

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



“I Was Prey”

You don’t have to make much of an effort to find off the wall television programs. One I stumbled across is, “I Was Prey.” The premise for the show is true stories about people being stalked by animals. The victims talk about the fear and danger they experienced because the animals considered them prey. I don’t recommend the show for good, wholesome, family viewing, but I did find it interesting to hear people’s stories of survival.

As I watched the show I thought about how being prey doesn’t necessarily mean our being stalked by a wild animal. Each day we can potentially fall victim to any number of things that prey on our time, our health, and even our spiritual well-being.

One of the worst predators we confront is worry. Worry attacks us mentally, emotionally, and physically; sometimes to the point that we are barely able to function. No one can escape worry. The best thing we can hope for is to keep it from controlling our lives and avoid living each day in fear.

People are worried. Justifiably so. We can see it on their faces. We can hear it in their voices. It’s beginning to wear on us. Many of us are on edge. We’re at odds with each other. We are doing our best to keep from falling prey to worry; but it is tracking us down.

My sermon this coming Sunday is on overcoming fears and the worry that comes with it. I wish I could ease your worries by telling you that the pandemic will end soon; that social unrest is going to be resolved; that unemployment and under-employment are going to trend steadily downward. I wish I could tell you that we have nothing to worry about. But I can’t.

What I can tell you is that God is bigger than our worries; that Christ is with us; and that the Holy Spirt will guide and comfort us in any storm. I invite you to claim the words of Philippians 4:6 – “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.”

There are going to be times in our lives when we feel like prey. Pray. God will hear and answer our prayers; God will give us the courage to face each day unafraid.

Stay safe, be smart, and remain strong in your faith! I look forward to being with you in-person and online as we worship together this Sunday. Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

Tom

Bibles for 3rd and 4th Graders!

Please let Ms. Heather know if you are a rising 3rd or 4th grade student by emailing heather@stsimonsumc.com. We will be presenting Bibles to students on Sunday, August 16th during both services— 9:00am and 11:00am.

If your family does not feel comfortable coming back to in-person worship at this time, I will save your Bible for you and drop it in the mail!

Volunteers needed!

Do you want to serve as a volunteer in one of the many areas at our church that need extra help right now? Volunteers are a vital part of ministry and sharing God’s love. You can make a difference by serving and giving of your time and sharing your many gifts and talents.

Here are a few of our opportunities:

- **Greeters on Sunday mornings 9:00am and 11:00am**
- **Children’s Ministry Sunday Mornings 9:45am-10:45am**
- **VBS on Wednesdays! For specific volunteer positions check out our Rocky Railways website: vbspro.events/p/vbs-ssumc**
- **Youth Sunday School Teacher(s) 9:45am-10:45am**
- **MYF— Sunday evenings— hangout and connect with Youth and have FUN! 5:30pm-7:00pm**



For more information contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com or for children and youth info contact Heather Keefer at heather@stsimonsumc.com.

Rocky Railways VBS on Wednesdays!

Beginning Wednesday, September 9, 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Thorpe Building.



Go to our website to register your children - friends are welcome! StSimonsUmc.com/VBS. You can find more details and volunteer opportunities here at this site, also!

Please contact Heather Keefer, Director of Student Ministries at heather@stsimonsumc.com or **912.638.3317** to volunteer or for more information.

Disciple I: Bible Study

Make the most of this “new normal” we find ourselves in. Sign up for the popular Disciple Bible Study 1, taught on zoom this academic year, and increase your knowledge and understanding of God’s Word. Learn from short videos by talented Seminary professors, reading and dynamic class discussions. Group members form lasting bonds that outlive the course by many years.

The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. Each lesson, with a weekly theme, reveals a new aspect to what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Zoom study will start on Wednesday, September 9, from 4-6 pm and will continue each Wednesday thereafter for 33 weeks (breaking for about a month for Christmas). Zoe Hicks will facilitate the study.

To sign up, call the church office and order your book. 912.638.3317.

Connect With Us!

Open a new text message on your phone and send the words below to the listed phone number. Once you text in, you will be able to answer some follow up questions to share with us.

