

Weekly Events

Sunday, January 31

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

Monday, February 1

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

Tuesday, February 2

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
10:00am Staff Meeting, Youth Room
10:00am Men's Life, Room 203
5:30pm Building & Grounds Committee, Sanctuary
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, February 3

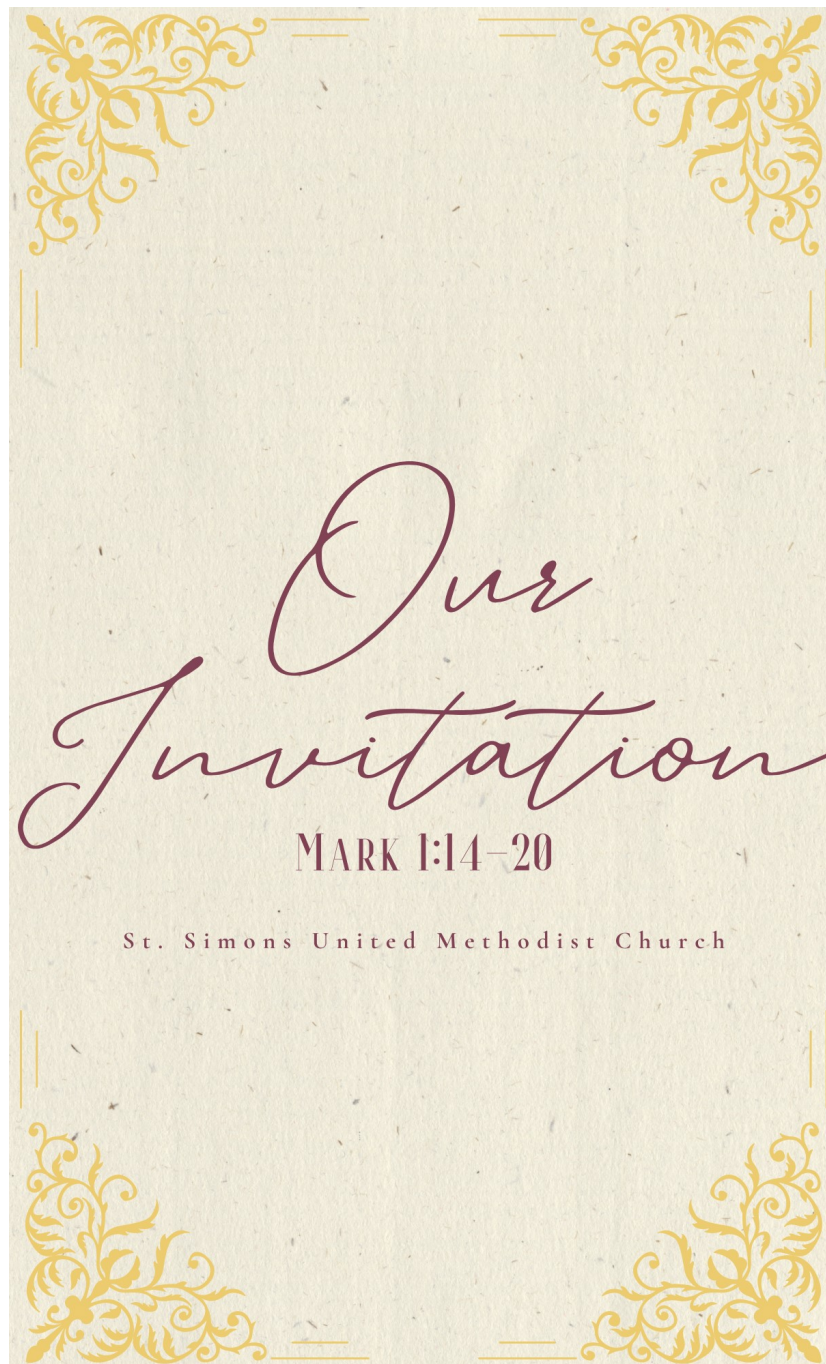
- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Thorpe Bldg.
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
4:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
5:30pm Moms in Prayer, Parlor
5:30pm Children's Ministry Wednesday Nights,
Choir Room (Check-in) & Children's Area (Pickup)
6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 4

- 5:30pm Traditional Worship Committee, Thorpe Bldg.

Friday, February 5

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.



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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

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9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Chancel Bells

Rev. Richard Soper

CWM RHONDA

Richard Soper

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Heather Keefer

NORRIS

Richard Soper

Chancel Choir

Robert Ray

Rev. Tom Jones

OUR INVITATION

THOMPSON

Verses 1 & 4

Tom Jones

Postlude



COVID - 19
St. Sam's United Methodist



“Our Invitation”

The words “comfort zone” are often used to describe the areas of our lives where we are most comfortable. Anything outside our comfort zone makes us – uncomfortable.

When Jesus invited his first disciples to follow him some of them were fishermen. It was their lifestyle and their livelihood to fish. But Jesus came along and told them to leave their nets, which for them was more than likely - uncomfortable. Still they followed. Not only did they follow, they followed immediately in response to Jesus’ invitation.

As a second career pastor my invitation to full time ministry included the challenge to leave my nets. I wish I could say my response to follow was as immediate as the disciples. It wasn’t. It was a struggle as the battle of my will was waged against God’s call. I was fine where I was – good job, new home, able to choose where I lived, weekends off – this idea of leaving my nets was – uncomfortable.

What I learned, as possibly you have learned, is that God is persistent in his call. When the Holy Spirit tugs on your heart it can’t be ignored. Soon, even though there were numerous uncertainties, I knew I had to accept God’s invitation. I left my nets.

