Weekly Events

Sunday, February 28

9:00am	Worship Service, Sanctuary *
10:00am	Sunday School & Small Groups *
11:00am	Worship Service, Sanctuary *
	*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years
4:15pm	Confirmation Class, Youth Room
5:30pm	MYF-Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thorpe

Monday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 2

7:00am	707 Bible Study, Youth Room
8:00am	Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
9:30am	Staff Meeting, Youth Room
10:00am	Men's Life, Room 203
6:00pm	Preschool Board, Youth Room
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 248, Thorpe Bldg.

Wednesday, March 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 Night,
	Choir Room and Children's Ministry Area
5:30pm	Gospel of Mark, Room 207
6:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 4

10:00am 24 Hours That Changed the World, Room 207

Friday, March 5

11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

Saturday, March 6

11:00am Confirmation "Reimagined" Day, Thorpe Bldg.

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PRAYER Problems

THE HUMAN PROBLEM PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

St Simons United Methodist Church

February 28, 2021 9:00 & 11:00 AM Nursery Available

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

9:00 AM				
Greeting		Rev. Richard Soper		
Prelude		Sondra Anderson		
Affirmation of Faith	God's Rule of Grace	e Richard Soper		
We believe in God, Cr	eator of all things,			
Ruler of all that is and	all that is to come.			
God is transforming the world into the place of God's justice and mercy.				
We follow Jesus, who taught and healed, who died and rose, revealing God's abundant grace.				
We rely upon the unfailing grace of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community of the church as the body of Christ, the unity of all believers, the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection and the alluring blessing of eternal life.				
Therefore we devote service and reflection of the transformation	, following Jesus as οι	ur Master, for the sake		
Amen.		Steve Garnaas-Holmes		
* Songs of Praise				
Rejoice, The Lord	Is King	Charles Wesley ©Public Domain		
He Has Made Me	Glad	CCLI #1493 Leona Von Brethorst ©1976 Universal Music		
* Passing the Peace		Holly Lamb		
Children's Message		Heather Keefer		
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper		
The Lord's Prayer				
* Worship <i>No Matter What</i>		CCLI #7105904 Ryan Stevenson ©Brentwood Benson Publishing		
Scripture	Philippians 4:4-7	Rev. Tom Jones		
Morning Message	THE HUMAN PROBLE	ЕM		
* Invitation <i>I Could Sing of Your Love Forever</i> ©1994 Curious? Music				
* Benediction		Tom Jones		
Postlude		Sondra Anderson		

Rev. Richard Soper

Sondra Anderson

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* Hymn #715	Rejoice, The Lord Is King	DARWALL'S 148th
* Passing the Peace		
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* Fellowship Chorus	Sanctuary John Th	©1982 Whole Armor ompson and Randy Scruggs
Children's Message	2	Heather Keefer
Hymn #389	Freely, Freely	FREELY FREELY
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
The Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	He Keeps Me Singing	Chancel Choir Mary McDonald ©2010 Lorenz
Scripture	Philippians 4:4-7	Rev. Tom Jones
Morning Message	THE HUMAN PROBLEM	
* Invitation	His Eye Is on the Sparrow	SPARROW
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude	S	ondra Anderson

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



Lent is a time when there are those of us who choose to sacrifice something to remind ourselves of the sacrifice Christ made for us. Others choose to do something that exemplifies the servant ministry of Jesus. Whether we choose to give something up or to serve, some of us will find it is a challenge to keep our commitments.

We would probably experience more success in keeping any commitment we make if we covered our commitments in prayer. Prayer is not a magic potion; prayer is not even a sure thing as far as our desired outcomes are concerned. But when we are in conversation with God – who is the ultimate motivator, encourager, and listener – we more readily follow through with our commitments.

John Wesley prayed a covenant prayer to seal his commitment to Christ. It is a prayer he called all Methodists to pray. It describes a life devoted to following Jesus and serving as Christ's representative in the world. It reminds us of how our commitment to Christianity is more a way of life than it is a system of beliefs.

I invite you to pray this payer, not just once, but each day during the season of Lent:

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you, exalted for you, or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

One of the human problems with prayer is that there are times when selfishness tends to dominate our prayer lives. It might help to focus less on ourselves and more on God if we begin every prayer with the words, "I am no longer my own, but yours." Then pray to cover your commitments. Pray to cover our church. Pray to yield all things to God's pleasure and disposal. What is it you will give-up or do that goes against our sinful human nature? What will you do to live and love sacrificially?

I look forward to being with you in worship on Sunday as we continue our Lenten Sermon Series on prayer.

