

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

"Come Sunday & How Great Thou Art" – Traditional

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER - LAY LITURGIST - HUGHES WILLIAMSON

*OPENING HYMN

"We Gather Together" UMH 131 (3 verses)

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

***GLORIA PATRI (UMH 71)**

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

"Amazing Grace" – Traditional

***DOXOLOGY (UMH 95)**

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

TODAY'S SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mathew 22:1-14 (CEB)

"JUSTICE WITH MERCY OR MERCY WITH JUSTICE?"

REV. MARK BURGESS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206 (3 verses)

*BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL SONG

"On Eagle's Wings" UMH 143

POSTLUDE

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" – Traditional

**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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Holy Communion

Our Church's Sacred Calling:

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



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Statesboro First News

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.

It's Almost That Time!

SFUMC will once again be partnering with Habitat for Humanity to host the Pumpkin Patch! Pumpkins will arrive Saturday, September 26. The Patch will be open Monday-Friday from 3-7pm, Saturday from 9am-1pm, & Sunday from 12-4pm. Volunteer times are broken up into 2 hour blocks on these days & that sign up sheet can be accessed by scanning the QR code here. You can also reach out to the church office and we'll be happy to get you signed up!



Invitation to Sunday School

There's never been a better time to join a Sunday School class! Everyone is a little "new" to it after the break, so you'll fit right in! If you are unsure where to start to find a class, contact Shannon Burgess. She has visited them all and will help you with the right fit!

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.

Coming Home Revival - Three Churches, One City

Brannen Chapel UMC, Pittman Park UMC, and Statesboro First UMC are coordinating three evening services September 29th, 30th, and October 1st. SFUMC is hosting Tuesday, September 29th. Family Fellowship kicks off at 5:30 with service beginning at 6:30. Power Camp for children PreK-5th grade begins at service time. For full details visit www.statesbororevival.com.

Church Calendar

Sunday, Sept 6

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
6:00 PM - BYX Chapter Mtg, FH

Monday, Sept 7

PRESCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
10:00 AM - Southern Manor HC
2:00 PM - Willow Pond HC
6:30 PM - Scout Meeting, FH

Wednesday, Sept 9

12:00PM - Prayer Mtg, 206
6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal, Music Ste

Thursday, Sept 10

3:00 PM - Helping Hands Mtg, Wel Cntr
6:00 PM - Handbell Practice, 305
6:30 PM - AA Meeting, 211

Saturday, Sept 12

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



Church
Calendar
Online

Photo of the Day



Pastor Mark & Shannnon will be away on R&R next week!

SFUMC Prayer Concerns & Praises

World Peace (specifically Iran, Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia)
Nepal tragedy & 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)
Bill Anderson - recent passing of his son
Darby Benson & family - recent passing of her brother-in-law (Ken Whitaker)
Lee Luckett (Lisa Blount's father) - critical heart surgery at Emory Atlanta
Natalie Neville - had a fall last Sunday and has broken both wrists
Grace Collins - Beverly Walker's mother at Southern Manor
Bonnie Spiers - recovering from broken foot
Susan McGlamery - general health
Alyssa DePouli - expectant mommy - due January 2027
Ginny Hughes's brother Max - general health
Max Manack - pancreatic cancer
Burney Marsh - needs back relief
Rev. Charles Cravey - upcoming MRI to investigate source of extreme pain
Bran Anderson (Bill Anderson's son) - last 3 month scan showed no cancer!
Beverly Walker - had last chemo treatment this week!
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:

No Student Sundays for the next TWO weeks - see you September 20!



Attendance

August 30, 2026: 249

9:01 AM: 47

11:00 AM: 134

Online: 68

Offering

Offering Received: \$72,586



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.