

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 for the Family of God" – arr., Dr. Jackson Borges
*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy – My Faith Has Found a Resting Place –
He Hideth My Soul*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - HUGHES WILLIAMSON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God - come into God's presence with PRAISE!!!
We seek the love, acceptance, and safety of Jesus' fellowship!
Be encouraged, this is Jesus' church and you are welcome here!
May this "Place of Grace" touch us and stick to our hearts!

*OPENING HYMN

"Lord of the Dance" UMH 261

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Give Me Jesus" – Traditional Spiritual, arr., Lloyd Larson
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

Romans 12:9-18 (CEB)

"WHY ARE YOU HERE?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH 526 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH 143

POSTLUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth" – Jeffrey Bennett

**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 16, 2026

Twelfth 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 Bible Study

Pastor Mark will be leading a College Bible Study beginning **NEXT 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



If you aren't currently involved in a Sunday School 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!

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.

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. SFUMC is hosting Tuesday, September 29th.



Church Calendar

Sunday, Aug 16
9:00 AM- Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour, FH
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, FH
2:00 PM - Disciple 1, 206
4:30 PM- SFUMC Student Sundays

Thursday, Aug 20
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, Aug 22
10:30AM- Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, 204
11:00AM - Soup Kitchen, FH

Monday, Aug 17
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Aug 19
FIRST DAY OF GS CLASSES!
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, **FH**



Church
Calendar
Online

Photo of the Day



SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

World Peace (specifically Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia)
Columbia Earthquake victims & survivors
Venezuela Earthquake victims & survivors (UMCOR)
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)
Steve Anderson – new heart valve surgery 8-21, chemo & dialysis treatments
Grace Collins - Beverly Walker's mother at Southern Manor
Susannah George's father - general health
Bonnie Spiers - broken foot
Kenneth Kelley's wife - general health
Tabitha Kearney's Brother, Trey - continued recovery
Susan McGlamery - moving to Bethany
Ginny Hughes's brother Max - general health
Max Manack - pancreatic cancer
Burney Marsh - needs back relief
Rev. Charles Cravey - MRI in 2 weeks to investigate source of extreme pain
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – last scan showed no cancer!
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

Children & Student Ministry News

Children:

Do you have a second grader in your life? See Mrs. Haley to sign them up for Bible Presentation Sunday on Sept. 20!

Students:

Student Sundays tonight with Boro Sno!
Ice cream or sno cone - what's your fave?!

Starts at 4:30 - pick up at 6.
Bring a friend!



Attendance

August 9, 2026: 229

9:01 AM: **44**

11:00 AM: **106**

Online: **79**

Offering

Offering Received: **7,138**



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.