# Weekly Events

#### Sunday, March 7

9:00am	Worship Service, Sanctuary *	
10:00am	Sunday School & Small Groups *	
11:00am	Worship Service, Sanctuary *	
	*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years	
2:00pm	UMW Board Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.	
4:15pm	Confirmation Class #2, Sanctuary	

#### Monday, March 8

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

#### Tuesday, March 9

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

#### Wednesday, March 10

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	
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 11

10:00am 24 Hours That Changed the World, Room 201

Friday, March 12

11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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# **PRAYER** Problems

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# ROMANS 8:31-32, 35 & 37-39

St Simons United Methodist Church

March 7, 2021 9:00 & 11:00 AM Nursery Available

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# The Worship of God 9:00 AM

Prelude Emri Comer Rev. Richard Soper Greeting \* Call to Worship How Great Is Our God CCLI #4348399 | Chris Tomlin ©2004 sixsteps Music \* Passing the Peace Holly Lamb The Gospel CCLI #7086447 | Ryan Stevenson ©Songs of Emack Invitation to Holy Communion **Confession and Pardon** Children's Message Heather Keefer **Morning Prayer Richard Soper** Worship in Song How Beautiful CCLI #443594 | Twila Paris ©1990 Ariose Music Rev. Tom Jones Scripture **Romans 8 Selected Verses** Morning Message **PRAYER PROBLEMS: Tom Jones NEVERTHELESS** The Great Thanksgiving **Richard Soper** The Lord's Prayer Sacrament of Holy Communion **Tom Jones** \* Invitation 10,000 Reasons CCLI #6016352 | Matt Redman ©2011 Atlas Music \* Benediction **Tom Jones** Postlude

\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

# The Worship of God

11:00 AM

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Prelude Emri Comer				
Greeting Rev. Richard Soper				
Invitation to Holy Communion				
Confession and Pardon				
* Hymn #363 And Can It Be that I Should Gain SAGINA Verses 1,3 & 5				
* Passing the Peace				
* Fellowship Chorus Change My Heart, O God				
Children's Message Heather Keefer				
Hymn #141 Children of the Heavenly Father INGEN VARA				
Morning Prayer Richard Soper				
Message in Music When I Survey Chancel Choir				
Scripture Rev. Tom Jones				
Romans 8 Selected Verses				
Morning Message PRAYER PROBLEMS: NEVERTHELESS				
The Great Thanksgiving Richard Soper				
The Lord's Prayer				
Sacrament of Holy Communion Tom Jones				
* Invitation O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go ST. MARGARET Verses 1 & 3				
* Benediction Tom Jones				
Postlude				

\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



I am not sure how many times I have used the word "nevertheless" in a conversation. Probably never.

"Nevertheless" is a more formal expression of the word "however". Since I do well to use basic English, "however" is the word I prefer. I have learned (or maybe more appropriately, I have been trained) that using the word "however" is helpful in keeping peace in the family. For example, "I have a great idea, sweetheart! However, your idea is even better." On the other hand, "however" also has the potential to create problems. For example, "That's a great idea, sweetheart, however mine is better." Trust me guys, go there at your own risk.

"However" is a word that helps bridge the gap between differing ideas and thoughts. It precedes the choice we make to concede our desires to the desires of another - or not.

This Sunday we continue the sermon series, "Prayer Problems." We will look closely at how the word "nevertheless" can become an expression of our faith. "Nevertheless" will dramatically shift our prayer lives from "what's in it for me" to "whatever you want." To pray "nevertheless" is to pray as Jesus prayed: "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39 - ESV)

This Sunday we have the opportunity to share together in Holy Communion. As we eat the bread and drink from the cup, we will remember how Christ's body was broken and his blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. His sacrifice that ultimately hinged on the word "nevertheless". It was only when Jesus chose to concede his will to the will of his Heavenly Father, God's perfect plan was fulfilled. May we in turn be open to God's plan for our lives by praying "nevertheless."

> Blessings, **Tom**



# Easter Egg Hunt!

#### **REGISTER ONLINE** | Palm Sunday | March 28

Please join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Kid Friendly Lunch after the 11:00am worship service on Palm Sunday,

March 28th! Family and friends are welcome!

RSVP- ASAP to let us know you are coming!





# Easter Candy Needed!

If you would like to donate candy, please place it in the Easter Egg basket in the Gholson Room **by March 14**. Thank you!

# **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 28, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,047.04 Received YTD | \$170,353.70 Expenses YTD | \$163,498.39 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$197,493.30 Building Fund YTD | \$430.00

thank you

# Attendance

 February 28, 2021

 Total In-Person Worship | 198

 9:00am | 98
 11:00am | 100

 Total Online Worship Views | 402

 9:00am | 206
 11:00am | 196

 Sunday School/Small Groups | 102

## Members in Ministry This Sunday March 7, 2021

#### Ushers:

- 9:00 Janice Lee, Judy Smith, Tom Smith
- 11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Don Varnadoe, Evans Williams

#### Greeters:

- 9:00 Pat Carmichael, Helen Baker
- 11:00 Barbara Smith, Stella Avret, Susan Pope

Projection:

- 9:00 Elizabeth Daniel
- 11:00 Neva Kaye

# Prayer Requests

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

Ranny Blount, **Marcia Boney**, Peggy Capes, Emily Childs, John Christensen Family, The Disque Family, Clifford Giddens, Mel Hayden, Ginny Holt, Amelia Lasater, Mary Craig Lindgren, Sharon Longmire, Michael Principato, Bill Reincheld, Garbriela Reincheld, Terry West, Cathie Wilton

#### 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"

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.

# Preschool Registration

#### **Church Family Registration**

Sunday, March 14, 2021 through Friday, March 19, 2021 Email Mary Brittain, Preschool Director for more information. maryb@stsimonsumc.com

# 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>

# 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 11:00am 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.

# MARK: 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.



#### A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week

It's Communion Sunday! Communion during Lent can take on a deeper meaning. God sent His only Son for our Sin. We come to worship and celebrate this sacrament with a heightened penitence.

The worship team at 9:00am shares the poignant song How Beautiful by Twila Paris. The fourth verse has beautiful words: How Beautiful the feet that bring; The sound of good news and the love of the King.

The Chancel Choir anthem at the 11:00am service is a setting of the powerful hymn When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. The closing line is powerful: Demands My Soul, My Life, My All.

Since we are using the sealed communion elements we have placed them outside the prayer room entrance (Chapel) for you to pick up if you were unable to pick up during office hours. Online Worshipers say hello in the comments so we know you are worshiping with us. In person worshipers don't forget your food donations for Sparrows Nest since it's the First Sunday!

# 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.

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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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