

Weekly Activities

Sunday, November 15

- 9:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary *
10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups:
Children, Youth and Adult *
11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary *
5:30pm MYF— Methodist Youth Fellowship, Youth Room
*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 years old

Monday, November 16

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting
10:00am Program Staff Meeting, Youth Room
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
5:30pm Finance Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.
7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Gholson Room

Tuesday, November 17

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
9:00am Handbells, Choir Room
10:00am Incarnation Advent Study, Room 207
10:00am Men's Life, Mike Pickett's Office
11:00am Altar Team Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.
12:30pm UMW Circle 6, Thorpe Bldg.
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troup 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, November 18

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Thorpe Bldg.
8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
4:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Zoom
5:30pm "Unafraid" Adult Book Study, Thorpe Bldg.
5:30pm "Art of Thankfulness," Children's Ministry Area
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 19

- 11:00am John Wesley in St. Simons, Chapel, Rev. Dave Hanson

Friday, November 20

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Where Love is Unconditional
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*



Sunday, November 15, 2020

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

No Doze

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 AM

Prelude *Jesus Loves Me* Kevin Lamb
Arr. Jason D. Payne
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Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

* Call to Worship *Here I Am To Worship*
CCLI #3266032 | Tim Hughes
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* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* Richard Soper

Mission Moment **Hospice of the Golden Isles**

* Passing the Peace

* Worship *Your Name!* CCLI #4611679 | Paul Baloche
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Children's Message Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Special Music *Soon* Holly Lamb
CCLI #5372773 | Brooke Ligertwood
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Morning Message **NO DOZE** Rev. Tom Jones

* Invitation *Soon and Very Soon* VERY SOON
Verses 1,2 & 3

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress* Kevin Lamb
Arr. Jason D. Payne
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**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

The Worship of God

11:00 AM

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude *Jesus Loves Me* Kevin Lamb
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* Hymn *I Know Whom I Have Believed* EL NATHAN
Verses 1,2 & 3

* Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* Richard Soper

* Response *Gloria Patri*

Mission Moment **Hospice of the Golden Isles**

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD 100th

Children's Message Heather Keefer

Hymn *When We All Get to Heaven* HEAVEN
Verses 1,3 & 4

Scripture **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Special Music *Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Chancel Choir
Tom Fettke
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Truth

What can we believe? In a culture of doubt, it has become hard to know who and what to believe. There is a well-known exchange in the movie, "A Few Good Men" when the prosecutor demands, "I want the truth" and the person on trial responds, "You can't handle the truth!"

Most of us would say that we want to know the truth. At least, we think so. There are times when the truth, even spoken in love, can be hurtful. There are times when the truth might put another person in harm's way. There are times when the truth can lead to conflict and divide. Sometimes, in the interest of the greater good, we choose to say something that's less than the absolute truth.

What then can we believe? The question becomes even more difficult to answer when we realize that we can't even trust ourselves or those closest to us to be truthful all the time.

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." He follows up by asking, "Do you believe this?" Do you believe I am the resurrection and the life? Do you believe that by trusting in me you will never die?

The truth is the truth when it comes from the one who is the Truth! In extremely uncertain days and divisive times, I invite you to believe Jesus and receive the hope and peace he offers.

Can you handle the truth? Then hear the Good News! God loves you! In him there is the certainty of new life! In him there is the truth!

Blessings,

Tom



As of November 12 2020:

Number of Cards Received to date | 139

Number of New Cards | 18

Total Amount | \$674,110.00

Please remember you may still return your Estimate of Giving card: bring to the church office, submit online, or place it in the offering baskets on Sundays!

If you have not received your card by mail, please call the church office.

Submit Online: www.StSimonsUmc.com

Honorarium

A gift has been given in Honor of **Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Lamb** (to the Preschool) from:

Ann Rewis

Financial Report

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

November 8

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,433.67

Amount Given YTD | \$866,974.88

Expenses YTD | \$886,771.13

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,002,441.55

Building Fund YTD | \$7,455.00

thank you

Did you know?

Individuals can give Stock Gifts to the church possible tax savings. Charitable donations can contribute towards meeting your IRA's yearly required minimum distribution. Traditional IRA owners must start taking RMD's at age 70½. We must receive your donation by Dec. 31 for it to apply to this year's tax return. Contact your accountant or IRA advisor for tax savings questions, or contact Anne in the church office for further information.

