

Weekly Events

Sunday, January 10

- 9:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary *
10:00am Sunday School & Small Groups, Various Locations
11:00am Worship Service, Sanctuary *
*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years
5:00pm UMW Circle 5, Thorpe Bldg.
5:30pm MYF-Methodist Youth Fellowship, Youth Room

Monday, January 11

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

Tuesday, January 12

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
10:00am Men's Life, Room 203
10:30am UMW Circle 2, Room 207
12:30pm UMW Circle 6, Thorpe Bldg.
6:00pm SPR Meeting, Room 201
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, January 13

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Thorpe Bldg.
8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
4:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, January 14

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

Friday, January 15

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

Saturday, January 16

- 10:00am Youth Trip to Jacksonville Zoo

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St. Simons United Methodist Church

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January 10, 2021

St. Simons United Methodist Church

9:00 & 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

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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

Prelude	Sondra Anderson
Greeting	Rev. Richard Soper
* Call to Worship	
<i>Open Up The Heavens</i>	CCLI #6304702 Rozier ©2012 All Essential Music
<i>Trust In You</i>	CCLI #7025522 Daigle ©2014 CentricSongs
* Passing the Peace	Holly Lamb
Children’s Message	Heather Keefer
* Hymn	
<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT CCLI #38002
Morning Prayer	Richard Soper
The Lord’s Prayer	
Worship	
<i>You Say</i>	CCLI #7071357 Daigle ©2016 CentricSongs
Scripture	
Morning Message	Richard Soper
* Invitation	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> CWM RHONDA Verses 1 & 2
* Benediction	Richard Soper
Postlude	

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

The Worship of God

11:00 AM

Prelude	Sondra Anderson
Greeting	Rev. Richard Soper
* Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> NICEA
Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i> Betty Sharp
* Passing the Peace	
* Fellowship Chorus	<i>This Is The Day</i> THIS IS THE DAY
Children’s Message	Heather Keefer
Hymn	<i>We Three Kings</i> KINGS OF ORIENT Verses 1,2 & 5 CCLI #38002
Morning Prayer	Betty Sharp
The Lord’s Prayer	
Special Music	<i>Even In The Valley</i> Chancel Choir Arr. Richard Kingsmore © 2004 Thomas Peck Music
Scripture	
Morning Message	Richard Soper
* Invitation	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> CWM RHONDA Verses 1 & 2
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“It’s 2021...Uh-Oh!”

The Jones family approached the beginning of the new year like many of you. Finally, 2020 would be behind us. It was a time for a fresh start as we looked forward with hope and anticipation for a better year in 2021.

Uh-oh! Apparently 2021 didn’t get the memo. We keep getting reminders that 2020 isn’t done with us yet. Like the reminder my family received on just the second day of the new year when we learned that my daughter, Croft, had tested positive for COVID-19. When I heard the doctor say those words, my immediate concern was for my daughter and her well-being, but I also knew what was coming next for my family and me – quarantine.

I was so excited for 2021! Especially for what it meant to our church. I looked forward to beginning the year with a sermon series on how to face the future with courage and hope. The church, riding the momentum of beautiful and meaningful Advent and Christmas seasons, was primed to make the month of January a time to continue our progress towards normalcy.

Uh-oh! Because of this very unwelcome surprise in my family, we are all reminded that a flip in the calendar page does not mean the challenges of the past magically go away. Things will get better; the day will come when we will consider this pandemic a thing of the past. But for now there is still work to be done. Let’s continue to be vigilant in doing our part and taking the necessary steps to keep ourselves and others safe and healthy. Please continue to be patient with your church staff as we deal with the fact that even the best of plans may have to be revised because of the unpredictability of this virus.

I regret that the “Unafraid” sermon series will have to be cancelled. The Wednesday evening Bible study I plan to lead on the Gospel of John and the new small group for “Moms in Prayer” which will be led by my wife, are now scheduled to start on January 20 instead of January 13.

I am grateful for Richard and his willingness to step into the pulpit on such short notice last week and for preaching again this week. And once again our entire church staff has shown with their flexibility and competency, that the church does not miss a beat when one of us is down.

