

Weekly Activities

Sunday, August 16– Back to School Sunday

- 9:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
- 10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups
- 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
- 5:30pm MYF- Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thorpe Bldg.

Monday, August 17

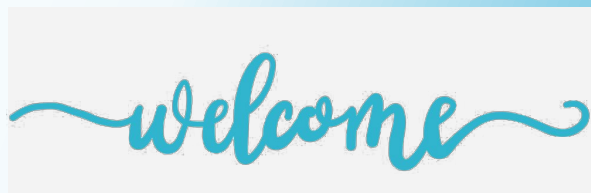
- 9:00am Prayer Team, Call
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 5:30pm Finance Committee Mtg, Zoom

Tuesday, August 18

- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor
- 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 2:00pm Women's Life Small Group, Room 204

Wednesday, August 19

- 8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary



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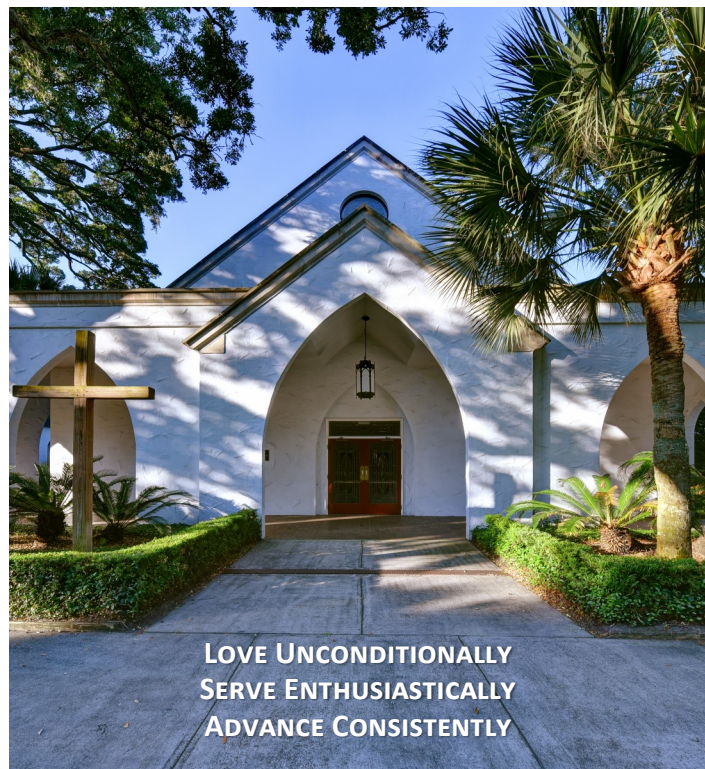
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WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thank You for Joining Us!

Sunday, August 16, 2020

9:00AM and 11:00AM

In-Person and Online

Rev. Richard Soper

John 15:1-8

Vine Fed Branches

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 A.M.

Prelude ***When in Our Music God Is Glorified*** arr. Limbaugh
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Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

* Worship Time
Here I Am To Worship CCLI #3266032 | Tim Hughes
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Bring the Rain CCLI #4770486 | Bart Millard
©2006 Simpleville Music

Prayers for the School Year Tom Jones

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus ***Thy Word*** CCLI #14301 | Amy Grant
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Bible Presentation Heather Keefer

Responsive Reading
Heather to Children:
Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words.
Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.
They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one
another, for we are the people of God.

Children respond:
We receive these Bibles with our hands,
our hearts, and our minds. Thank you.
We will read and study the Bible together.

Congregation to children:
We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Children to congregation:
The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music ***Thy Word*** CCLI #14301 | Amy Grant
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Croft Jones and Heather Keefer

Scripture **John 15:1-8**

Morning Message **VINE FED BRANCHES** Rev. Richard Soper

* Hymn ***Bind Us Together*** CCLI #1228 | Bob Gillman
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* Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

* Benediction Richard Soper

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

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11:00 A.M.

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* Hymn ***Praise To The Lord The Almighty***
Verses 1, 4 & 5 LOBE DEN HERREN

Centering Words Kevin Lamb

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May the Road Rise to Meet You arr. Turner
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Rolling Restart Continues - In-Person Groups to Begin Meeting

This Sunday marks the return of in-person groups to the church. This includes Sunday School Classes, Small Groups, and Committee Meetings.

I am excited about this next step in our rolling restart. But my excitement is somewhat restrained because like worship, our small groups will look different for a while. This includes restricting the number in attendance, rearranging meeting spaces, social distancing, taking temperatures, and wearing masks if at all possible. Detailed guidelines for small groups gatherings are on the church website and will also be displayed in bullet form in each meeting space.

Your Sunday School Class Teacher or Group Leader will be in touch with you to finalize the date and time for your group restart. Be mindful that while the date for starting small groups is August 16, some Sunday School Classes and groups are waiting until a later date to begin.

