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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

"Prelude on Two American Folk Hymns" – Charles Callahan
Dr. Diane Kessel, flute

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

"Blessed Be the Name" - Traditional
The Chancel Choir

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST -

*OPENING HYMN

"To God Be the Glory" UMH 98 (3 verses)

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"A Prayer for Rain" – Dr. Michael Braz
The Chancel Choir, Dr. Michael Braz, pianist

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-25 (NRSV)

"HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

"Victory in Jesus", UMH 370 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

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

POSTLUDE

"Marche Épisopale" – Louis Vierne

*Special thanks to Dr. Michael Braz, Dr. Diane Kessel, and all our music ministers
for blessing us with their 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.

Children's Sunday!

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STATESBORO FIRST

United Methodist Church

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter & Holy Communion



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.

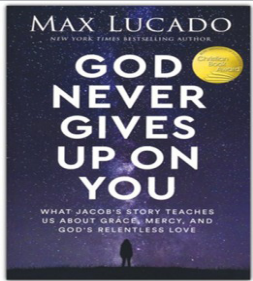


Mother’s Day & Graduation Sunday

In case it hasn’t been on your radar before now, next Sunday, May 10 is Mother’s Day! We honor all the moms and those who are *like* moms in our congregation and community! We will also celebrate our graduates. If you are graduating or have an upcoming graduate - at any level of education, please contact the church office so we can recognize them!



Wednesday into the Word



Shannon Burgess will continue her 5 week study of Max Lucado’s, *God Never Gives Up On You* on **May 6 at 10AM in Room 206**. Books are available in the church office for \$10. Read Chapters 4 & 5 in preparation for the session.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 3 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	Thursday, May 7 6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211 6:30 PM - Scout Committee Mtg, FH 6:30 PM - Emmaus Mtg, 204
Monday, May 4 10:00AM - Southern Manor Communion 2:00 PM - Willow Pond Communion 6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH	Saturday, May 9 10:30 AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204 11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH
Wednesday, May 6 10:00AM - Bible Study, 206 12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206 7:00PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste	



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SPECIAL “Preparing the Holy of Holies for Renewal” Service

As you have seen and heard, May 31 will be a very special service as we transition out of the Sanctuary and into the Fellowship Hall for the summer season in order to repair and renew the Holy of Holies. More details coming soon. Make plans to attend - you will be blessed!

Saturday Workday!

The exterior of our gorgeous campus could use a little late spring spruce up, so Ronnie Ruffo is coordinating a workday on **May 16**. From **9am-noon**, come be a part of all or some as you are able. Bring gloves!



SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Beverly Walker - recent cancer diagnosis
Keith Harrison (Christy Marsh's father) - awaiting next steps after tumor discovery
Burney Marsh - ongoing health issues
Dottie Johnson - general health
Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle's Sister in PA) - health concerns
Becky Holmes - recovering from back surgery
Holt Coursey - double hernia and back pain
Macie Miller - baby Miller is here and mom and baby are doing well!!
Shelby Haskins - expectant Mommy due May 31, 2026
Israa Margocs - expectant Mommy (Michele Rupar-Smith's Daughter-in-law) due June 30
Rev. Charles Cravey - needs back surgery
Steve Anderson – cancer treatments; in and out of hospital
Susan Campo - treatments once a month in Augusta through September
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 Iran, 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 today! 4:30 in the Youth Room!

Attendance

April 26, 2026: 214	
9:01 AM: 34	11:00 AM: 107

Online: **73**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$3926**



The altar flowers are from the celebration of marriage of McKenzie Banks & Ian Hodges last evening. We wish them all the best!

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.