

# 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
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# 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

"Open My Eyes That I May See" – Dr. Jackson Borges

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" – Helen H. Lemmel  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord inclines his ears to hear our words.  
**I will make my vows to the Lord!**  
We are Your humble servants gathered to praise God..  
**I will make my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.**

### OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - IRENE DENMARK

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH 133 (3 verses)

### CONFIRMANDS' PROFESSION OF FAITH & MEMBERSHIP

### PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

### GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown" – Thomas Gibbs  
*The Chancel Choir*

### \*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

### \*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41, 1 PETER 17-19 (ALL CEB)

### "TO WHAT ARE YOU CONFIRMED?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Lord of the Dance", UMH 261

### \*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Up from the Grave He Arose" UMH 322 (refrain only)

### POSTLUDE

"O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing" – Healey Willan

*\*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.

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

*May the Lord's  
Holy light  
shine on!*



**STATESBORO FIRST**  
United Methodist Church



**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026**

Confirmation 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

## Service Member Prayer Wall

Our church is creating a military wall for all our current service men and women in uniform. If you have a family member or good friend currently in the service, would you please send us a picture of them (preferably in uniform,) their name and rank, military branch, and relationship to you. We hope our wall grows over time as we are honoring those who are serving our country.

## 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](mailto:adminassist@statesborofirst).

## Name Tags

If you are new to worshipping with us, we purchase name tags for every regular worshipper who wishes to have one. They are free to you. Please BEAUTIFULLY PRINT your first and last name on the Connect Card and check the box requesting a nametag.

## Invitation To Membership

Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? 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.

## Helping Hands Luncheon

Mark your calendars for our spring Senior Luncheon **THIS Thursday, April 23** at 12:00 in our Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office at 912-764-7589.

# Wednesday into the Word

There will be **no WITW** this Wednesday, **April 22**, but make plans to join Shannon Burgess as she begins a 5 week study of Max Lucado's, *God Never Gives Up On You* on **April 29**.

# Church Calendar

**Sunday, Apr 19**  
 9:01 AM - Contemporary Service, FH  
 10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour  
 11:00 AM - Traditional Service, Sanct  
 3:00PM - Max Ezell Concert, Sanct  
 4:30 PM - SFUMC Students, Youth Rm

**Monday, Apr 20**  
 6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

**Wednesday, Apr 22**  
 12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206  
 7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

**Thursday, Apr 23**  
 12:00PM - Helping Hands Luncheon, FH  
 6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305  
 6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

**Saturday, Apr 25**  
 10:30 AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204  
 11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church  
 Calendar  
 Online

# Statesboro First News

## Choral Scholar Concert - Let's get Max to Austria!

Join us **TODAY at 3pm** for a very special concert! One of our alto choral scholars, Max Ezell, has been selected for the American Institute of Musical Studies Summer Program in Graz, Austria and she needs our help! Max will be performing a fundraiser recital to help her get to Austria. Her recital will feature a wide variety of works with something for everyone.

## Childrens' Worship Dismissal and Pick Up

*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.

# SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

- Nora Ford & Family - recent passing of Buck Ford
- Beverly Walker - recent cancer diagnosis - testing
- Lawrence Lundy - recovering from second cataract procedure
- Tanis Mobley - back at home
- Dottie Johnson - general health
- Melissa Linde-Powers - daughter (Megan) and SiL (Tyler) - move to Oregon.
- Riley Family - welcomed Theodore Alexander Riley (9 lbs, 6 oz) Mommy & baby doing well
- Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle's Sister in PA) - health concerns
- Martha Wells - severe back pain
- Becky Holmes - recovering from back surgery
- Holt Coursey - double hernia and back pain
- 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 11 yr old granddaughter (Valen)
- Jane Anderson - under at-home care (advanced COPD)
- 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: Join us for VBS!!!

Mark your calendars for June 8-11 from 9am - noon for rising PreK through rising 6th Grade! Use the QR code to register children **and volunteers** for Rainforest Falls and let's explore the nature of God together!



## Students:

Remember, SFUMC Student Sundays are kicking off with a Starbies run this afternoon!

# Attendance

April 12, 2026: 310

9:01 AM: 35

11:00 AM: 112

Online: 163

# Offering

Offering Received: \$



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.