

Weekly Activities

Sunday, August 30

- 9:00am Nursery, Birth-4 years (9:00am-12:00pm)
- 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 31

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

Tuesday, September 1

- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Emmaus Reunion Group, Parlor
- 9:30am Staff Meeting, Youth Room
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts Troup 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, September 2

- 7:07am 707 Bible Study- Led by Stan Robinson, Thorpe
- 8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Friday, September 4

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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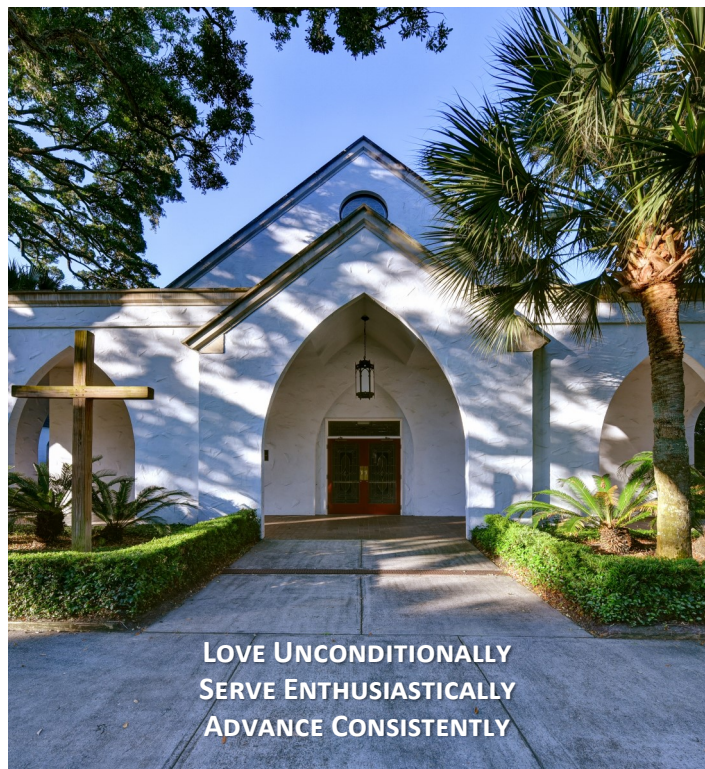
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WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thank You for Joining Us!

Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:00AM and 11:00AM

In-Person and Online

*Nursery Available

Rev. Tom Jones

Exodus 3:1-6, 13-14

Holy Ground

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 A.M.

Prelude	<i>How Excellent Is Thy Name</i>	arr. Hustad ©1985 Laurel Press
Greeting	Rev. Richard Soper	
Centering Words	Kevin Lamb	
Mission Moment		
Prayer	Heather Keefer	
* Affirmation of Faith	<i>Apostles Creed</i>	Richard Soper
* Hymn	<i>Come Christians Join To Sing</i>	SPANISH HYMN
* Passing the Peace		
* Fellowship Chorus	<i>Holy Ground</i>	HOLY GROUND ©1983 Meadowgreen Music
Children's Message	Heather Keefer	
Morning Prayer	Richard Soper	
Scripture	Exodus 3:1-6, 13-14	Rev. Tom Jones
Morning Message	HOLY GROUND	Tom Jones
Special Music	<i>Holy Ground</i>	Chancel Choir Ken Medema ©1996 Ken Medema Music
* Invitation	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	HERE I AM, LORD ©1981 Daniel Schutte and NALR
* Offertory Prayer	Richard Soper	
* Benediction	Tom Jones	
Postlude		

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

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“Holy Ground”

I have heard it said that the option to worship online has been a tremendous blessing, but that it doesn't compare to being at church to worship. We continue to look forward to the day when we can all be back together. Until that time, please be safe and make the best choices for you and your families. I know you want to come back to church. I can't wait to see you. But your health and well-being remain your priority.

There are many reasons being at church is special. One is the overwhelming sense when we enter the Sanctuary for worship that we have stepped onto holy ground. It is the place where we anticipate and pray for an encounter with God; it is the place where we as followers of Christ are equipped and made ready to serve; it is the place where we experience a common bond with other believers.

How often have you considered that any place can become holy ground? Our God is a God who does not mind showing up in unexpected places and in unexpected ways.

For example:

- You are taking a walk when an idea occurs to you about some change you need to make in your life.
- You are having a disagreement with a family member when you remember that you love this person. That realization can cause the ground to shift under you; a challenging time can become a holy opportunity in your relationship with that person.
- You are busy or preoccupied with the responsibilities of the day when a child asks you to read her a story.
- You are facing what seem like overwhelming problems or are depressed over the direction your life has taken, and you receive an unexpected word of encouragement from a friend.
- You are waiting in line at the fast food drive through. When you get to the window you are told that the person in front of you paid for your meal.

These examples don't necessarily refer to God. They may or may not seem like religious experiences. Yet there are elements in moments like these that go beyond the ordinary, beyond the routine, beyond the mundane – and we sense the presence of the divine. We are reminded that God is in the moment – any moment – as we see evidence of his grace and love in action.

