

# WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Friday • May 21, 2020



Online worship - Sunday, May 24, 2020

*Joshua 4:4-7*  
*"Remember"*

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*We Miss You!*



## "There Is No Greater Love"

A volunteer in a hospital that shared the following story.

"I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year-old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother and asked him if he would be willing to give his blood to help his sister. He hesitated for a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, the boy lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, as we saw the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

The little boy had misunderstood the doctor - he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood to save her."

Memorial Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon the meaning of sacrifice. We pause to remember those who have given their lives to gain and maintain our freedom; to also remember their families and the loss they have experienced.

Christ calls us to live sacrificially. This does not necessarily mean we have to give our lives for someone; it may simply mean sacrificing our time and ourselves to listen, to help, and to encourage others. It is through our sacrificial living that others will see and experience firsthand the love of Christ – and there is no greater love!

I look forward to joining you in online worship at 11:00am on Sunday as we observe Memorial Day. Have a safe and meaningful Memorial Day Weekend!

Blessings,

Tom

## Our Sympathy

Condolences to Tom and Judy Smith on the death of their infant grandson, son of Kevin and Ana of Stamford, CT, this past week.

## COVID-19 Update/Church Reopening

- **PLEASE REVIEW** the attached document regarding the church re-opening guidelines and time line.
- **CURRENTLY** -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 June 21st and will be Live Streamed from that Sunday forward. Both in person and online worship will be available.
- No groups will meet at the church until further notice.
- Your church staff misses you and we look forward to 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.

## Memorials

Gifts have been given in Memory of Barbara Lindgren from:  
Ann Rewis: To the Preschool

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## Financial Report

May 17, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,703.00

Amount Given YTD | \$394,125.13

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$444,106.36

Expenses YTD | \$364,397.53

Building Fund | \$4,255.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

Total Online Weekly Worship Views | 876

## Prayer Requests

*Take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, John Barton, Sandy Bottjer, Mary Corbitt, Terry & Meg Deaton, Irene Drew, Janice Dumas, Jeff Fields, Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller, Pat Gossage, Kathryn Gruetter, Connie Hallows, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, Nathan Meadows, Dan Meyers, Mathew North, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann Pickard, Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Allen Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Helen Schroder, Bill Sisco, Jerry Smith, **Kevin and Ana Smith, Tom and Judy Smith**, Mary Stivers, Stephanie Watson, 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.*