Life is filled with, “Uh-ohs!” We can never anticipate what will happen next. But we can be certain that no matter what, God is with us, and that this will be a good year. Look forward with courage and hope to 2021 by claiming these words from Isaiah 41:10: *“Don’t panic. I’m with you. There’s no need to fear for I’m your God. I’ll give you strength. I’ll help you. I’ll hold you steady, keep a firm grip on you. (The Message)”*

I will miss you for the next couple of weeks. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Your prayers for Croft and my family are much appreciated.

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

January 3, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$13,013.00

Amount Given YTD | \$13,013.00

Expenses YTD | \$9,506.78

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,178,834

Building Fund YTD | \$50.00

thank you

Attendance

January 3, 2021

Total In-Person Worship | 168

9:00am | 80 11:00am | 88

Total Online Worship Views | 541

9:00am | 242 11:00am | 299

Sunday School/Small Groups | 92

Members in Ministry This Sunday

January 10, 2021

Ushers:

9:00 Steve Tucker, Ed Gossage, Richie Sipe, Carolyn Vann

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Hansen, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Randall Rehberg, Phil Shinall, Charles Taylor

Greeters:

9:00 Ranny and Sharon Blount, Carol Conner

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Susan Pope, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

9:00 Elizabeth Daniel

11:00 Neva Kaye

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Lauren Belt, Peggy Capes, Judy Clifton, Chuck Conway, Darlene Cramer, **Myrina Cusick**, Peggy Dean, Tom and Marie Dennard, **Paige Farlow**, Weyman Frazier, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, **Will Fuller**, **Portia & Bill Gunnells**, **Jamie Hamilton**, **Elwanda Hopkins**, **Croft & the Jones Family**, Steve & Kate Kennedy, **John Lindgren**, Marie Neel, Brenda Padea, **Margie Parrot**, Bill and Ann Pickard, Madden Robinson, **Majors Carl & Hollie Ruthberg**, **Kevin Smith & family**, **Ashley Swann**, **Ashley Templeton**, **Beverly Trainor**, Will Thomas, **John Robert & Liz Wright**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Connie Hallows, Jim Jensen, Shannon Lemmon, Jeff Martin, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Jeff Proctor, George Raiford, 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

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 Programming Returns January 20

Children's Ministry K-5th Grade:

Drop off in Choir Room | 5:30pm

Pickup in Children's Ministry Area | 6:30pm

Children's Choir

Wednesdays | 5:30pm | Choir Room

Join Ms. Holly in the choir room for music time. We will be playing hand chimes, rhythm buckets, music games, and limited singing at this time. After Choir you will move upstairs with Ms. Heather.

**Children's Bible Lesson | Children's Ministry Area
Kindergarten - 5th Grade | 6:00-6:30pm**

We will be learning about "Very Big Mistakes People Made in the Bible, and what God Did About Them". Everybody makes mistakes... even Bible characters that had Jesus to hang around with! We can learn good lessons from others' bad choices, so join us for some fun!

Adult Discipleship Opportunities

The Gospel of John Class

A Session Study Group | Led by Rev. Tom Jones

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

Tom Jones will facilitate a Bible Study 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

Information about Study | tom@stsimonsumc.com

Moms In Prayer

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Begins January 20

As a mom the best thing you can do for your child is pray. You are invited to attend "Moms in Prayer", a new group, facilitated by Anne Jones, for moms of children in K-12. The group will meet in the church parlor. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. "Moms in Prayer" is a structured hour of prayer for your children and their schools.

For more information text or call

Anne Jones | 770-312-0365

Chancel Choir | 6:00-7:00pm | Sanctuary

Choir is always open for those who would like to join!



Jacksonville Zoo: Youth Trip

Saturday | 10:00am-7:00pm | January 16

What: Jacksonville Zoo

When: Saturday, January 16, 10:00am-7:00pm

The zoo closes at 5, so we will get dinner together before heading home.

Cost: \$25 for students and adults 13 and over, \$20 for students 12 and under.

You will need a mask and a signed permission form if I do not have one on file for you. Please bring money for food with you.

REGISTER by This Sunday, January 10

heather@stsimonsumc.com

NEW DATE: Sunday, January 17 Church Leaders Consecration

Our Church Leaders will be Consecrated in each of our Worship Services for their Service in the coming year on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Committee Chairs of Administrative and Program areas should plan to attend the 9:00am or 11:00am Worship Services as we consecrate the work of your committee.

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

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You may always reach out to our pastors and staff directly.

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