

Weekly Activities

Sunday, November 22

- 9:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary *
10:00am Sunday School/Small Groups:
Children, Youth and Adult *
11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary *
*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 years old

Monday, November 23

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

Tuesday, November 24

- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
10:00am Incarnation Advent Study, Room 207

Wednesday, November 25

Church Office Closed at noon

Thursday, November 26 | *Happy Thanksgiving*

- Church Office Closed
12:00pm Thanksgiving Lunch, Thorpe Building

Friday, November 27

Church Office Closed

WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



Sunday, November 22, 2020

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

Our Staff

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Thanks for Nothing

Ephesians 1:15-23

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 AM

Prelude	<i>How Excellent Is Thy Name</i>	Kevin Lamb Sondra Anderson Arr. Ted Smith ©1985 Laurel Press
Greeting		Rev. Richard Soper
* Call to Worship	<i>Give Thanks</i>	CCLI #20285 Henry Smith ©1978 Integrity
	<i>For The Beauty</i>	DIX Verses 1,3 & 5
* Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Richard Soper
Special Music	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Chancel Bells Arr. Thompson Henry Smith ©1978 Integrity
* Passing the Peace		
* Worship	<i>Scars</i>	CCLI #7106244 Matthew Hein ©Be Essential Songs
	<i>Sanctuary</i>	CCLI #24140 John Thompson ©1982 Full Armor
Children's Message		Mary Brittain
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
The Lord's Prayer		
Scripture	Ephesians 1:15-23	
Morning Message	THANKS FOR NOTHING	Rev. Tom Jones
* Invitation	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	LAST UNS ERFRUEN OLD 100th
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude		Sondra Anderson
<i>*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable</i>		

The Worship of God

11:00 AM

Prelude	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Chancel Bells Arr. ©1978 Integrity
Greeting		Rev. Richard Soper
* Hymn	<i>We Gather Together</i>	KRESMER
Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Richard Soper
Response	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	
* Passing the Peace		
* Fellowship Chorus	<i>Give Thanks</i>	CCLI #20285 Henry Smith ©1978 Integrity
Children's Message		Mary Brittain
* Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	DIX Verses 1,2,3 & 6
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
The Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	<i>How Excellent Is Thy Name</i>	Kevin Lamb Sondra Anderson Arr. Ted Smith ©1978 Integrity
Scripture	Ephesians 1:15-23	
Message in Music	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Chancel Choir Arr. Rouse ©1953 Hine
Morning Message	THANKS FOR NOTHING	Rev. Tom Jones
* Invitation	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	LAST UNS ERFRUEN OLD 100th
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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a beautiful word. But like many words it can mean different things to different people. Our understanding of the meaning of Thanksgiving is influenced by our culture and our various family traditions.

For many of us Thanksgiving means:

- Turkey, dressing and cranberry sauce
- Visiting with family and friends
- Football, parades, and even more football
- The day before “Black Friday”
- The official beginning of the Christmas season (or it used to be)

I feel certain you could add to the list with your different descriptions of Thanksgiving. While none of the meanings are bad, the layers of meaning we add tend to take away from the beauty of the word. In its purest form, thanksgiving means to be grateful and to always be prepared to offer thanks for our blessings.

I am grateful for:

- My wife and family
- My church family and the blessing it is to be one of your pastors
- The wonderful sense of community and care that is displayed on St. Simons year-round
- The person who lets me into traffic each morning on Frederica Road
- Food, football, and not going shopping on “Black Friday”
- God’s love and grace, and that he includes me as one of his children
- The blessings, known and unknown, that add fullness to my life

That’s my short list. Your list, like mine, is more than likely very long. We have much to be grateful for and to celebrate. Let’s live each day in a spirit of thanksgiving, always mindful to give thanks in all circumstances.

Anne and Croft join with me in wishing you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving Day. May the true meaning of Thanksgiving fill your lives with the joy of a grateful heart.

Blessings,
Tom

Memorials

Gifts have been given in Memory of **Thomas George** from:
Tari Phillips and
Mr. and Mrs. James Bankston

Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathies to Pam and Randall Rehberg in the death of Randall’s mother, Idna Rehberg, who passed away Saturday, November 14, 2020.

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 15

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,637.13

Amount Given YTD | \$882,585.01

Expenses YTD | \$920,873.89

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,025,224.65

Building Fund YTD | \$7,530.00

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.

thank you

Attendance

November 15

Total In-Person Worship | 184

9:00 am | 86 11:00 am | 98

Total Online Worship Views | 380

9:00 am | 185 11:00 am | 195

Sunday School/Small Groups | 110

Members in Ministry This Sunday

November 22

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, Barbara Hill, Dick and Cathie Wilton

11:00 Kay Holmes, Marguerite Suthard, Susan Kaufman

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Neva Kaye

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Lynn Boiling, **Cathy Bishop**, Mark, Audrey & Ethan Boyette, Bert & Ann Brown, Barbara Duffey, Glenn Etheridge Family, Virginia Fortunato, Faye George & Family, Mike Germain, Martha Hawkins, **Courtney Houston**, **Tony Landers & Jodell Hyers**, Mary Lou Lamb, **Beth Lewis**, Jones Lindgren, **Harry & Dale Moffett**, **Keiko Mohr**, Lynn Mulligan, Mullis Family, **Kathy O’Brien**, **Bill Pickard**, Jeff Proctor, **Randall Rehberg**, Barbara Sharp, Jennifer Sharp, Katy Vice, Mary Vice, **Shanon Walker**, Dick Wilton

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Sgt. Jonathan Carmichael, Mary Corbitt, Lanier Dobrenic, **Irene Drew**, Terri Dunkle, Connie Hallows, 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, Bobbé 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.

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

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.

10:00am | Thorpe Building

Next: a small group collective | Facebook and Instagram

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

Christmas Store

Thank you so much for your participation in the Cookie Dough Fundraiser. It looks like we will make \$2,500!!! This all goes toward supplies for our children. As you know, prices keep going up on EVERYTHING!

It's our turn to help you...and us too.

We are getting ready for our Preschool Christmas Store. As you go through last year's Christmas boxes, be on the lookout for gently used or new items for moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas. We will gladly take them! Our little ones always find treasures for their families at the Store!!! Look for the Christmas box in the Gholson Room.

We need items by Tuesday, December 8th.

912.634.8557 | maryb@stsimonsumc.com

UMW PECANS

November 22 | Gholson Room

The pecans are here and should be picked up this Sunday, November 22. They can be picked up 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



Christmastime RSVPs

Beginning 12:30pm | Sunday, November 22

We are entering the wonderful Christmas Season, and with that comes many Special Programs and Events.

Hope! A Christmas Cantata | December 13 | 9:00 & 11:00am

Carols at the Keyboards | December 20 | 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Worship | December 24 | 3, 4:30, 6, & 11pm

With Socially Distanced seating it is important anticipate how many people plan to attend each of these events.

Look for the Email which will go out Sunday, November 22 at 12:30pm for the link to these RSVPs.

Visit our Website or Facebook to find the link as well.

Select the Event, Choose a time (if applicable), and tell us how many for whom you are RSVPing.

www.StSimonsUmc.com | facebook.com/StSimonsUmc

Poinsettias

Sunday, November 22 - Wednesday, December 16

Help place poinsettias in the Sanctuary to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. They will be placed in the church on December 20 and go home after the 11:00am worship service that day!

The cost of each poinsettia is \$22.

You may designate them in memory or in honor of a loved one, or to the Glory of God. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or contact the Church Office.

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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

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 GUESTssumc 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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