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

February 21, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$21,363.20 Received YTD | \$155,306.66 Expenses YTD | \$128,780.74 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$171,913.50 Building Fund YTD | \$400.00

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Attendance

February 21, 2021 Total In-Person Worship | 218 9:00am | 110 11:00am | 10

9:00am | 110 11:00am | 108 Total Online Worship Views | 518 9:00am | 304 11:00am | 214 Sunday School/Small Groups | 103

Members in Ministry This Sunday February 28, 2021

Ushers:

- 9:00 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson
- 11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, Jimmy Maupin, David Paulk, Clif Pease, Dwight Sweat

Greeters:

9:00 Barbara Hill, Faye George

11:00 Kay Holmes, Marguerite Suthard

Projection:

- 9:00 Elizabeth Daniel
- 11:00 Robin Parmelee

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals: New Prayer Concerns:

Ranny Blount, **Peggy Capes**, Gary Carson, Emily Childs, John Christensen, Pam Dean Family, **The Disque Family**, **Mel Hayden**, **Ginny Holt**, **Mary Craig Lindgren**, **Sharon Longmire**, Clyde Moore, Lee Watson, Billy Wiggins

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Peggy Capes, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Connie Hallowes, Elwanda Hopkins, Shannon Lemmon, 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, 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

Marsh's 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.



Sermon Series - "Prayer Problems"

Feb 28	Philippians 4:4-7	"The Human Problem"
March 7	Romans 8:31-32,	"Nevertheless"
	35, & 37-39	
March 14	Malachi 3:6	"Sudden Change"
	Hebrews 13:8	
March 21	Matthew 6:5-14	"For Others and
		Ourselves"

Please continue to pray that God will speak to us and that we will be open to his direction as we explore how to reenergize and go deeper in our prayer lives.

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by March 28 | Cost \$22

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one. Please take your plant home after the 11:00 am Easter Worship Service on April 4. Envelopes in Pews.

Moms In Prayer

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

While we spend the next 5 weeks learning about prayer, join other Moms In Prayer, in the Parlor. This small group meets each Wednesday night to pray with each other. Facilitated by Anne Jones.

Easter candy needed!

Kids: Save the Date! | Palm Sunday | March 28

Don't forget our Easter Egg Hunt after the 11am worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28th! If you would like to donate candy, please place it in the Easter Egg basket in the Gholson Room **by March 14**. Thank you!

SAM: Lunch and Music!

Cost \$7.00 | RSVP by March 11

Tuesday, March 16 | 12:00noon | Parking Lot/Thorpe

Join us for Lunch and Music! Menu - BBQ, slaw, baked beans, potato chips, dessert, & tea. Entertainment by Annie Akins. Aim Phone Camera app at QR Code and click link that appears.

We need 25 signed up to host this event. anne@stsimonsumc.com | 912.638.3317 https://www.annieakins.com/



Walk for Life | Skylark

Annual Fundraiser | Join our Team | Donate Online

Visit <u>www.StSimonsUmc.com/Skylark</u> to Register or Donate for our Church Team! This year's Walk for Life is March 6. heather@stsimonsumc.com | www.helloskylark.com

Welcome Our Newest Members!

Please welcome our newest members:

Steven and Katy Ginn by transfer from another United Methodist church, and their children Wilson and Marley Kate.



A Snapshot of What's Happening

This Sunday Pastor Tom continues the series on prayer using Philippians 4:4-7: ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! We unite our voices in both services singing the great hymn by Charles Wesley: *Rejoice, The Lord is King.* The Praise Team leads worship at the early service using the Ryan Stevenson song *No Matter What*: No matter what you've done You can't erase His love.

The Chancel Choir shares a beautiful arrangement of the hymn *He Keeps Me Singing* by the American hymn writer and minister Luther Bridgers. This hymn took on greater meaning for Bridgers after his wife and children were killed in a house fire. See you Sunday as we gather for worship in spirit and truth.

Fundraiser for Ellie Leroux

Hot Chocolate & Donut Stand

March 13 | 9:00-11:00am | Pumpkin Patch Lawn

Come support kids who are raising money for Ellie Leroux, a local 7th grader who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Any questions may be directed to Amy Baldwin | <u>AmyB153@yahoo.com</u>

MARK: New Wednesday Night Class

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Room 207

We will be reading and studying the gospel of Mark Wednesday Nights, through March 24. In the study of this gospel, we will learn and relearn the story of Jesus and why Mark was in such a hurry to make this story as vivid to his readers as it was to him. Bring your favorite version of the Bible as we read and study together. Becky Bridges will be facilitating.

No registration needed for this bible study.

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

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