

WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Friday • May 8, 2020



Online worship - Sunday, May 10, 2020

Happy Mother's Day!

Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31

"Arise and Call Her Blessed"

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We Miss You!



"When You Thought I Wasn't Looking"

As we approach Mother's Day I am reminded of the many things my mother did to show how much she loved and cared for me. What stands out are the little things she did when she thought I wasn't looking.

The poem below was written by Mary Rita Korazan. It describes a few of the ways our moms have shown us how special we are to them. Our moms have no desire for acknowledgement or recognition. They do what they do for one reason – because they love us. As you read the poem, my hope is that you will capture a glimpse of your mother:

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed that there was a God to talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good-night, and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked....and I wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

I look forward to sharing with you in online worship this Sunday at 11:00 am as we thank God and our mothers for the blessings of home and family.

Blessings,

Tom

Volunteers Needed- Children's Sunday School

It is such a privilege to teach and serve the children of our church! As our Sunday School ministry continues to grow, and our long-time teachers, Tom and Judy Smith are stepping down from this role after many years of incredible service, we need to find people willing to serve. My prayer is to have four teachers that could teach once a month so that we could divide the PreK – 1st grade and 2-5th grades. In addition, volunteers to be helpers (no prep needed for this role) once per quarter, or for one month out of the year. We need men and women, age 18 – 99! Please let me know if you would like more information

heather@stsimonsumc.com.

Thank you again, Tom & Judy Smith for your dedicated service!

UMW Baby Recognition

The United Methodist Women are honoring the following babies born in our church this year since last Mother's Day! The UMW gave Baby Bibles to each family and made a donation to our Pre-school on their behalf.

Joshua Ryan, Jr. -Son of Coleen & Josh Ryan

Mattie Dale Kirkland-Daughter of Tara & Matt Kirkland

John Byron Rentz -Son of Pauline & Ryan Rentz

Elizabeth Holt Wright -Daughter of Liz & John Robert Wright



Records Update

If your contact information has changed (address, cell/home phone, email address), or other significant changes have occurred in your household, please let us know. Email updates to anne@stsimonsumc.com or call (912) 638-3317. Thank you for helping us to keep our records current.

Memorials

Gifts have been given in Memory of Barbara Lindgren from:
Marion J. Hall, Anne & Michael King, Betty Sharp

Gifts have been given in Memory of Carolyn Lovell from:
Mr. & Mrs. John J. Rogers, Ruth & Keith Stephenson
Ann & Bill Pickard: To the Perm. Endowment Fund

Gifts have been given in Memory of Gene Cariker from:
Mr. and Mrs. James Bankston, Anne Hodnett,
Pam Lewis, Mr. John Lindgren, Barbara Meadows,
Ann & Bill Pickard: To the Perm. Endowment Fund

Gifts have been given in Memory of Jim Shirley:
Arthur Pittman, Barbara Meadows

Prayer Requests

Take time this week and pray for these individuals:

Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, John Barton, Tilman Blakely, Sandy Bottjer, Mary Corbitt, Terry & Meg Deaton, Irene Drew, Janice Dumas, Jeff Fields, Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller, Pat Gossage, Connie Hallowses, **Haney Family**, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, Nathan Meadows, **Dan Meyers**, Mathew North, Rondal O'Berry, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, **Bill Pickard**, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Allen Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Helen Schroder, Bill Sisco, Jerry Smith, Mary Stivers, Stephanie Watson, Susan Webb, BJ Whitaker, Dick Wilton, Bobbé Wooldridge, **Sharon Wolfenbarger**, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, and our Nation.

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Jack Jenkins, Marjorie Lawrence, Debby Lloyd, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Miriam Tucker, Larry Varnadoe, Effie Walker **Sr. Care:** Anne Pinson
Addington Place: Nancy Reynolds

To add or remove a name from our prayer list, please contact the church office or one of our pastors.

Food Donations

Sparrow's Nest plans to remain open as long as they have food and can safely distribute. Items can be dropped off for Sparrow's Nest in our **Prayer Room (Chapel entrance) Monday thru Thursday from 8:30am – 12:30pm**. Items needed are canned meats (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausage), veggies, fruit, soups and chili, spaghetti sauce, noodles, rice, mac & cheese, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned milk, and kid's snacks. We are always grateful to our faithful congregation for your support of this important ministry.



Notes about Online Worship

We hope that you will actively participate this Sunday in our worship service with us at 11:00 am. You may access the live stream from our Facebook page linked on our website at www.stsimonsumc.com. We know online worship cannot replace in person congregational participation, but during this time of separation we can use this tool to stay connected.

CDC - Congregational Daily Connections

The positive feedback we have received regarding the Congregational Daily Connections that are posted on Facebook and You Tube is much appreciated. You are encouraged to check it out if you haven't done so. It is a great way to stay connected!

COVID-19 Update

- The office will be open between the hours of 8:30am and 12:30pm, Monday through Thursday. Our church will remain locked but you may contact us by phone or email.
- Online worship will continue until further notice.
- No groups will meet at the church until further notice.
- The lay leadership and staff are using all available resources to guide their work in the development of a plan for next steps. You will be notified as these plans are finalized. Until that time, please stay safe and continue to practice the guidelines for social distancing.
- Your church staff misses you and we look forward to the time when we can be together again. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact us if there is something we can do to be helpful.

Financial Report

May 3, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$30,653.00

Amount Given YTD | \$355,462.13

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$400,010.68

Expenses YTD | \$326,450.52

Building Fund | \$4,050.00

Attendance

Total Online Weekly Worship Views | 1,028

thank you