

# Weekly Activities

## Sunday, September 20

- 9:00am Nursery, Birth-4 years (9:00am-12:00pm)
- 9:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
- 10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups:  
Adult, Youth, & Children
- 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
- 5:00pm UMW Circle 5, Thorpe Parking Lot
- 5:30pm MYF- Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thorpe Bldg.

## Monday, September 21

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 4:00pm Steven Ministry, outside Thorpe Bldg.
- 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Gholson Room

## Tuesday, September 22

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study- Led by Heather Keefer & Shannon Lemmon, Youth Room
- 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts- Troup 248, Thorpe Bldg.

## Wednesday, September 23

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study- Led by Stan Robinson, Thorpe Bldg.
- 8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 5:30pm VBS Wednesday Nights, Thorpe Bldg.
- 6:00pm NO Rehearsal Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

## Thursday, September 24

- 6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Comm., Room 201

## Friday, September 25

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.



*The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Vernon Langford in loving memory of his wife Bonnie Langford. Also in memory of Tom Lewis, and those who have passed away since March 2020: Penny Duncan, Ted Teale, Barbara Lindgren, Carolyn Lovell, Tad Meeks, Jim Shirley, Rev. Gene Cariker, Bill Sisco, and Rev. James Boyd.*

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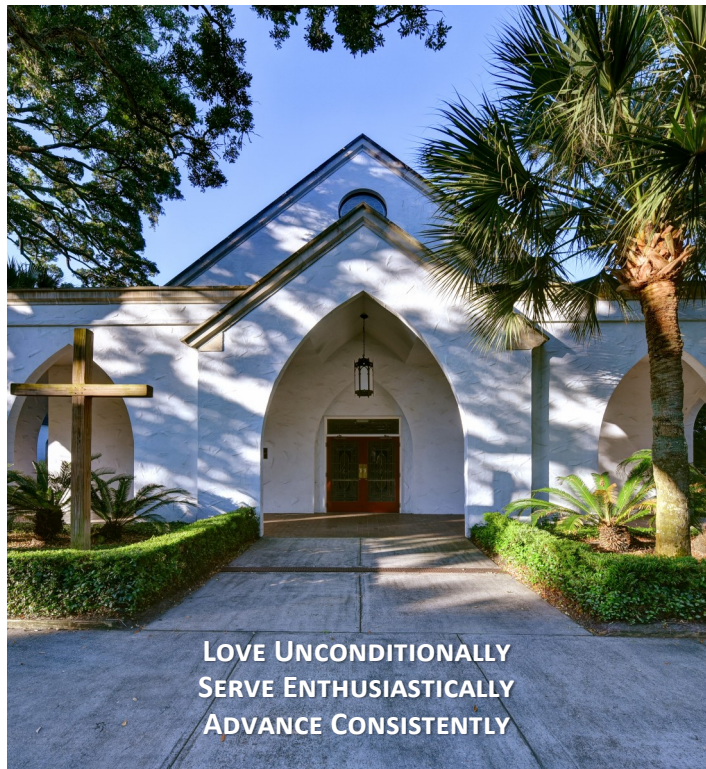
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## WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*Thank You for Joining Us!*

Sunday, September 20, 2020

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

In-Person and Online

\*Nursery Available

***Endurance***

Philippians 1:21-30

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*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*

# The Worship of God

9:00 AM

Prelude                      ***To God Be The Glory***                      Jordan Tippet  
Kevin Lamb  
Arr. Gayden Sikes  
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Greeting    Rev. Richard Soper

Centering Words    Kevin Lamb

\* Hymn of Assurance                      ***Victory in Jesus***                      HARTFORD  
Verses 1 & 3

Opening Prayer    Richard Soper

Special Music    Alex Hernandez  
***Just A Closer Walk With Thee***                      arr. Greer  
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\* Passing the Peace

\* Hymns of Praise                      ***I'll Fly Away***                      I'LL FLY AWAY  
Verses 1 & 3

***How Great Thou Art***                      HOW GREAT THOU ART  
Chorus

Children's Message    Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer    Richard Soper

