

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

"A Medley of Love & Adoration" – Mark Hayes
I Love You, Lord – Jesus, Name Above All Names – O, How I Love Jesus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST -MARILYN BRUCE

*OPENING HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together" UMH 618 (4 verses)

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"We Remember You" – Walt Harrah, arr., Lloyd Larson
Dr. Jackson Borges, soloist

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

BACKPACK BLESSING & TEACHER/ADMINISTRATOR CONSECRATION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:13-21 (CEB)

"YOU Feed Them"

REV. MARK BURGESS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

"O, How I Love Jesus", UMH 170 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH 143

POSTLUDE

"Doxology" – 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, AUGUST 2, 2026

Blessing of the Backpacks
Tenth 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 still seeking volunteers for 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.

Invitation to Sunday School



Our "United Methodist 101" Summer Study has concluded and we're back to individual Sunday School classes this week. If you aren't currently involved in a class and are unsure where to begin, please reach out to Shannon Burgess. She has attended them all and will assist in finding the right fit for you! Something truly special happens in the community of Sunday School - we want to be sure everyone experiences it!

Joiner Anderson Workshop

Our friends at Joiner Anderson Funeral Home will be making a presentation **Sunday 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.

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 .



Church Calendar

Sunday, Aug 2
9:00 AM- Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour, FH
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, FH

Monday, Aug 3
First day of Preschool & BCS
10:00AM: Southern Manor HC
2:00 PM: Willow Pond HC
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Aug 5
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206

Thursday, Aug 6
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211
6:30 PM - Emmaus, 204
6:30 PM - Scout Committee, FH

Saturday, Aug 8
10:30AM - Parents of Addicted Loved Ones
11:00AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Statesboro First News

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 by selecting the circle on the attached Connect Card, or contact the church office via email at adminassist@statesborofirst.com.

Invitation To Membership

Is it time to affix your faith anchor to a firm foundation? Simply email Pastor mark at 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.

NEW Infant Nursery!

Our infant nursery is staffed and ready to love on your little ones during Sunday worship. Parents can just sign in prior to service in Room 111.

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

Sheila Nielsen (Paul Nielsen's Mother) - seizures & hospitalization
Pastor mark - continued recovery from knee surgery
Carol Ruffo (Ronnie's wife) - carpal Tunnel surgery 8-4
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:

Remember no Student Sundays tonight, but we'll pick back up next week with a Starbies run! You know the drill - come for the beverages, stay for the fun! Starts at 4:30 - pick up at 6!



Attendance

July 26, 2026: 211

9:01 AM: **35**

11:00 AM: **91**

Online: **85**

Offering

Offering Received: **\$6639**



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.