You may also, always reach out to our pastors and staff directly. 912.638.3317 | Info@StSimonsUmc.com

Send GUESTssumc to 31996 to Connect With Us

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member call/text Rev. Tom Jones at 678.343.3767 or email Rev. Tom Jones at tom@stsimonsumc.com

Yoga:

Every Mon & Wed August 17| 11:00am | Thorpe Building
Yoga will restart August 17. \$5/person

Music Ministry:

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, August 12 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

This rehearsal is for all choir—SATB

Handbell Rehearsals

Tuesday, August 18 | 9:00am | Choir Room

Prayer Requests

TEXT A PRAYER REQUEST:

You may text a prayer request to us by sending a text to: 31996 with the message PRAYssumc

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, **Galen Black**, Sandy Bottjer, Billie June Boyd, Rev. James Ellis Boyd, Barron Bray, **David Burkett**, Elden Carmichael, Cecilia & Matt Chase, **Diggs Family**, Lanier Dobrenic, Irene Drew, Terri Dunkle, **Glenn Etheridge**, Pat Gossage, Kathryn Gruetter, Connie Hallows, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Anne Kase, **Holly Lamb**, Becky Lawrence, Shannon Lemmon, Monica Leverett, Stan Lindgren, Judy McVey, Nathan Meadows, Harry Moffett, Doris Muchison, **Lynne Mulligan**, Mathew North, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann Pickard & Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Lauren Rogers, Shawn Rozier, Helen Schroder, Wilson Smith, Joe Songer, Greg Sperry, Mary Stivers, Thomas Stroud, III, **Charles Taylor**, Will Thomas, Dave Vandersall, **Mary Vice**, Stephanie Watson, **Robert Westmoreland**, Jerry Winsness, Bobbé Wooldridge, Glen Young, 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, 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.

Recruiting: Greeter Coordinator

Greeters are some of the most important people you may encounter in a church!

Greeters are the first people you see when you arrive! First impression are important especially when you are visiting!

We are searching for a leader who has the spiritual gift of hospitality and would like to serve our community with enthusiasm and joy!

You will serve as a leader for our already existing, faithful greeting team, empowered by our church staff, to welcome all of those entering our church.

If interested in serving call or Email to Anne Frazier at: 912.638.3317 | anne@stsimonsumc.com

Women’s Life: Returns

Tuesday August 18 | 1:30pm | Room 204

All are welcome for this small group, which meets weekly for Bible Study, Prayer, and Fellowship. No registration or special materials are required, so come as you are!

Financial Report

TEXT TO GIVE:

For your convenience you may send a text to the number 73265 with the message SSUMC to Give Online

August 2, 2020
Tithes & Offerings Received | \$22,650.00
Amount Given YTD | \$598,235.67
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$689,782.23
Expenses YTD | \$590,619.98
Building Fund | \$5,940.00

thank you

Attendance

August 2, 2020
Total In Person Worship | 129
9:00 am | 64 11:00 am | 65
Total Online Worship Views
9:00 am | 173 11:00 am | 339

Members in Ministry

Ushers:

9:00 Steve Tucker, Ed Gossage, Richie Sipe, Carolyn Vann
11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Hansen, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Randall Rehberg, Phil Shinall, Charles Taylor

Greeters:

9:00 Tim & Edie Vinson, Faye George, Carol Conner, Wayne & Mary Rentz
11:00 Jamie Wiles, Susan Pope, Jennifer Irion, Becky Bridges

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee
11:00 Ashley Swann



FriendFinder

Hey y'all!

I really enjoy learning about all of our friends! Our Spotligthed Friend for this week is **Oliver!**

- What is your full name?
Oliver Grant Clark

- What grade are you going into? **5th**
- What is your favorite color? **Green**
- What is your favorite food? **Lobster bisque**
- What is your favorite candy or ice cream flavor? **Lemmon Heads & Strawberry ice cream**
- What do you want to be when you grow up? **Coast Guard Aviation Survival Technician**
- What do you like to do for fun? **Fish**
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Sydney, Australia
- What is you favorite Bible verse? **John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."**
- What do you love most about yourself? **Good sense of humor**

If you want to be a next week's friend, send me the answers to these same questions and a photo I can share!!

