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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

"Caprice in A, Op. 16, No. 3" – Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST -LACY KAMPPI

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to the Lord; dwell on God's wondrous works!
We give thanks for the Lord and we call upon his Holy Name!
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
We rejoice with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength!

*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" UMH 77 (4 verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Safe Within Your Arms" – Mark Hayes
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 13:31-33 (CEB)

"FINER THAN FROG'S HAIR!"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Forward Through the Ages", UMH 555 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH 143

POSTLUDE

"Fugue in D, Op. 135, No. 2b" – Felix Mendelssohn

**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 26, 2026

Ninth 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

College Sunday School Class

Pastor Mark will be leading a College Sunday School class beginning Sunday, August 23 at 10AM in room 206. So if you are a college student, please plan to join us. And if you know a college student, please share!

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 TODAY**, 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.

Joiner Anderson Workshop

Joiner Anderson Funeral Home will be making a presentation on August 16 in Room 206 during the 10 o'clock hour. “Making Final Plans” provides comprehensive pre-planning to help families organize funerals, cremations, and end-of-life arrangements.

Back to School Blessings

Mark your calendars for **NEXT 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 26

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

Monday, July 27

6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Tuesday, July 28

4:00PM - Preschool Board Mtg, LD

Wednesday, July 29

12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206
6:00 PM - Preschool OPEN HOUSE!

Thursday, July 30

6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, Aug 1

9:30AM - Kairos Training, 306
11:00AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



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Statesboro First News

Save the Dates

Brannen Chapel UMC, Pittman Park UMC, and Statesboro First UMC are coordinating three night revival services the evenings of September 29th, September 30th, and October 1st. Save that Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in your personal calendars. SFUNMC is hosting the night of Tuesday, September 29th .



Today's Photo



Jackson is missing the Sanctuary organ so much, he got his own to play at home!

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Venezuela Earthquake victims & survivors (UMCOR)

Ginny Hughes's brother Max - general health

Max Manack - pancreatic cancer

Melissa Linde-Powers - recovering at home

Burney Marsh - needs back relief

Rev. Charles Cravey - recovering from back surgery

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

Steve Anderson – hoping for second new heart valve, chemo & dialysis treatments

Beverly Walker - ongoing chemo treatments

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

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 19, 2026: 215

9:01 AM: **36**

11:00 AM: **89**

Online: **90**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$11,070**



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.