

# Happy New Year!

## Sunday, December 27

10:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary \*

\*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years

## Monday, December 28

9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting

11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

## Tuesday, December 29

8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor

## Wednesday, December 30

11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

## New Year's Eve

## Thursday, December 31

Church Office Closed

Happy New Year!!



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 This is a Stephen Ministry Church

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# The Worship of God

10:30 AM



## Blessing of the



People give gifts at Christmas for many reasons. One of the main reasons is to remind us of the true gift at Christmas - Jesus!

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

James 1:17

Prelude	<b>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</b>	Sondra Anderson Kevin Lamb <small>Arr. Raney   ©2013 Lorenz</small>
Greeting		Rev. Richard Soper
Songs of Praise	<b>Love Has Come</b>	CCLI #2060820   Ken Bible ©1996 LNWhymns.com
	<b>Your Name</b>	CCLI #7005511   Paul Baloché ©2006 Integrity Worship
* Passing the Peace		
Children's Message		Heather Keefer
	<b>Blessing of the Toys</b>	
* Carol	<b>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</b>	GOD REST YOU MERRY Verses 1,3,4,6 & 7
Morning Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Message in Music	<b>Welcome To Our World</b>	Praise Team CCLI #2317391   Chris Rice ©1995 Clumsy Fly Music
Scripture	<b>Psalms 90:12-14</b>	
Morning Message	<b>COUNTING OUR DAYS</b>	Richard Soper
* Invitation	<b>All Is Well</b>	CCLI #355008   Michael W. Smith ©1989 Universal Music
* Benediction		Richard Soper
Postlude		Kevin Lamb

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*





## “Motivation”

Have you ever asked yourself the questions, “What motivates me? Why do I do this or that?” When 2020 finally leaves in a few days, we need some motivation for 2021. If you look up motivation in the dictionary, you will read that motivation is an incentive, inducement or motive especially for an act.

What was Jesus’ motivation in dying for you and me? What will motivate me to live for Him? There is a story about a man who found a mouse in his bathtub. He watched while the little grey creature tried unsuccessfully to get out. Time and time again, the mouse would run up the sloping end of the bathtub and slide back down. Just for the fun of it, the man went and brought his cat and tossed her into the bathtub with the mouse. The result: the mouse seemed to almost take wings and like a flash, ran up the slope, out of the tub and back to his hiding place.

I believe the point of this story is motivation. There are many things that move us to act: rewards, competition, fear, threats, prizes, gimmicks, patriotism, pride, recognition, praise. But the highest and best motivation is our love for Jesus Christ. My prayer for us in the coming year, that we consider His GREAT LOVE for us be moved to serve Him with all that we are able.

*God Loves you and I do too!*

**Richard**



## New Series Begins Next Week

Fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. It wreaks havoc on our relationships. It leads us into making poor decisions. It holds us back from the very pursuits that promise us fulfillment and joy.

Based on the book written by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, senior pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, this six-week sermon series will focus on how we can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus’s recurring counsel: “Do not be afraid.”

Invite your family members and friends to join us in person or online as we learn what it means to live with courage and hope.

<b>January 3</b>	<b>“An Age of High Anxiety”</b>
<b>January 10</b>	<b>“Fear of the Other”</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>“Friendless and Alone?”</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>“Fear of Failure”</b>
<b>January 31</b>	<b>“The Sky is Falling”</b>
<b>February 7</b>	<b>“Sickness, Growing Old, and Death”</b>

## Financial Report

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

### December 20

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$19,556.90

Amount Given YTD | \$981,484.63

Expenses YTD | 1,137,038.39

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,020,669.72

Building Fund YTD | \$9,140.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

### December 20

Total In-Person Worship | 224

9:00 am | 98 11:00 am | 126

Total Online Worship Views | 478

9:00 am | 231 11:00 am | 247

Sunday School/Small Groups | 205

## Members in Ministry This Sunday

### December 27

#### Ushers:

10:30 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, Jimmy Maupin, David Paulk, Clif Pease, Dwight Sweat

#### Greeters:

10:30 Kay Holmes, Marguerite Suthard, Susan Kaufmann

#### Projection:

10:30 Neva Kaye

## Prayer Requests

**Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:**

#### New Prayer Concerns:

Vicky Adams, John Christiansen, **Darlene Cramer**, Mara DeLage, Steve Dixon, Jim & Dotsy Fuller, Mitchell Godwin, Steve & Kate Kennedy, Craig Miller, Mathew North, Bill Pickard, **Madden Robinson**

#### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Jim Cooney, Lynn Danos, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, **Julia Epstein**, Gail Gonzalez, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Jim Jensen, Shannon Lemmon, Jeff Martin, Nathan Meadows, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Jeff Proctor, George Raiford, Mary Stivers, Stephanie Watson, Paul Wilska, 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

**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.**

**BOLDED names indicate a new addition or current concern.**

## Wednesday Night Programing

### Returns January 13

#### Five Weeks of Classes for this Year's First Session

#### Children's Ministry Wednesday Nights: Choir Returns

**Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm**

##### Children's Ministry Area

For children Kindergarten-5th Grade.

Children will have the opportunity to enjoy Choir and Teaching each Wednesday.

#### The Gospel of John Class

**A 5 Session Study Group | Led by Rev. Tom Jones**

**Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Thorpe Bldg.**

Register Online for this Wednesday night Class!

#### Chancel Choir

**Begins January 6 | 6:00-7:00pm | Sanctuary**

Choir, don't forget our first rehearsal back after the new year! Choir is always open for those who would like to join!

## End of Year Giving

#### Contributions for 2020 and Holiday Office Hours

The Finance Committee of St. Simons UMC is so thankful to those who have contributed to our church this year! Your giving has been so appreciated, especially during this challenging year. If you need to complete your Estimate of Giving for 2021 or are preparing a year end gift to the church, please note that gifts must be received by the church postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in 2020 giving statements.

**The office will be OPEN 8:30am-4pm on December 21, 22, 28-30 and until 12:30 on December 31.**

**The Church Office will be CLOSED: December 23-25.**

## Welcome New Member

Welcome to our newest member **Neva Kaye**, who joined Sunday, December 20, 2020. She has already been an active volunteer in many ministries within our church!

## Memorials

A gift has been given in Memory of **Irene Drew** from:

**Debbie and Cliff Pease**

A gift has been given in Memory of  
**Nancy Fuller Kennedy** from:

**Mr. and Mrs James Bankston**

## New Bible Study

### "The Gospel of John"

**Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Begins January 13**

Tom Jones will facilitate a 10-session Bible Study on the Gospel of John. All are welcome to participate. This class will be hosted in the Thorpe Building. The only material you will need is your Bible.

An Email address is required for registration.

**Registration | [www.stsimonsumc.com](http://www.stsimonsumc.com)**

**Information about Study | [tom@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)**

## Did you know?

Individuals can give Stock Gifts to the church for 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.

## 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](mailto: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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