

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, April 25

- 9:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary \*  
10:00am Sunday School & Small Groups \*  
11:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary \*  
\*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years  
12:00pm Acolyte Training, Thorpe/Sanctuary  
5:30pm MYF, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Thorpe Bldg.

## Monday, April 26

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Zoom Meeting  
11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.  
6:00pm Church Council Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.  
7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Gholson Room

## Tuesday, April 27

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Youth Room  
8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor  
10:00am Men's Life, Room 203  
4:00pm Green Memorial Service, Chapel  
7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 248, Thorpe Bldg.

## Wednesday, April 28

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

## Thursday, April 29

- 5:30pm Mom's In Prayer, Youth Room

## Friday, April 30

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.  
5:00pm Wedding Ceremony, Sanctuary

# Powerfully Simple

Acts 2:14-15, 22-32

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United Methodist Church

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April 25, 2021

Worship 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

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# The Worship of God

9:00 A.M.

Prelude Sondra Anderson

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

\* Worship Time

***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** Christian Bateman  
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\* Fellowship Time

***Friend of God*** CCLI # 3991651 | Israel Houghton  
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Mission Moment **Hope 1312 Collective**

Children's Message Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

***Come to Jesus*** CCLI # 4261050 | Chris Rice  
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Scripture Acts 2:14-15; 22-32 Rev. Tom Jones

Morning Message **POWERFULLY SIMPLE** Tom Jones

\* Invitation

***I Give You My Heart*** CCLI # 1866132 | Reuben Morgan  
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\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude Emri Comer

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

# The Worship of God

11:00 A.M.

Welcome Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Sondra Anderson

\* Hymn #158 ***Come, Christians, Join to Sing*** SPANISH HYMN

\* Affirmation of Faith ***The Apostle's Creed***

Mission Moment **Hope 1312 Collective**

\* Passing the Peace Richard Soper

\* Fellowship Chorus #177 ***He, Is Lord*** ©1986 Word Music

Children's Message Heather Keefer

\* Hymn #327 ***Crown Him With Many Crowns*** DIADEMATA

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

Message in Music Chancel Choir  
By Jane Marshall  
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Scripture Acts 2:14-15; 22-32 Rev. Tom Jones

Morning Message **POWERFULLY SIMPLE**

\* Invitation #170 ***Oh How I Love Jesus*** OH HOW I LOVE JESUS  
Verses 1 & 2

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude Emri Comer

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## “Priority Worship”

The Georgia Bulldog football team had its Red and Black Spring Game last Saturday.

The crowd was somewhat small especially compared to the attendance a few years ago. It was Kirby Smart’s first year as head coach, and he challenged UGA fans to show up for the game. He said he wanted to see 93,000 people there And it happened! Georgia football fans heard and responded to the challenge. In the end, more than 93,000 came to the game – it was standing room only - to watch a practice game! Incredible!

It is interesting to see what draws a crowd. Crowds will support their favorite teams. Crowds will attend concerts. Crowds will flock to amusement parks. Whenever something takes a high priority in one’s life, people want to be a part of the crowd.

Prior to COVID-19, attendance in worship services was already trending downward in churches across the country. Where there used to be crowds on Sundays, most sanctuaries had plenty of vacant seats. As more of us get vaccines and the guidelines in our communities become more relaxed, the question many pastors are asking regarding post-COVID is this: Will the people who were coming before come back now?

Pastors are aware that many of our parishioners have become comfortable with watching virtual worship. Attendance at in-person worship seems less necessary, less essential, and is certainly less convenient than ever before. I have heard it said, “Why should we dress and go to church if we can have church wherever we are whenever we want?” It’s a fair question. I could easily get used to preaching from the comfort of my couch at home.

But what we need to remember is that we gather for worship because we are called to be the church together. God has given us each other; to grow together, serve together, and to build-up one another. When we shift our attention from being at church, to being the church, it is easier to understand why it’s important for us to be present.

I am grateful for your faithful worship attendance and support of the church both online and in-person during the pandemic. You have been amazing! It has been wonderful to see people return to worship in recent weeks as more of us become comfortable in doing so.

But at the same time, please understand that out of concern for everyone’s well-being we will continue to practice our current social distance guidelines through at least August 1. For those of you who need to take precautions, please be safe, continue to stay connected, and take full advantage of joining us in virtual worship.

As we anticipate the day when the pandemic will be a thing of the past, I want to challenge you to begin to pray about making your worship attendance a priority once again. When you’re here - when we’re all able to be back together - the attendance is certain to be somewhat less than 93,000, but it will still be incredible!