I have further learned over 30 years of ministry that God’s invitation is not a one and done deal. God is constantly calling. He routinely challenges us to explore new ways to serve; to grow deeper in faith; and to be more like Jesus in our words and works.

My prayer is that we will respond obediently to God’s direction in our personal lives and in the life of our church. Maybe you have struggled with your response to the new and creative ways God wants to use your gifts or lack of gifts. That’s not unusual. But Jesus’ invitation remains the same, “Follow me!” Will you accept?

Will you leave your nets, even if it makes you – uncomfortable?

*Blessings,
Tom*

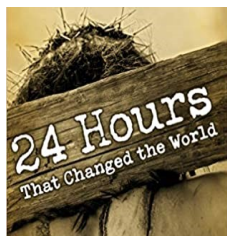
24 Hours That Changed the World

Thursdays | February 18 - April 1 | Room 207

Lenten Bible Study, led by Richard Soper, will meet at 10:00am each Thursday for 7 weeks.

This study was cut short last Lenten season, if you attended or have the book join us again and let us know!

To order books and reserve your spot call the church office or email anne@stsimonsumc.com.



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 24, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,144.21

Amount Given YTD | \$67,749.26

Expenses YTD | \$45,913.49

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$76,053.84

Building Fund YTD | \$50.00

thank you

Attendance

January 24, 2021

Total In-Person Worship | 138

9:00am | 74 11:00am | 64

Total Online Worship Views | 536

9:00am | 323 11:00am | 213

Sunday School/Small Groups | 81

Members in Ministry This Sunday

January 31, 2021

Ushers:

9:00 Ranny Blount, Janice Lee & Tom Smith

11:00 TBD

Greeters:

9:00 Sister and Steve Tucker

11:00 Jennifer Lewis, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Robin Parmelee

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Tracie Beane, Myrina Cusick, Ed Gossage, **Bob Price**, **Becca Rominger**, **Vicky Sawall & Family**, **Rodney & Lola Spencer**, Beverly Trainor, **Cathy Wilton**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Peggy Capes, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Jim Jensen, Shannon Lemmon, John Lindgren, Jeff Martin, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Bill and Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Mary Stivers, Dave Vandersall, 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.

2020 Annual Report

Your continued faithfulness has been a blessing on this year! Our church received \$1,056,924.25 in offerings and tithes for 2020. Our expenses for the year were \$1,090,037.35 and all apportionments and mission commitments were paid.

Expenses were under budget by \$81,647.65, but contributions fell short of the budget by \$114,760.75. We were fortunate to have received PPP Funds in the amount of \$ 118,013.43 which was forgiven in full by the SBA, leaving the church with \$84,996.15 for year-end. We added 23 new members in 2020 and ended the year with a total membership of 1065.

For 2021 there are 150 Pledges totaling \$722,970.00 and we started 2021 with \$65,426.01 in our operating checking account. Thank you again for your continued faithful stewardship to our church ministry! Your generous gifts allow us to share Christ's love and blessings locally and with the broader community.

Building and Grounds Master Plan Team Meeting

The Building and Grounds Master Plan Team will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 5:30-6:30pm, in the Sanctuary. This team has been formed based on a recommendation from our Long Range Plan. Over the course of the next year this group will work to develop a building and grounds master plan that will serve as a roadmap for new construction, renovations, maintenance, and funding for the next 5-10 years.

The committee will be chaired by John Bird Daniel and includes the following members:

Phil Belt, Emri Comer, Gerry Egger, Lee Giles, Debbie Kohler, Jennifer Lewis, Mike Martin, Clif Pease, Jeff Piccione, John Rentz, Jennifer Robinson, Richie Sipe, Tom Smith, Tommy Stroud, Beverly Trainor, Greg Walbridge, Judy Wright, and members of the church staff.

Please keep this team's work and each individual member in your prayers as they turn to God for guidance in this process.

Walk for Life | Skylark

Annual Fundraiser | Join our Team!

Walk for Life is an annual fundraising event to support the mission of Skylark. The outreach ministries who directly benefit from the Walk for Life are our Medical Clinics, Mobile Unit, BRAVEheart Teen Initiative Program, and Post Abortion Recovery Program. This year's Walk for Life is being held on March 6, 2021, but you do not have to walk to be a part of this fundraiser! We would LOVE for you to join our SSUMC Walk for Life Team!

Glynn County | North Glynn Recreation Complex Walking Track

heather@stsimonsumc.com | www.helloskylark.com



FAMILY EVENT
Kickoff - Halftime
Thorpe Lawn
Feb. 7 | 5-8pm



All-Church SUPER BOWL PARTY!

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 7th from 5pm – ½ TIME
(approximately 8pm)

WHERE: Thorpe Building outside on the BIG SCREEN!

WHAT: Come bring your lawn chairs and get ready for some fun, food and football! We will provide cheese pizza, chicken nuggets, chips, popcorn and drinks. Food will be served for the safety of everyone, and donations will be accepted. We will have some fun games before kickoff at 6pm! Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 5th

www.ssumcSUPERBOWL.rsvpify.com

Confirmation 2021

Relmaged | Sign Up deadline is TODAY!

We are excited to announce Confirmation 2021: Relmaged! Each student will participate in 3 Sessions led by Heather Keefer and Tom Jones, as well as a Day Long "Relmaged" Event on Saturday, March 6, 2021. Confirmation is a continuation of the faith journey for students and the beginning of a lifetime commitment to the church. Information/Signup form is available on our Church Website or by emailing Heather Keefer.

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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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Please Wear Masks During Worship



In discussion with our staff and consultation with the church leadership, we are asking everyone inside the church building to wear masks. This is a change from our asking you to wear masks only until seated in worship. We ask this in order for our Church to continue In-Person gatherings, and because of the increase in number of local cases. Thank you for your help!



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