



“Be the Church: In Our Stewardship Journey”

A pastor was in the grocery store one day and encountered a woman he hadn’t seen in a long time. It was a bit of an awkward moment because the woman had suddenly stopped attending church. After an exchange of pleasantries, the pastor said, “We miss you. Is there anything our church can do for you?” The woman replied, “Yes, there is. You could stop asking for money all the time.” The pastor was taken back by her response and acknowledged that the church often asks for the support of the congregation. He went on to explain that if the church didn’t need money it wouldn’t be much of a church. If the church needs money, it means that its ministries are growing, making a difference, and helping to transform lives.

The pastor’s point that the church should ask for money because of its good programs has merit. But when you think about it, almost any worthy charity can make that case. But the church isn’t simply a charity with a religious sheen on it. Stewardship is not about paying dues or simply responding to yet another appeal for a good cause.

We are called to give to the church as a part of our faith journey. Our giving should be motivated by one thing and one thing only - our love of God. When we give joyfully and generously to the church it demonstrates that we have our priorities in place; that the desire of our heart is to glorify God in all that we do including our financial stewardship.

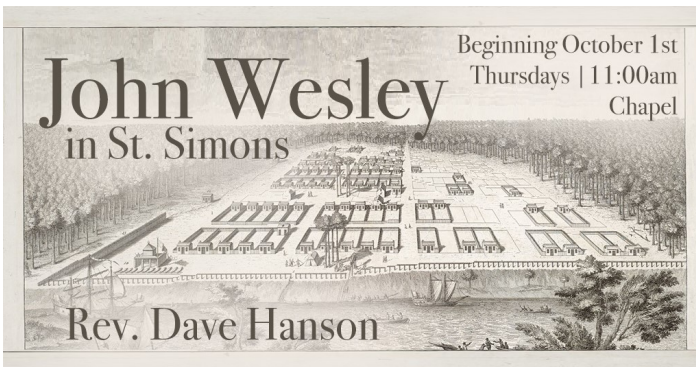
This Sunday is Commitment Sunday! In this season of stewardship, we are once again asked to support the church as we prepare for 2021. When you complete your estimate of giving card you play a vital role in the direction of our church and our being able maintain and enhance it’s ministries in the days ahead.

Please come to worship this Sunday prepared to place your estimate of giving card in one of the baskets located in the narthex and in the sanctuary. If you are not able to attend this Sunday, please mail your card to the church office or put in the drop box located at the back entrance to the sanctuary.

Thank you for your commitment to stewardship. It is good to be a part of this great church! Yes, it is a church that needs your generous support. But I hope you can see how that means our church is doing good, we’re moving forward, and we’re making a difference - not only in the lives of others, but also in in our personal walk with Christ. Let’s “Be the Church” in our stewardship journey!

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 20, 2020
Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,273.41
Amount Given YTD | \$717,112.08
Budgeted Amount YTD |\$846,216.81
Expenses YTD | \$745,252.78
Building Fund | \$6,565.00

Attendance

September 20, 2020
Total In-Person Worship | 173
9:00 am | 88 11:00 am | 85

Total Online Worship Views | 561
9:00 am | 237 11:00 am | 290

Sunday School/Small Groups | 145

thank you

Members in Ministry

September 27

Ushers:

9:00 Jim Bankston, Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Bill Kirby
11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, Jimmy Maupin, David Paulk, Clif Pease, Dwight Sweat

Greeters:

9:00 Joyce Bankston, Tina Kirby, Barbara Hill
11:00 Kay Holmes, Sharon Mitchell

Projection:

9:00 Ashley Swann
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:

Dean Auten, Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, **Lynn Boiling**, Sandy Bottjer, Billie June Boyd, Elden Carmichael, Cecilia & Matt Chase, Mary Corbitt, Hadley Cross, **Lanier Dobrenic**, Irene Drew, **Barbara Duffey**, Terri Dunkle, Glenn Etheridge, Lisa Fowler, Pat Gossage, Connie Hallowes, Chuck & Robin Harwell, Jay Heymann, Brian Holly, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, **Ivey McMillian**, Judy McVey, Nathan Meadows, Lynne Mulligan, Joan Nelson, Jimmy Orr, Marilyn Pearson, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Harriett Pope, Don Proctor, George Raiford, **Liz Rebstock Family**, Bob Rewis, **Nancy Reynolds**, Len Riley, Lauren Rogers, Shawnee Rozier, Joe Songer, **Richard Soper**, Greg Sperry, Joslyn Stinchcomb, Mary Stivers, Charles Taylor, Will Thomas, Dave Vandersall, **Katy Vice**, Stephanie Watson, Mary Wilson, 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.

Pumpkin Patch Coming Soon!

