

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

"Three Hymns for Worship" – arr., Dr. Jackson Borges
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come – Jesus, Lover of My Soul –
Shine, Jesus, Shine*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST -LAURA MARSH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Your Word is a lamp to our feet!
Show us how to be the earthly body of Christ!
Your Word is a light to our path!
May we be good ground as you sow your Words in us!

*OPENING HYMN

"Hymn of Promise" UMH 707 (3 verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Thy Word" – Amy Grant
Dr. Jackson Borges, soloist

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 CEB

"AT THE LAKE WITH JESUS"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Thy Word", UMH 601 (2 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"Marching to Zion" UMH 733 (refrain only)

POSTLUDE

"He Is Exalted" – Twila Paris, arr., Mark Hayes

**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, JULY 12, 2026

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

Sanctuary Renovation

We are so grateful for everyone's patience as we continue our main Sanctuary renovation which began June 8th. If you are worshipping with us for the first time, our Sanctuary is out of service for a planned, major interior renovation. Our Chancel Choir normally takes the summer off. To enhance this time when both services (9 am and 11 am) are in the fellowship hall, our Lead Pastor is teaching a series concluding with the following topics:

July 12: Our UM Understanding of Sacraments

July 19: Our Local Church Organization

July 26: Our Denomination Organization

We Need You!

Our Soup Kitchen is seeking volunteers for July and August. This is a great opportunity for civic groups, Sunday School Classes, youth groups, families and individuals to put their faith into action. Visit SFUMC Soup Kitchen (<https://statesborofirst.com/soup>) for more information and to submit the volunteer form or email Debbie Walker at walkerdebbie1987@gmail.com.

Disciple I Information Meeting

Come meet with Shannon & Pastor mark as they introduce a new "old" DVD driven Bible Study that is still the best Bible study we have ever encountered. They will offer this 34 week study beginning Sunday, August 16, for those who have never taken a formal Bible study before. Are you ready to take that first step into going deeper than just the surface? Would you like to have an excellent overview of the entire Bible? Would you like to see how United Methodists uniquely encounter Scripture? Dive in with us. Come to this information meeting at **2pm on Sunday, July 26**, in room 206 to find out more (and bring any questions you may have.) God wants to draw closer to you. This is your chance to draw closer to God and make eternal friends in the journey.

Back to School Blessings

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 2** as we will have our annual Blessing of the Backpacks at both services. This is open to ALL backpacks - no age limit, so bring your middle school, high school, college, DOCTORATE backpack and let us pray over your school year!



Church Calendar

Sunday, July 12

9:00 AM- Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour, FH
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, FH

Monday, July 13

6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, July 15

12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206

Thursday, July 16

6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, July 18

11:00 AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Today's Picture



Remember to sign up for
Soup Kitchen Volunteer
shifts - there's a
cool t-shirt waiting for ya!

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Venezuela Earthquake victims & survivors (UMCOR)

Andrew & Israa Margocs (Michele Rugar-Smith son & DIL) - recent loss

Ginny Hughes's brother Max - general health

Quinton Moore - out of ICU

Max Manack - pancreatic cancer

John Ray - recovering from neck surgery at home

Melissa Linde-Powers - recovering at home

Burney Marsh - needs back relief

Rev. Charles Cravey - recovering from back surgery

Rev. Paula Lytle - recovering from concussion

Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – last scan showed no cancer!

Steve Anderson – hoping for second new heart valve, continued cancer treatments

Beverly Walker - ongoing chemo treatments

Anne Kolish (Rev. Paula Lytle's Sister in PA) - health concerns

Becky Holmes - may need another back surgery

Susan Campo - treatments once a month in Augusta through September

Mary McKoy - still in N.Y caring for 11 yr old granddaughter (Valen)

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

Students:

Next outing: Top Golf
Wednesday, July 29!

We'll leave the church at
9:15am.

Lunch provided by SFUMC
Student Ministries @ Top Golf!



Attendance

July 5, 2026: 194

9:01 AM: n/a

11:00 AM: 94

Online: 100

Offering

Offering Received: \$32,120



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 *give* 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.