We have had two excellent weeks of in-person worship. God's Spirit has been present in this place. Even though I can't see the smiles through the masks, it is evident that people are happy to be back in our Sanctuary. This Sunday we will present Bibles to our 3rd and 4th graders and have a special time of recognition and prayer for our educators, students, and parents as the school year begins. Rev. Richard Soper will be preaching so join us in-person or online at either 9:00am or 11:00am. Anticipate a blessing!

Please continue to pray for our church and community as steps are taken to move ahead safely and meaningfully in the days ahead. I hope to see you Sunday!

Blessings,

Tom

Disciple 1: Bible Study

Join us for the popular Disciple Bible Study 1, taught on zoom this academic year, and increase your knowledge and understanding of God's Word.

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.

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 9, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,939.00

Amount Given YTD | \$619,174.67

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$711,830.05

Expenses YTD | \$611,739.99

Building Fund | \$6,065.00

thank you

Attendance

August 9, 2020

Total In Person Worship | 118

9:00 am | 52 11:00 am | 66

Total Online Worship Views | 510

9:00 am | 237 11:00 am | 273

Members in Ministry

Ushers:

9:00 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Lynda Sterrett, Lee Watkins

11:00 Dona Colglazier, David Lewis, Jimmy Orr, John Rentz,
Mel Rozier, Mike Suthard, Jamie Wiles

Greeters:

9:00 Susan Watkins, Toni Metz, Helen Baker

11:00 Claudia Royal, Pam Rehberg

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Ashley Swann

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, Cecilia & Matt Chase, Lanier Dobrenic, Irene Drew, Terri Dunkle, Glenn Etheridge, Pat Gossage, Kathryn Gruetter, Connie Hallows, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Anne Kase, **Michael Kaufman**, **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, **Sandy & Edie Purdie**, George Raiford, **Bob Rewis**, Lauren Rogers, Shawn Rozier, Helen Schroder, Tom Smith, Joe Songer, Greg Sperry, Mary Stivers, Thomas Stroud, III, Charles Taylor, Will Thomas, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Stephanie Watson, Robert Westmoreland, **Mary Wilson**, 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.

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 GUESTsumc 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

Greeter Coordinator– Needed!

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 impressions 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

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.

Memorials

A gift has been given in Memory of **Barbara Lindgren** from:

Thomas & Dorris Burton

A gift has been given in Memory of **Karen A. Pease** from:

Gregory & Stephanie Pease

Small Groups/Sunday School Classes Return this Sunday!

This is the time to let us know if you are retuning to meeting when it is meeting, and where.

Whether you are a Sunday School Class, Fellowship Group, Bible Study, Church Committee, or other small group, please notify the church office of the date, time and location you plan to start meeting, even if your group has met in the past. Please let the church office know when there are any changes to your schedule or location. We must keep a concise schedule to avoid overlapping groups and to make sure adequate professional cleaning occurs between groups.

Call or Email Anne Frazier to Schedule your Events 912.638.3317 | anne@stsimonsumc.com

Guidelines for Groups

For those groups who are re-starting, you will see these guidelines posted at the door to your gathering space. Please refer to them as you gather and for further detail visit the web address posted:

www.StSimonsUmc.com/Small-Group-Gatherings

Please remain home if you have any symptoms. Temperatures should be BELOW 100°F

- Groups Must be Scheduled BEFORE Meeting
- We Strongly Encourage Masks
- Practice Social Distancing
- Limit and Keep Track of Attendance
- Cleaning Supplies are Available, as needed

Thank you for adhering to SSUMC's Group Guidelines!

Music Ministry

Handbell Rehearsals

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, August 19 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary
This rehearsal is for all choir—SATB

Chair Yoga

Every Monday & Wednesday

Starting Monday, August 17 | 11:00am | Thorpe Building \$5/person

Women's Life

Tuesday, August 18 | 2:00pm | 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!

FriendFinder

Hey y'all!

I really enjoy learning about all of our friends!

Our Spotlighted Friend for this week is **Grayson!**



- What is your full name? **Grayson Pierce Clark**
- What grade are you going into? **2nd**
- What is your favorite color? **Red**
- What is your favorite food? **Spaghetti and meatballs**
- What is your favorite candy or ice cream flavor? **Chocolate**
- What do you want to be when you grow up? **Fighter Pilot**
- What do you like to do for fun? **Playing / tubing at the river**
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? **Paris**
- What is your favorite Bible verse? **Luke 2:10-11, "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."**
- What do you love most about yourself? **I am not allergic to anything**

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



~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020 ~



John 15: 1-5 (Jesus is talking to us...)

“I am the true vine; my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. And he trims and cleans every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the words I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in

you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must remain in the vine. It is the same with you. You cannot produce fruit alone. You must remain in me.

⁵ “I am the vine, and you are the branches. If a person remains in me and I remain in him, then he produces much fruit. But without me he can do nothing.

Look up the full story in the Bible! ~ John 15:1-8 ~

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VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES
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