MANDATORY Meeting:

Sunday, September 27 | 10:00am | Chapel

For all those planning to work in the patch.



Volunteer to help unload:

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

If you have an Open Truck Bed on your pickup you are needed.

Pumpkin Patch Hours:

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



Selling halves, pieces, salted and roasted, chocolate, and glazed pecans.

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

Phone Orders:

Stella Avret | **912-638-9825**

Music Ministry

Handbells Rehearsal:

Tuesday, September 29 | 9:00am | Choir Room

Chancel Choir Rehearsal:

Wednesday, September 30 | 6:00pm | Sanctuary

Rocky Railway VBS

**Wednesday Evenings | Through October 7
5:30pm-7:00pm | Thorpe Building**

You can still climb aboard the VBS train!

Please contact Heather Keefer for more info or to register:

912.638.3317 | heather@stsimonsumc.com



Memorial

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

**Marguerite & Mike Suthard
Claudia & Jim Royal**

A gift has been given in Memory of **Johnita Dykes (Bob Rewis’ sister)** from:

Bob Rewis

In Memoriam

Mrs. Elizabeth Rebstock
Passed Away on September 18, 2020

Check-Out Church

Looking for a Sunday School Class?

Church Office | Sunday 10:00am

The Anchor Class began meeting onsite again a few weeks ago, and offers a welcoming opportunity for those wanting to connect with parent’s and families in the church.

Contact Jennifer Lewis for information or Zoom link if you would like to attend Online:

912.270.5336 | davidplewis@bellsouth.net

Share with Others:

Just Like Your Mother Taught You

When you were a child, no doubt, you heard the word “share” from your parents when you played with your friends. Now, as some of you are parents and grandparents, you understand the value of that lesson that has been passed down from generation to generation.

Jesus spoke to his disciples, telling them to be like children. Later in that same moment with Jesus, the disciples hear about the shepherd who has 100 sheep. When one wanders off, that shepherd goes to find it.

This is the reason we want to Share Church with others. The wonderous gift of the Gospel should be shared!

While we are hosting Church Online, click “Share” on YouTube or Facebook, and Share with Others.



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 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 contact Rev. Tom Jones
678.343.3767 | tom@stsimonsumc.com

Weekly Activities

Sunday, September 27

- 9:00am Nursery, Birth-4 years (9:00am-12:00pm)
- 9:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:00am Pumpkin Patch Meeting, Chapel
- 10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups: Children, Youth and Adult Classes
- 11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 5:30pm MYF- Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thorpe Bldg.

Monday, September 28

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 4:00pm Stephen Ministry
- 7:00pm Men’s Bible Study, Gholson Room

Tuesday, September 29

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study– Led by Heather Keefer & Shannon Lemmon, Youth Room
- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
- 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts- Troup 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, September 30

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study- Led by Stan Robinson, Thorpe Bldg.
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 5:30pm VBS Wednesday Nights, Thorpe Bldg.
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 1

- 11:00am John Wesley in St. Simons: Rev. Dave Hanson, Chapel
- 6:00pm Nominations Committee, Room 201

Friday, October 2

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

Saturday, October 3

- 9:00am Workday: Pumpkin Patch, Parking Lot

Our Staff

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WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
So The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.



Sunday, September 27, 2020

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

Possessions
or
Treasures?

Luke 12:13-21

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 AM

Prelude Lift High The Cross Chancel Bells
Arr. Martha Lynn Thompson
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Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Opening Prayer Richard Soper

* Songs of Praise Touching Heaven
Changing Earth Reuben Morgan
©1997 Hillsong CCLI 2317779

* Passing the Peace Love The Lord
Your God Lincoln Brewster
©2005 Integrity CCLI 4572938

Testimony—Be the Church Becky & Lawrence Bridges

Special Music Simple Gifts Jordan Tippet
arr. Joseph Martin
©1993 Malcom Music

Children’s Message Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

Scripture Luke 12:13-21 Rev. Tom Jones

Message in Music Take My Life,
And Let It Be Consecrated Hope Lamb
Arr. Hayes
©2000 Alfred

Morning Message POSSESSIONS
Or
TREASURES Tom Jones

* Invitation Hymn Seek Ye First SEEK YE
Verses 1 & 2

* Benediction Tom Jones

* Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

The Worship of God

11:00 AM

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Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Call to Worship Take My Life,
And Let It Be Consecrated Hope Lamb
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Opening Prayer Richard Soper

* Hymn God We See What You Have Given NETTLETON
Verses 1,2 & 4

* Passing the Peace

Testimony—Be the Church Becky & Lawrence Bridges

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* Hymn of Grace Be Thou My Vision SLANE
Verses 1 & 2

Children’s Message Heather Keefer

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Message in Music I Stand Redeemed arr. James Koerts
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