This Sunday we will take a closer look at how God can break into the middle of our daily routines. That no matter where we are or what we are experiencing, “the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” (Exodus 3:5)

Blessings,
Tom

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 23, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$13,680.00

Amount Given YTD | \$647,553.67

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$755,925.79

Expenses YTD | \$655,817.34

Building Fund | \$6,190.00

thank you

Attendance

August 23, 2020

Total In-Person Worship | 132

9:00 am | 55 11:00 am | 77

Sunday School/Small Groups | 113

Total Online Worship Views | 481

9:00 am | 222 11:00 am | 259

Members in Ministry

Ushers:

9:00 Jimmy Beasley, Ranny Blount, Janice Lee, Tom Smith

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Phil Shinall, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker

Greeters:

9:00 Sharon Blount

11:00 Jennifer Irion, Sherry Pickett, Tom Smith

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, **Nancy Beauchamp**, Lauren Belt, Lyn Bolling, Sandy Bottjer, Billie June Boyd, **Rev. James Ellis Boyd**, Barron Bray, **Jim Carmichael**, Cecilia & Matt Chase, Lanier Dobrenic, Irene Drew, Terri Dunkle, Glenn Etheridge, Pepe Gonzalez, Pat Gossage, Kathryn Gruetter, Connie Hallowses, **Chuck & Robin Harwell**, **Jay Heymann**, **Brian Holly**, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Michael Kaufman, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, **Jack Lindgren**, Judy McVey, Nathan Meadows, Harry Moffett, Doris Muchison, **Lynne Mulligan**, Mathew North, Jimmy Orr, **Marilyn Pearson**, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann & Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Harriett Pope, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Lauren Rogers, Shawn Rozier, Helen Schroder, Joe Songer, Greg Sperry, **Joslyn Stinchcomb**, Mary Stivers, Thomas Stroud, III, Charles Taylor, Will Thomas, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Stephanie Watson, **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.

In Prayer for Teachers and School Employees

Join us in prayer for all the Teachers and School Employees in our Church Family:

Carol Albright, Staci Bennett, Kristen Bland, Kristi Collins, Terri Collins, Amy Culver, Sydney Galloway, Katy Ginn, Steven Ginn, Robin Goergen, Liz Gowen, Sheri Graham, Marsha Hendrix, Jennifer Irby, Pete Irby, Joy Jensen, Cal Kirby, Cyndi Kirby, Holly Lamb, Tom Lemmon, Summer Little, Sandee Lukitsch, Dan Meyers, Whitney Morrison, Laura Moulton, Casey Pace, Jeff Parker, Mary Parker, Kirby Powers, Sandra Shelnett, Traci Smith, Susie Smith, Aimee Stewart, Paige Tiller, Millie Varnadoe, Kim Waid, Nikki Walbridge, Brynn Wilborn, Jamie Wiles.

Please pray for our Preschool and Teachers:

Maria Allen, Neysha Baker, Sadye Barrow, Cille Bishop, Mary Brittain, Teresa Edwards, Susan Johnson, Aundreal Key, Katey Landress, Nauj Merrell, Callie Ogle, Tanja Oliver, Francine Price, Debbie Townley, Keisha Ulmer

To add a name to our education prayer list:

<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/education-community/>



Music Ministry

No Handbells This Week

Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Wednesday, September 2 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

This rehearsal is for all choir—SATB

Honorariums

A gift has been given in Honor of **Vicky Adams** from:

Bob Rewis

A gift has been given in Honor of **Johnita Dykes** from:

Bob Rewis

Chair Yoga

Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday | 11:00am | Thorpe Bldg.

\$5/person

*** Please note Chair Yoga is now available on Friday!**

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 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

Small Groups/Sunday School Classes Are Back!

It is great to see people filling the church building again as small group gatherings return!

Please be sure to follow our Small Group Guidelines (see below).

Remember to reserve your meeting time:

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!

Rocky Railway 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.

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

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.

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



FriendFinder



Our Spotlitged Friend
for this week is...

Stiles!

- What is your full name? **McKinney Stiles Robinson**
- What grade are you in? **4th grade**
- What is your favorite color? **Black**
- What is your favorite food? **Chicken nuggets**
- What is your favorite candy or ice cream flavor? **Chocolate...2 scoops!**
- What do you want to be when you grow up? **Occupational Therapist**
- What do you like to do for fun? **Tubing and swimming**
- If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? **Disney World**
- What is your favorite bible verse? **Psalm 100 "Sing for Joy to the Lord, All the world!"**
- What do you love most about yourself? **My smile!**



Isn't it fun learning more about our friends??

*If you want to be next week's friend, email Ms. Heather
the answers to these same questions and a photo to share!!*



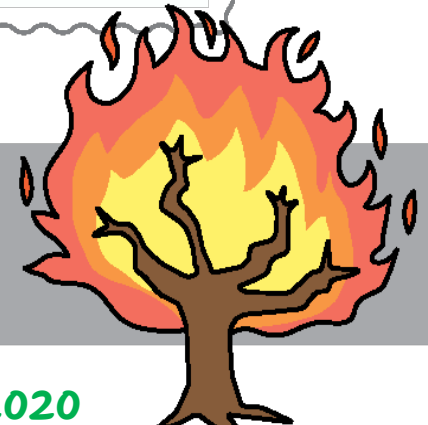
🦋 The Burning Bush 🦋

Find and circle each of the words from the list below.



FIRE
SHEEP
SNAKE

GOD
BUSH
GOAT



SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020

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Look it up in the Bible

Exodus 3:1-6



1. _____ was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law.
2. Moses saw a _____ that was on fire, but it did not burn up.
3. God told Moses to take off his _____ because he was standing on holy ground.
4. God said, "I am the God of your _____, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."
4. Moses hid his _____ because he was afraid to look at God.
5. God was concerned about his people suffering in _____.
6. God wanted his people to go to a land flowing with _____ and _____.
7. God told Moses to tell _____ to let his people go out of Egypt.
8. God _____ Moses that he would be with him

MILK	FACE	HONEY	PROMISED	PHARAOH
BUSH	EGYPT	SANDALS	FATHER	MOSES

Moses and the Burning Bush

"Do not come any closer," GOD said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is HOLY ground." Exodus 3:5



Can you imagine a bush on fire that called out YOUR name?

