

Weekly Activities

Sunday, December 6

- 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
12:30pm SSUMC Family Kickball at Demere Park

Monday, December 7

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

Tuesday, December 8

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
10:00am Incarnation Advent Study, Room 207
10:00am Men's Life, Room 203
7:00pm Boy Scouts Troup 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, December 9

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Thorpe Bldg.
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
4:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Zoom
5:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 10

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

Friday, December 11

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.



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9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

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

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 AM

Welcome		Rev. Richard Soper
Prelude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Sondra Anderson Kevin Lamb ©2013 Lorenz Publishing Arr. Sorenson
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Heather and Dan Keefer The Candle of Love
* Call to Worship	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	W.H. Monk ©Public Domain CCLI #4758525
	<i>Born The We May Have Life</i>	Chris Tomlin ©2009 Sixsteps CCLI #5601839
Invitation to Communion		Richard Soper
Confession and Pardon		
* Fellowship Time		
* Worship Time	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Chris Tomlin ©2015 SDG Publishing CCLI #7050422
	<i>Midnight Clear</i>	Chris Tomlin ©2015 Alletrop Music CCLI #7050418
Children's Message		Heather Keefer
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
Scripture Lesson	Luke 3:10-18	Rev. Tom Jones
Morning Message	ADORE CHRIST	Tom Jones
The Great Thanksgiving		Richard Soper
The Lord's Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
* Hymn of Invitation	<i>Emmanuel</i>	McGEE ©1976 CA Music
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude		

****Worshippers, please stand as comfortable***

The Worship of God

11:00 AM

Welcome		Rev. Richard Soper
Prelude	<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Sondra Anderson Kevin Lamb ©2013 Lorenz Publishing Arr. Sorenson
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Heather and Dan Keefer The Candle of Love
* Hymn	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE Verses 1,2 & 4
Invitation to Communion		Richard Soper
Confession and Pardon		
* Fellowship Time		
* Fellowship Chorus	<i>Emmanuel</i>	McGEE ©1976 CA Music
Children's Message		Heather Keefer
* Hymn	<i>Go, Tell It on the Mountain</i>	GO TELL IT
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
* Scripture Lesson	Luke 3:10-18	Rev. Tom Jones
Message in Music	<i>What Child Is This</i>	Chancel Choir Arr. Joel Raney ©2017 Hope Publishing
Morning Message	ADORE CHRIST	Tom Jones
The Great Thanksgiving		Richard Soper
The Lord's Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
* Hymn of Invitation	<i>He Is Born</i>	IL EST NE Refrain, Verse 1, Refrain
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude		

****Worshippers, please stand as comfortable***



December 13 | 9:00am & 11:00am

Hope: A Christmas Cantata

Join us next Sunday Morning at 9:00am and 11:00am for this Gospel Christmas Celebration, a follow up to last year's *Joy!*. We will hear the story of Christ's birth told through both original music and familiar carols.
Remember to RSVP via www.StSimonsUmc.com!



“Good News”

The front page of the newspaper recently had a picture on it of the first section of the Golden Ray being loaded onto a barge for its trip out of St. Simons Sound.

For over a year the overturned ship has been a fixture at the end of the pier. People have gone out of their way to visit the island to get a glimpse of this unusual sight. The locals have routinely gathered near the pier to discuss and compare their ideas that they believe would expedite moving the ship. Still, as much as we have grown accustomed to its presence, it was good news to see and read in the newspaper how the first cut had been successful, and that progress was being made to remove the ship in its entirety.

Good news! On the front page of the newspaper? That’s almost as unusual as a ship on its side in the sound. Usually the good news is buried in the back pages. That is because the consumers, the ones who buy newspapers and faithfully watch and listen to the news, have sent a message to the providers that good news is boring.

When Jesus was born it didn’t make the headlines. In fact, most people missed it. Only a few were aware of the enormous implications of his presence in a manger in Bethlehem. That’s the way it seems to be with God’s work. Most of it is behind the scenes. While God’s presence in the reality of our everyday lives rarely makes the headlines, it is spectacular news because he has the power to change and transform our hearts.

Do you want some good news? God came to earth in Jesus Christ. That is news that belongs on the front page of our hearts. It is news that brings with it the promise of hope, love, joy, and peace in whatever circumstances we may find ourselves. It is good news that will never grow old or boring.

“O come let us adore him – Christ the Lord!”