Children's BULLETIN

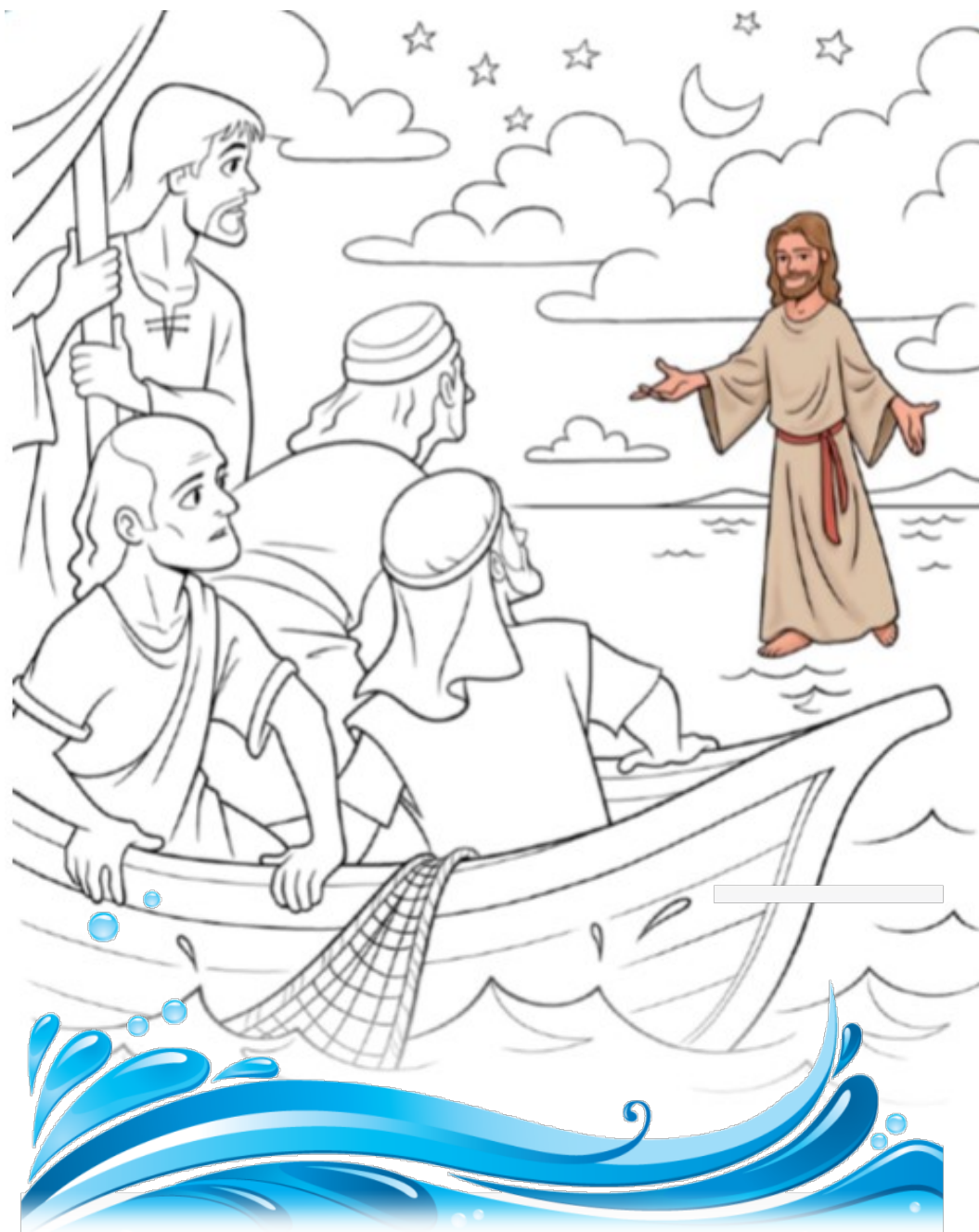


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EVENING
COURAGE
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~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020 ~

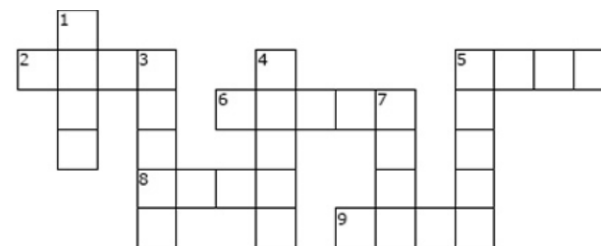


Last week we saw Jesus and his disciples feeding a **HUGE** crowd of people. After the crowds left, the disciples went out in the boat and Jesus joined them later (he needed some quiet time alone) by walking on the water.

What would you do if you saw someone walking on water?
What disciple wanted to walk on the water too?

Read the story in Matthew, chapter 14, verses 22-33

Look it up in the Bible! ~Jesus walks on water~



ACROSS

2. The natural movement of air
5. To travel along on your feet
6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
8. A small vessel for travel on water
9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

DOWN

1. To go downward in water
3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
4. A firm belief in God
5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
7. To rescue someone

FEAR
SAVE

FAITH
WIND

DOUBT
BOAT

WAVES
WALK

WATER
SINK