Testimony—*Be the Church*                      Jennifer & Stan Robinson

Scripture                      **Philippians 1:21-30**

Message in Music                      ***Good Ol' Gospel Singing***                      arr. Tom Fettke  
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Morning Message                      **ENDURANCE**                      Rev. Tom Jones

\* Invitation Hymn                      ***Standing On The Promises***                      PROMISES  
Verses 1 & 4

\* Benediction    Tom Jones

\* Postlude

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## “Be the Church – In Ministry and Mission”

The scope of ministry and missions is widespread at St. Simons UMC! We have worship services that are diverse; programs for all age groups; opportunities for spiritual growth that include basic to more advanced classes and small groups; and numerous ways, inside the church and beyond, to grow in our discipleship. There is strong evidence that our congregation knows what it means to be the church - in ministry and mission!

You have also demonstrated how to be the church in your faithful giving. Yes, if you look at our budget we are currently running behind in our income as compared to expenses. Still, you have done well. Your commitment to giving in difficult days continues to be a blessing.

Budgets are useful tools. They provide us with much needed guidelines. But there are times when we can get bogged-down in the budget. Being behind in the budget doesn't necessarily translate to the idea that things are not going well. Even in lean times we have continued to be the church in unique and innovative ways. We have never stopped providing ministry; we are meeting our mission obligations; we have been good stewards of the funds we have available.

It is important to understand that a vital church is not measured by the size of the budget, but by the size of its people's hearts. Stewardship is a personal response to our worship of God, to the gratitude we choose to show for his blessings, and to our desire grow in our faith journeys.

Giving changes lives! It helps to transform those who experience the ministries and missions of our church. It will also change your life. You will fall deeper in love with Christ and his church as you generously, sacrificially, and faithfully invest in its ministries and missions.

On September 27, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday in both worship services. Before then, you will receive your Estimate of Giving Cards for 2021 in the mail. The cards will also be available at various locations around the church. Please prayerfully consider your plan for giving over the course of next year and then complete your card.

Budgets are necessary. But if we make our commitment to stretch in our giving and grow in our personal faith journeys, we will be able to focus less on budgets and more on ministry. Through faith let us be the church together. In doing so, 2021 will be yet another year when God is glorified in this place, and the widening scope of our ministries and missions will help transform the lives of even more people in the name of Jesus Christ!

I look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday! We are going to turn back the clock and include some of the traditional gospel hymns in both our worship experiences. I hope you will join us in-person or online as celebrate the music from the good old days. I can't wait!

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**

September 13, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,371.00

Amount Given YTD | \$698,838.67

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$823,434.18

Expenses YTD | \$712,175.87

Building Fund | \$6,440.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

September 13, 2020

Total In-Person Worship | 148

9:00 am | 62      11:00 am | 86

Sunday School/Small Groups | 104

Total Online Worship Views | 561

9:00 am | 350      11:00 am | 211

## Members in Ministry

### September 20

#### 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, Faye George

11:00 Claudia Royal, Pam Rehberg, Jennifer Irion, Sherry Pickett

#### 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:*

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Nancy Beauchamp, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billie June Boyd, Elden Carmichael, Cecilia & Matt Chase, Mary Corbitt, Hadley Cross, **Lanier Dobrenic**, Irene Drew, Terri Dunkle, **Glenn Etheridge**, Lisa Fowler, Pat Gossage, Connie Hallows, Chuck & Robin Harwell, Jay Heymann, Brian Holly, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, Robert Marascalco, Judy McVey, Nathan Meadows, **Rev. Randy Mosely Family**, Lynne Mulligan, Joan Nelson, Jimmy Orr, Marilyn Pearson, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, **Bill Pickard**, Dick Pipe, Harriett Pope, Don Proctor, George Raiford, **Liz Rebstack**, Bob Rewis, Len Riley, Lauren Rogers, Shawnee Rozier, Andrew Sharp, Joe Songer, Greg Sperry, Joslyn Stinchcomb, Mary Stivers, Thomas Stroud, III, Charles Taylor, Will Thomas, Anna Claire Tronolone, Dave Vandersall, Stephanie Watson, Mary Wilson, Jerry Winsness, Bobbé Wooldridge, 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.**

## Memorial

A gift has been given in Memory of **Rev. James Boyd** from:

**Pam Lewis, Debbie & Clif Pease** to Senior Adult Ministry &  
**Johnny & Hannah Warren** to Music Ministry

B.J. Boyd and the Boyd Family want to thank the congregation for the numerous expressions of sympathy they have received and the prayers that have been lifted up on their behalf. They are grateful for your care and support in this time of loss.

