

First Methodist Church of Swainsboro

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

Broadcast over WXRS 100.5 FM

Have you found Jesus yet?

Prelude Out of the Depths I Cry to You attr. to Martin Luther

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Fear not, for I have redeemed you

I have called you by name, you are Mine!

Remember not the former things,

Nor consider the things of old.

Behold! I am doing a new thing,

Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it ?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert,

To give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for
Myself that they might declare My praise!

Isaiah 43

Invocation

*Opening Hymn I Am Thine, O Lord MH 419

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed MH 881

*Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

*Gathering Chorus Something Good Is Going to Happen to You
On Screen

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

*Morning Hymn Nearer, My God, to Thee MH 528

Offering and Prayer

Offertory Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross arr. Mary McDonald

*Doxology

Children’s Moment Melinda Hall

Anthem

Scripture Luke 15:1-10

Sermon “ Drawing Jesus “ Rev. David Unkles

** Invitation Hymn Near to the Heart of God MH 472

*Benediction

Postlude Wellspring of Wisdom Miriam Therese Winter

* Please stand as you are able. **Our chancel rail is open for prayer.

Nursery: 11:00 a.m. Tabitha Flanders
September Altar Guild: Linder Holder
Ushers: Smith Edenfield, Peyton Frye, Gary Mason, Jansen Ware

Included in your bulletin is the 1st of 3 surveys designed to provide information for our “STRATEGIC PLANNING EVENT “ scheduled for early next year. Please take a moment to fill it out and return it to the church office.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Church Members:

Linda Baker, Ada Lee Correll, Cherry Curry, Peggy Denny, Nancy Flanders, Marilyn Freese, Butch Frye, Jerry Hooks, David Kettles, Karol Key, Bonnie Lanier, Gail Lewis, Bob Neil, George Smith, Sue Stockholm, Richard Smith, Pat Tiller, Kim Waters

Extended Church Family:

Heather Ash, Tracy Avery, Railey Bragg (Lynn Taylor’s granddaughter), Brandi Brown, Eva Nell Brown, Regina Calhoun, Lee Canady, Larry Canady, Marie Canady (Melissa Canady step-mother), Randy Carter, Lynn Chance, Cindy Claxton, Keri Grimm Claxton, Sam Daniels, Rev. Wayne Defore, Jim Derden (John Derden’s brother), Brandon Dickens (Cathy McDaniel’s nephew), Kenny Doss, Deborah Duckworth, Jean Hunnicutt DuPree, Kevin Edenfield, Wanda Ellison, Teresa Ely, Ruby Fagler, Martha Flanders, Judy Garrett (Kelli Torpy’s Mother), Maralyn Graham, Georganne Hairr (Kim Hooks’ mother), Billy Holder, Phyllis Hutcheson (Karol Key’s mother), Clay Johnson, Fay Key, Cleve Kinard (Tony Waters brother), Brenda Kirby, Jerry Lawson, Gloria Mason, Ken McGee (Sharon Edenfield’s father), Scott McRae, Bob Mitchell, Sandy Moody, Judy Moore, Emma Moran, David Morgan, Mike Morris, Joy Nasworthy, Joan Neil (Bob Neil’s Mother), Eliza Noles, Tim Palmer, Marty Payne (Teresa Mason’s brother), Bobby & Kay Peacock, Wade Peebles, Clark & Bonnie Petersen (Kathy Palmer’s sister & brother–in-law), Beverly Ragsdale (Gene Ragsdale’s sister-in-law), Gayle Rainwater, Chandler Rogers, Doris Lewis Small, Johnny Stone, Wes Terry, John Terwilliger, Julie Todd, Gail Thompson, Kal Thompson, Phil Thompson family, Roy Thompson, Connie Thurman, Heather Townsend, Shirley Underwood, Frances & Lee Vaitha, Ashley Walling, Lamar Way, Margaret White, Macy Wiggins, Sara Wilkes (George Smith niece), Vicki Youmans

This Week’s Scripture Verses

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 (MH 746)
I Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

This Week's Schedule
14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 14, 2025

9:00 a.m. - Early Service
 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship
 6:00 p.m. - Evening Service with
 Rev. David Unkles

Monday, September 15, 2025

6:00 p.m. - 55 and Alive in
 Social Hall - (covered dish)

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

6:00 p.m. - Study Classes
 (all ages)
 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Supper
 7:00 p.m. - Chancel Choir
 Practice

ADVANCE NURSERY SCHEDULE:

09/21 - Stephanie Fagler
 09/28 - Agatha McRae
 10/05 - Leah Frye
 10/12 - Mollie Smith

Access the church calendar from
 your mobile device.



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Ms. Gail Lewis address:
c/o Dublin Square
504 Firetower Road
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Sunday, September 21st,
The Global Methodist
Church of South Georgia
is presenting a program
“ AWAKENING “ a
Wesleyan night of Worship
and Prayer in Rincon, Ga.
5:00 p.m. (Plans are for
the Bus to leave the
Church at 3:00 p.m.)

Sunday, October 25th, the
Church's “ FALL
FESTIVAL “ George L.
Smith State Park - Mark
your calendars

SEPTEMBER SHOE BOX
SHOPPING LIST

Washcloths, Socks,
Hairbrush, Comb,
Toothbrush, Hair Bows
Hair Accessories, Lip
Balm, Nail Clippers,
Eating Utensils (plastic
and blunt edged)
Cups, plates, bowls
(reusable , small and
plastic)
Costume Jewelry
Colorful Adhesive
Bandages
Tennis Balls
Small Stuffed Animals

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Last Sunday's Attendance

10:00 a.m. Sunday School	72
9:00 a.m. Early Service	26
11:00 a.m. Worship Service	109
6:00 p.m. NO Evening Service	
Total Worship	135

Last Sunday's Gifts

Weekly Budget	\$ 9484.00
Received for Budget	<u>\$ 10040 .00</u>
Amount over (Under)	\$ 556.00

YTD Budget	\$ 341424.00
YTD Rec'd for budget	<u>\$ 301159.76</u>
Amount over (Under)	\$ 41264.24

Received for Budget	\$ 10040.00
Designated Giving	<u>\$ 35.00</u>
	\$ 10075.00

GINNY SMITH SCHOOL SUPPLY
FUND (to date) \$ 3135.00



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Jesus Embracing Sinners

Luke 15:1-2

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

Luke 15:1-10

Rev. David Unkles, Pastor
 Connie Peebles, Music Director
 Melinda Hall, Children & Youth Director
 Judy Wells, Administrative Assistant