*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

**April 18, 2021**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,015.00

Received YTD | \$322,731.19

Expenses YTD | \$312,183.69

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$354,507.82

Building Fund YTD | \$670.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

**April 18, 2021 | Church in the Park**

**Thank you for all who attended and made this gathering possible!**

Total Approximate In-Person Worship | 200

## Members in Ministry this Sunday

**April 25, 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, Dick and Cathie Wilton

11:00 Kay Holmes, Marguerite Suthard

### Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Ashley Swann

## Prayer Requests

***Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:***

### ***New Prayer Concerns:***

**John Alexander, Ranny Blount, Clarence Belt, Tilman Blakley, Marie Carver, Pete Correll, Rhonda DeLouch Family, Jane Dunn, Linda Cardwell, Beth Ewing & Family, Lukas Fortunato, Bob Galand, Barbara Hill, Margaret Erwin King, Mark Johnson, Kate & Kennedy, Kevin & Ana Smith, Kevin Lamb, Anne & Read Montique, Katie Murphy, Lee Reed, Mary Ann Stewart, Sister Tucker, Carol Whitted**

### ***Ongoing Prayer Concerns:***

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Marcia Boney, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Peggy Capes, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Connie Hallowses, Elwanda Hopkins, Shannon Lemmon, Ellie Leroux, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Bill and Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don & Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Mary Stivers, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Our Nation

### ***Assisted Living Prayer:***

**Magnolia Manor:** JoAnne Alford, Jack Jenkins, Marjorie Lawrence, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Larry Varnadoc

**Senior Care:** Anne Pinson

**Marsh’s Edge Assisted:** Judy Clifton, 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.***



## Church Council: This Monday

Church Council members, please join us this Monday, April 26, at 6:00pm in the Thorpe Building.

## VBS 2021

**SAVE THE DATE | June 27 - July 1, 2021**

We are so excited to announce dates for VBS 2021! VBS is returning to SSUMC and will look more like what we are used to! Mark your calendars now.

[www.stsimonsumc.com/vbs2021](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/vbs2021)

[heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)

## SEEKING: Student Ministry Intern

**Paid 8 Week Internship June & July**

Are you interesting in serving in Student Ministry!?

We are looking for you! Ages 18 +. Email Heather Keefer, Director, Student Ministries for information or to apply.

[heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)

## Moms in Prayer: Now on Thursdays

**Thursdays | 5:30-6:30pm | Youth Room**

All mothers, of any age, are invited to Moms in Prayer on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm. Moms in Prayer is a guided time of prayer and reflection that focuses on our children and families. For more information about Moms in Prayer and how you can be a part of this important prayer ministry in our church, please contact Anne Jones.

[jonesanne122@gmail.com](mailto:jonesanne122@gmail.com) | 770-312-0365

## Greeters Needed

**Sunday Mornings | 9:00 & 11:00am**

Greeters are the first smiling face you see, thank you for all that you do to welcome our congregation! Now that we are returning to in-person gatherings, we are in need of more greeters!

Contact Anne Frazier for more info | [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)

## Ushers Needed

**Sunday Mornings | 9:00 & 11:00am**

Serve your church family as an Usher on Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers to join the team, as our numbers continue to grow! For more information, please contact Phil Shinall or Anne Frazier:

[rpshinall@gmail.com](mailto:rpshinall@gmail.com) | [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)

## Acolyte Training

**Today April 25 | After 11:00am Worship | Thorpe Bldg.**

Children grades 3-5 join us in the Thorpe Building after 11:00 Worship on April 25 to learn about serving as an Acolyte. The student Acolyte and at least one parent is required to attend this training for students to be able to participate in worship during the month of May. Lunch will be served for those staying for the training. Contact: [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)

## Preschool is Growing!

The Preschool is hiring one full-time and one part-time position. The application can be found on our website. Please contact Mary Brittain, Preschool Director for more information.

[www.StSimonsUMC.com/Preschool](http://www.StSimonsUMC.com/Preschool) [maryb@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:maryb@stsimonsumc.com)

## New Members

Please welcome to our newest Church Member, **Deborah Karwisch** who joined on Sunday, April 11.



## Thank You for Church in the Park

Thank you on behalf of the church staff and the hospitality committee to all those who volunteered to set up, serve and clean up this past Sunday for the wonderful Church in the Park service! We are so appreciative for the sound crew, the children, the Praise team and all who led in worship, and to Michael Hulett for the inspiring music! We are grateful to all who helped make it such a meaningful morning of worship!



**THIS WEEK: Senior Adult Ministry | April 27, 2021**

The Senior Adult Ministry has planned a Day on Jekyll Island. Included are the following: a guided trolley tour of the Historic District, a self-guided tour of the Mosaic Museum, a visit to Faith Chapel. Lunch will be on your own. We will be leaving the church at 10:15 am. Cost is \$15 and group size is limited to 25.

**Reservations: [www.stsimonsumc.com/sam-jekyll-2021](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/sam-jekyll-2021)**

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## Baby Recognition

We will be celebrating all of the babies born in our Church Family during the past year on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021. Please contact Anne Frazier if your baby was born after Mother's Day 2020, so we may include them in this celebration! [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)

## Senior Recognition Sunday, May 16

If you are a High School or College senior graduating this spring, or the parent of one, please email to let us know! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during worship on May 16 and we would love to include you! [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)

## 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](mailto: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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