Blessings, **Tom**

Sunday Schools and Small Groups:

Upcoming Sermon Series: “Unafraid”

Beginning January 3, Tom Jones will preach a 6 week sermon series, “Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times”. The series based on the book by Rev. Adam Hamilton, is available in a group study format with resources that can be easily adapted to a Sunday School Class or Small Group setting. If you are interested in facilitating a class/ small group that coincides with the weekly preaching topic during the month of January through the first week of February you can order the materials for your class from your favorite book vendor, including Cokesbury. Tom has one copy of the leaders guide and a DVD he will share with the first group leader who contacts him.

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 pledge for 2020 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 Church Office will be CLOSED: December 23 - 25.

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

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 29

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$11,614.50

Amount Given YTD | \$913,478.63

Expenses YTD | \$938,045.27

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,070,789.83

Building Fund YTD | \$7,855.00

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 29

Total In-Person Worship | 189

9:00 am | 107 11:00 am | 82

Total Online Worship Views | 445

9:00 am | 210 11:00 am | 235

Sunday School/Small Groups | 105

Members in Ministry This Sunday

December 6

Ushers:

9:00 Jimmy Beasley, Ranny Blount, Janice Lee, Tom Smith

11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Don Varnadoe, Evans Williams

Greeters:

9:00 Pat Carmichael, Helen Baker

11:00 Jamie Wiles, June Smith, Stella Avret

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Ashley Swann

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Corbitt/Stahl Family, Darlene Cramer, Peggy Dean, Irene Drew Family, Lori Huntley, **Barbara Jensen, Janice & Jim Lee, Spence Mullis, Marie Neel, Brenda Padea**, Bill Pickard, Jeff Proctor, **Madden Robinson, Jeremy Turner**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Jim Jensen, Shannon Lemmon, Jeff Martin, Nathan Meadows, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, 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. BOLDDED names indicate a new addition or current concern.



Advent Mission Project: 3 Trees

Salvation Army | Compassion International | FaithWorks

The Advent Missions Challenge is brought to you by our SSUMC Missions Committee. This Season we will support 3 Ministries, each represented by an individual tree. Each Tree in the Gholson Room will have ornaments representing a need. Please feel free to take as many ornaments as you would like. Visit the Gholson Room during Advent to find out more and select an ornament.

Christmas Countdown

A New Take on the Traditional Advent Calendar!

Look for this fun resource in our Email, on the Website and on our Facebook! Download and Print the resource or follow along online on Facebook or Instagram.

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Next: a small group collective

10:00am | Thorpe Building

What's Next? First, it's the question on everyone's minds this year. Next is a new take on small group ministry. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with our weekly content!

@Next: a small group collective | Facebook and Instagram

Preschool: Christmas Store

Donate by December 8th.

This Monday is the last chance to bring donations for the Preschool Christmas Store. Look for the Christmas box in Gholson Room to drop donations.

912.634.8557 | maryb@stsimonsumc.com

Kickball and A Cookout

Sunday, December 6 | 12:30pm | 1219 Demere Rd

Join us for a Family Kickball Game and a *ServeSafe Certified* cookout. All are welcome and the event will begin after 11:00am Worship this Sunday. We hope to see you there!

heather@stsimonsumc.com

Memorials

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

Steve and Sister Tucker, Becky and Lawrence Bridges, Dorothy and James Fuller, Joyce and Buzzy Pickren, and Jeanette and Lamar Adair

A gift has been given in Memory of **Tom George** from:

Susan and Edison Watkins III

Honorariums

A gift has been given in Honor of

Rev. Tom Jones and Rev. Richard Soper from:

Debbie and Clif Pease

Sympathies

We extend our deepest sympathies to Susan Stahl in the loss of her mother, Mary Corbitt, who passed away Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2020.

Christmastime RSVPs

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

We will be sending a Weekly Email with updated seating capacities each Wednesday until Christmas Eve.

Visit our Website to find the link to register. Select the Event, Click Select a Time, Select a Time and tell us how many for whom you are RSVPing.

www.StSimonsUmc.com | facebook.com/StSimonsUmc

Poinsettias

Order through Tuesday, December 15

The cost of each poinsettia is \$22. You may designate them in memory of, in honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or contact the Church Office. They can be picked up after the 11:00am Worship Service, December 20, 2020.

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Advent Readers

Be a part of a Christmas Eve Tradition!

If you or your family is interested in leading an Advent Reading during one of our four Christmas Eve Services, please call or email the church office.

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Preschool Cookies Arrive Dec. 10

Contact Mary Brittain or come Sunday morning December 13 for pickup. **maryb@stsimonsumc.com | 912.634.8557**

Welcome New Member

Welcome to our newest member **Courtenay Houston**, who joined Sunday, November 29, 2020. Please welcome her to the SSUMC family!

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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