

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 Togetherness" – Oliver Holden
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Nearer, My God, to Thee – We Gather Together

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - ELIZABETH LIPPINCOTT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, who is your Lord & Savior!!!
We come to worship Jesus Christ – HE is our Lord and Savior!
May the Holy Spirit come help us worship our Redeemer!
Come Holy Spirit – open our hearts to Jesus!

*OPENING HYMN

"We Gather Together" UMH 131 (3 verses)

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"This Little Light of Mine" – Traditional

*DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:13-18 (NRSV)

"Am I THE I AM for You?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" UMH 557 (4 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH 143

POSTLUDE

"All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name" – Oliver Holden

**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 23, 2026

Thirteenth 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 **THIS 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

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 23
9:00 AM - Contemporary Service, FH
10:00 AM - Sunday School Hour, FH
10:00 AM - COLLEGE Bible Study, 206
11:00 AM - Traditional Service, FH
2:00 PM - Disciple 1, 206
4:30 PM - SFUMC Student Sundays
6:00 PM - BYX Chapter Mtg, FH

Wednesday, Aug 19
12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

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

Saturday, Aug 22
11:00AM - Soup Kitchen, FH



Church
Calendar
Online

Photo of the Day

SFUMC Students fresh off a trip to Boro Sno last Sunday!



SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

World Peace (specifically Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia)
Columbia & Venezuela Earthquake victims & survivors
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 – currently in ICU @ EGRMC
Grace Collins - Beverly Walker's mother at Southern Manor
Susannah George's father - general health
Bonnie Spiers - broken foot
Tabitha Kearney's Brother, Trey - continued recovery
Susan McGlamery - general health
Alyssa DePouli - expectant mom - due mid January
Ginny Hughes's brother Max - general health
Max Manack - pancreatic cancer
Burney Marsh - needs back relief
Rev. Charles Cravey - MRI in a week to investigate source of extreme pain
Bran Anderson (Bill & Jane Anderson's son) – last scan showed no cancer!
Beverly Walker - ONE more chemo treatment to go!
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 a photo scavenger hunt! How well do you know your church? Starts at 4:30!



Attendance

August 16, 2026: 238

9:01 AM: **35**

11:00 AM: **114**

Online: **89**

Offering

Offering Received: **14,748**



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.