## Music Ministry

### Handbells Rehearsal

Tuesday, September 22 | 9:00am | Choir Room

### Chancel Choir Rehearsal

NO Rehearsal on Wednesday, September 23

### What's Happening this Sunday!

I have jokingly named this Sunday as "Boot Skootin' Sunday". We are singing some great upbeat gospel hymns. The very talented Alex Hernandez will be playing clarinet for us. If I had boots I would wear them. Looking forward to an upbeat fun Sunday.

## Rocky Railway VBS

### Wednesday Evenings

5:30pm-7:00pm | Thorpe Building

You can still climb aboard the VBS train!

Please contact Heather Keefer for more info or to register [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com) or 912.638.3317



## Pumpkin Patch Coming Soon!

### Volunteer to help unload

Saturday, October 10 | 9:00 am | Pumpkin Patch

*If you have an Open Bed Pickup truck you are needed.*

### Patch Hours Starting October 10

Monday - Thursday	2:00pm-7:00pm
Friday	3:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday	9:00am-9:00pm
Sunday	10:00am-7:00pm



Come Support the SSUMC Youth and shop for Pumpkins:  
Cash, Credit or Check!

## United Methodist Women's PECAN SALE

September 13-October 11 | Gholson Room

Pecans can be ordered Sundays until October 11. We will be selling halves, pieces, salted and roasted, chocolate, and glazed pecans.

Cost is \$11 with delivery before Thanksgiving. Proceeds of this sale will benefit Red Bird Mission and Local Missions!

If you are unable to order in person you may call **Stella Avret** at 912-638-9825 to place your order.



## Check-Out Church

### Sunday for Young Adults!

As we continue our reopening we are pleased to have the **Anchor class** back on site. This class discusses and studies various topics. Nursery, Children, and Youth Sunday Schools are available during the same hour. If you are unable to attend in-person you can join by Zoom.

Come Check-Out Church!

Contact Jennifer Lewis for information and Zoom link:

912.270.5336 | [davidplewis@bellsouth.net](mailto:davidplewis@bellsouth.net)

### Online Outreach!

The pandemic has made a significant impact on how we do life – and in the life of the church as well.

For example, online worship is here to stay. That was more than likely true even pre-pandemic, but online worship has evolved from being a convenience to being a necessity. For those who are not able to attend in-person worship it has become one of their only connections to the church.

But online worship also provides us with a unique opportunity for outreach. Inviting someone to join you at church has always had its challenges, but now with the pandemic the challenges are even greater. So, invite them to "Check-Out Church" online.

This is as easy as sharing the Facebook or YouTube versions of our worship services with your friends and family. If you are looking for an easy, low-risk way of sharing God's good news with others, this is an excellent way to do it. Ask them to let you know what they think. It could easily open the door for someone who is unchurched or de-churched to become connected.

The pandemic has given us an opportunity to help others connect and re-connect to church through our virtual ministry. Invite someone to "Check-Out Church!"



