

WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Friday • May 29, 2020



Online worship - Sunday, May 31, 2020

Acts 2: 1-4
“Field of Dreams”

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We Miss You!



"Choose to Fly"

In recent weeks I have noticed the baby geese in Sea Palms. It has been interesting to watch them waddle across the golf course, following their mother and sticking together as much as possible even when they swim in one of the ponds.

Just last week there were nine goslings. But as the days have passed the number has grown smaller. This past weekend I noticed there were only five goslings left. It is apparent there is something around the golf course that is enjoying the goslings more than I am - namely the hawks, snapping turtles, and maybe even a gator.

I have been thinking that if these babies don't learn to fly soon there aren't going to be any left to fly. Grounded they are nothing more than sitting ducks – I mean geese - for things that could potentially cause them harm.

There are times in our faith journeys and in the life of the church that we choose to stick close to one another. We become comfortable swimming in our own pond. When we aren't preparing to fly we become nothing more than sitting geese; vulnerable to those things that could cause us harm - like apathy, complacency, and a lack of trust.

Instead of stepping out in faith we choose to predict every contingency and answer every imaginable question before we dare move forward. We are terrified of getting caught without a rational plan for every action we take or every experience we encounter. To fly we must be willing to trust the wind of the Holy Spirit to lift us up; to give us the confidence we need to soar.

This coming Sunday is Pentecost. It is a day when we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost informs us that our faith journeys do not have to be dull and lifeless. When we trust in Christ and the wind of the Holy Spirit to empower us, God promises in Isaiah 40:30 to renew our strength; that we will soar on wings like eagles; that we will run and not grow weary; that we will walk and not be faint.

I look forward to joining with you in online worship at 11:00am on Sunday as we position ourselves to fly. Have a great week-end!

Tom

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.

COVID-19 Update/Church Reopening

- **PLEASE REVIEW the attached document regarding the church re-opening guidelines. The church will re-open for worship services on Sunday, June 21st. The document explains all the details for this re-opening. This document was sent out last week in our E-blast as an attachment and was sent Thursday in a separate email and is posted on our website for your convenience.**
- 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 only will continue until June 21st and will be Live Streamed from that Sunday forward. Both in person and online worship will be available on Sunday, June 21st.
- 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.

Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign



We know that a lot of people are struggling right now, whether financially or emotionally. However, the mission of Skylark is still critical, especially in this difficult time. The Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign is an easy way to raise support for the mission of Skylark.

Traditionally, the bottle campaign consists of filling a physical baby bottle with loose change, cash, or a check, but with the challenges of COVID-19, we have gotten creative! Create a fundraiser page for your family or your church and gather online sponsorships to help raise money to support the ministry.

In an effort to expedite efforts to participate in the campaign, all resources except the bottles are available here by using the link <https://helloskylark.com/bottles/> or call Skylark for more information at 912.267.1100.

Financial Report

May 24, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,850.33

Amount Given YTD | \$406,975.46

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$466.154.04

Expenses YTD | \$381,637.44

Building Fund | \$4,805.00

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Attendance

Total Online Weekly Worship Views | 914

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.

Memorials

Gifts have been given in Memory of Barbara Lindgren from:
Lawrence & Becky Bridges
Mrs. Campbell Collins, Jr.
Joyce & Buzzy Pickren

Gifts have been given in Memory of Carolyn Lovell from:
Stella & Bud Avret
Beth & Bill Grubb

Gifts have been given in Memory of Gene Cariker from:
Joyce & Buzzy Pickren

Gifts have been given in Memory of Jim Shirley from:
Joyce & Buzzy Pickren

Honorarium

Gifts have been given in Honor of Irene Drew from:
Joyce & Buzzy Pickren

Prayer Requests

Take time this week and pray for these individuals:

Vicky Adams, **Bud Avret**, 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 Hal-lowes, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, Nathan Meadows, **Harry Moffett**, 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.