Attendance

November 8

Total In-Person Worship | 187

9:00 am | 95 11:00 am | 92

Total Online Worship Views | 400

9:00 am | 213 11:00 am | 187

Sunday School/Small Groups | 103

Members in Ministry This Sunday

November 15

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, Tony Metz

11:00 Claudia Royal, Jennifer Irion

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Ashley Swann

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Ronald Bell, Lynn Boiling, **Mark, Audrey & Ethan Boyette**, Glenn Etheridge Family, Virginia Fortunato, Faye George & Family, Mike Germain, **Martha Hawkins**, Mary Lou Lamb, Lynn Mulligan, **Mullis Family**, Jeff Proctor, **Barbara Sharp, Jennifer Sharp, Benny Turtis**, Katy Vice, Mary Vice, **Dick Wilton**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Mary Corbitt, Lanier Dobrenic, Irene Drew, Terri Dunkle, Connie Hallowses, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara and Jim Jensen, Shannon Lemmon, Jeff Martin, Nathan Meadows, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Mary Stivers, Stephanie Watson, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Our Nation.

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Jack Jenkins, Marjorie Lawrence, Debby Lloyd, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Larry Varnadoe, Effie Walker

Senior Care: Anne Pinson

Marshes Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds

*When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. **BOLD** names indicate a new addition or current concern.*

Thank You from SSUMC Youth

Thank you so much to everyone that supported our youth group and bought pumpkins this year. It was truly a blessing to be a part of our Pumpkin Patch - we would never have sold out in 13 days without your support! Not only did we sell out, we sold more pumpkins than EVER before! With over \$20,000 in pumpkin sales, our youth earned almost \$8,000 for conferences, events and mission trips in 2021!

With heartfelt gratitude and praise to God,
Heather (Dir. of Student Ministries)

Preschool: Seeking Part Time Assistant

Our Preschool is seeking an Afternoon Preschool Teacher Assistant. To apply, contact Mary Brittain, Preschool Director, or via our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/StSimonsUmc
912.634.8557 | maryb@stsimonsumc.com

Wednesday Night Programing | Last Week! Final Wednesday: November 18

Children's Ministry Wednesday Nights: The Art of Thankfulness

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Children's Ministry Area
Free for children Kindergarten-5th Grade.

Unafraid: Living with Hope in Uncertain Times

A 5 Session Study Group | Led by Rev. Tom Jones
Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Thorpe Building

UMW PECANS

November 15 & 22 | Gholson Room

The pecans are arriving and will be available for pickup Sunday November 15 & 22 before, between, and after the 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services.

The UMW is very thankful for your support! There will be some extra bags available for purchase - inquire below!

Contact: Stella Avret | 912-638-9825



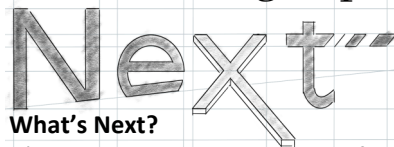
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Wes and Gigi Stroud (and the proud grandparents Sally and Tommy Stroud) on the birth of their daughter **Catherine Elgin Stroud**! She was born November 7, 2020, weighing 8lbs, 7oz. Wes, Gigi baby Cate and brother Wesley live in Birmingham, AL.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to **Faye Goerge** on the loss of her husband, Mr. Tom George, who passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Next: a small group collective



What's Next?

It's a collaborative community of small groups where we will share our experience of faith.

Why Next?

Because, for good or for bad, we are all wondering what's next in our lives, we are here to consider that. Next will creatively and intentionally use media to frame our discussion so we can spend more time connecting. We will grow in community, by engaging through small group circles, even as we grow to larger numbers.

Next begins November 15, 2020

10:00am | Thorpe Building

Advent Bible Study

Incarnation:

Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas

Rev. Richard Soper | Tuesdays | 10:00am

November 17 - December 22

"His parents gave him the name Jesus. But the prophets, the shepherds, the wise men, and angels addressed him by other names. They called him Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the world, and Word Made Flesh."

Books \$15, Contact the Church Office

Thanksgiving Meal

November 26 | 12:00noon | Thorpe Building

We are going to continue our tradition of our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals! Our Thanksgiving meal will be on Thanksgiving Day, November 26 at noon in the Thorpe Building. We will be providing all food items this year due to Covid-19. Meal will be provided at NO COST! Space will be limited due to social distancing.

Reservations: 912.638.3317 | anne@stsimonsumc.com

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

Connect With Us!

Send GUESTsumc to 31996 to Connect With Us

Open a new text message on your phone and send the words above 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.

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