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## 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](mailto: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:

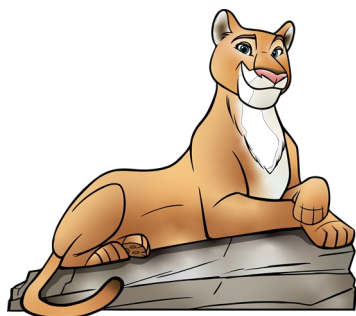
- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)





**Come Find New Friends  
at Rocky Railways on  
Wednesdays!**



**Meet Bible buddies from the Rocky Mountains,  
learn new Bible verses and VBS  
SONGS!!**



*If you love VBS songs like I do, go to  
"Rocky Railway VBS Songs" on  
YouTube to see them all and learn  
the motions!!*

**5:30—7:00pm—Thorpe Building**  
email Ms. Heather to join a crew!  
[heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)

***Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!***

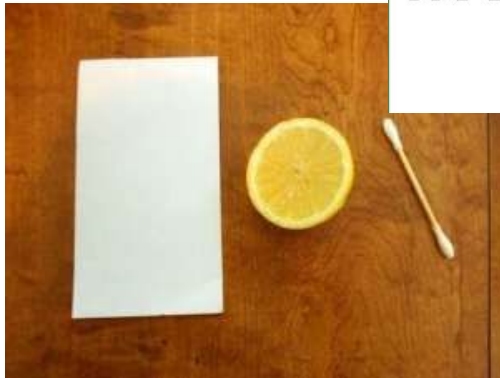
# CHILDREN'S BULLETIN



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

# Try this experiment at home!

Take a piece of white paper, and write across it in LEMON JUICE (invisible ink!) the word "Jesus"



With a parent's help, wave your invisible message over a candle (make sure not to let it burn!) to reveal your message.

## LEMON JUICE INVISIBLE INK



God may allow problems and hardships to come into our lives is because He wants us to grow and to trust Him more. God sometimes allows suffering (the candle in this experiment) in our lives and uses it as He helps us to overcome our problems - to change us. The Bible says:

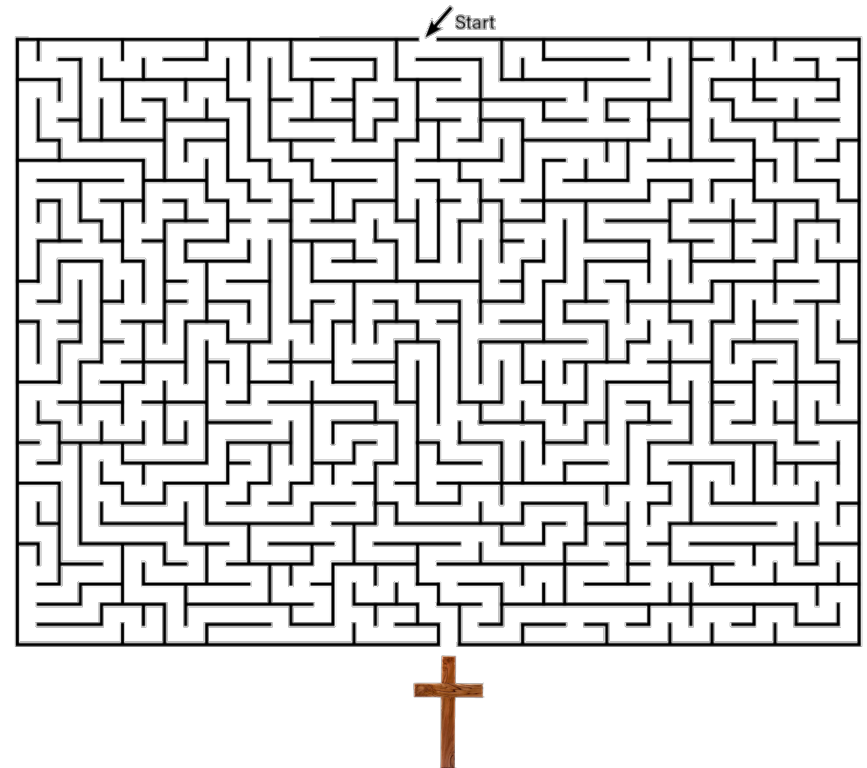
**"Suffering helps us to endure. And endurance builds character." Romans 5:3,4.**

# LÔÔK

Look it up in the Bible  
**Philippians 1:29**



Sometimes it takes endurance to follow Jesus. See if you can find your way to the end of the maze!



**"God gave you the honor both of believing in Christ and suffering for Christ."**

(ICB—International Children's Bible version)