESSAGE version of the Bible)

"APPARENTLY, NOT EVERYONE CAN SEE JESUS"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness", UMH 140

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Where He Leads Me" UMH 338 (refrain only)

POSTLUDE

"Divertissement, Op. 31, No. 11" – Louis Vierne

*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.



STATESBORO FIRST
United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

Church Pictorial Directory is Here!

Our faith family directory is now available **free** to everyone who shared their picture with us! There are a limited number so we ask that only people with pictures in the directory take one during March. After that, the remaining directories are available for \$10.

Missions Outreach Opportunity

As we continue seeking meaningful ways to support our soup kitchen friends, we recognize the importance of helping them maintain dignity through basic personal care. Our Missions Committee invites you to join us in creating hygiene kits for men, women, and children. Each kit will include essentials such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, a washcloth, a hand towel, socks, and a Bible or devotional book. You may sponsor a kit for \$20 and/or help pack the kits on March 29, with the first sets being shared during our Easter Basket Giveaway on April 3rd. With your help, we hope to assemble 144 adult kits and 72 children's kits.

Second Mile Giving

This Sunday we are focusing on hygiene kits! It's \$20 to sponsor a kit - sponsor as many as you like using the green 2nd mile giving envelope.

Note Meeting Date Change

Our Church Council meeting that was scheduled for Monday, Mar 16 has been **changed to Wednesday, March 25** at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are welcome!

Palm Sunday Luncheon & Egg Hunt

Make plans to join us for Palm Sunday Lunch after our 11AM service. The meal is free and meat and sides are provided. If you are able, bring a small dessert to share - if not, please come share the meal with us anyway! The Easter Egg hunt will follow!

Wednesday into the Word

Pastor mark will continue Adam Hamilton's six session DVD study, *Why Did Jesus Have To Die?* this Wednesday, **March 18th, from 10 am - 11:30 am in room 206.**

Church Calendar

Sunday, Mar 15

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

Wednesday, Mar 18

10:00AM - Bible Study, 206
12:00PM - Prayer Meeting, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Mar 19

6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, Mar 21

11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Statesboro First News

One Georgia Conference Meeting

All are invited to an update about North Georgia Conference & South Georgia Conference potentially combining to make a "One Georgia" Conference (we already share the same Bishop.) Our meeting is in Statesboro at Brannen Chapel UMC (few blocks from our church) **Sunday, Mar 22** at 2 pm. Pastor mark & other key SFUMC leadership will be in attendance. All interested church laity are invited. The report presented will also come up at Annual Conference for action in June for both conferences. Come to this important meeting to stay informed.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Charlie Millican (Darwin Bohler's BiL) - recovering from hip surgery 3/2
Debbie Palmer - at home recovering from knee replacement
Mary Sue Hodges - home hospice
Riley Family - welcomed Theodore Alexander Riley (9 lbs, 6 oz) Mommy & baby doing well
Bonnie Clark - PET scan results good - no chemo/radiation needed
Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle's Sister in PA) - health concerns
Martha Wells - severe back pain
Becky Holmes - ongoing back physical therapy at home
MaryAnn Lisenbee - recovering from knee replacement at home
Holt Coursey - double hernia
Michelle Woods - hospitalized St. Joseph Savannah with Leukemia
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
Rev. Charles Cravey - (cardiac procedures went well) - needs back surgery
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 - home with ongoing breathing issues
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) - ongoing cancer related immune treatment
Everyone serving in a USA military uniform
All our Civic Leaders (Local, state and national)
Community servants who put themselves at risk (police and firefighters)
World Peace (specifically Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia & Mexico)

Children & Student Ministry News

Children:

We need Easter candy and eggs for our Palm Sunday Egg Hunt! No pre-filled eggs, please!

Upcoming Confirmation Session topics:
Why is Talking to God Important? (3/15)
Why is Reading the Bible so Hard? (3/22)
What is Unique about the UMC? (3/29)

Students:

Remember, SFUMC Student Sundays tonight! We'll see you at 4:30 in the Youth Room!

Attendance

March 8, 2026: 188

9:01 AM: 34

11:00 AM: 93

Online: 61

Offering

Offering Received: **\$18,035**



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.