

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, May 2

- 9:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary \*
- 10:00am Sunday School & Small Groups \*
- 11:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary \*
- \*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years**
- 1:45pm UMW Board Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.
- 4:00pm Boy Scout Eagle Ceremony, Thorpe Bldg. Yard
- 5:30pm MYF, Fun in the Village, [Meet at Church]

## Monday, May 3

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

## Tuesday, May 4

- 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
- 1:00pm UMW Circle 6, Thorpe Bldg.
- 5:30pm Campus Master Plan Committee, Sanctuary
- 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 248, Thorpe Bldg.

## Wednesday, May 5

- 7:00am 707 Bible Study, Thorpe Bldg.
- 8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 12:00pm S.A.M Committee Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.
- 4:00pm Disciple Bible Study, Zoom Meeting
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Thursday, May 6 - National Day of Prayer

- 8:30am Day of Prayer - Chapel Open  
**Open 8:30am-4:00pm**
- 5:30pm Mom's In Prayer, Youth Room

## Friday, May 7

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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# TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY

## JOHN 15:1-11



ST SIMONS  
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May 2, 2021

Worship 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Nursery Available

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# Worship Notes

# The Worship of God

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

Welcome Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Emri Comer

Invitation to Communion Richard Soper

Call to Worship ***Come Share the Lord*** Chancel Choir  
Arr. Roland Tabell  
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Prayer of Confession (Unison) Richard Soper

\* Hymn #3155 ***The Lord of Life,  
A Vine is He*** DUKE STREET

\* Passing the Peace Richard Soper

\* Fellowship Chorus ***More Precious Than Silver*** ©1982 Integrity Music

Children's Message Heather Keefer

\* Hymn #140 ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** FAITHFULNESS

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

Scripture John 15:1-11 Rev. Tom Jones

Message in Music ***I Am the Vine*** Holly Lamb  
John Talbott  
©1982 Birdwing Music

Morning Message **TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup Tom Jones

\* Invitation #664 ***Sent Forth By God's Blessings*** ASH GROVE

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude Emri Comer

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## “The Light of Christ”

Acolytes have been part of the church in one form or another from the earliest times. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word *akolouthos*, meaning follower, helper or assistant.

Acolytes have a significant role in worship. While they may assist the pastors or other worship leaders in various parts of the service, their main responsibility is to carry the light into and out of worship.

“Jesus said: ‘I am the light of the world.’ The lighted altar candles serve to remind us of the light of Christ in our world and in our lives. As the acolyte carries the flame into the worship service to light the candles, it is a symbol of Jesus entering into our time of worship. At the end of the service, the acolyte extinguishes the candles and carries the flame out of the sanctuary and into the world; a sign that the light of Christ goes with his people into the world where we serve as his living body.

We are grateful for the children in our congregation who have made the decision to serve as acolytes for the month of May. They include: Hope Gowen, Peggy Gowen, June Humphries, Croft Jones, Stiles Robinson, Sarah Sipe, and Ava Wilson. Your prayerful support and encouragement of these children is much appreciated as they take on this important and meaningful role in our worship services.

Thank you also to Heather Keefer, Debbie Kohler, and the parents of the children who have committed to this ministry and completed the training. If your child is a rising third, fourth, or fifth grader and is interested in being an acolyte, another training session will be held in August. Please contact Heather at [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com) to let her know of your interest.

The acolytes will be a wonderful addition to worship, but more importantly may they always serve to remind us of God’s call in our lives to carry the light of Christ into the world.

*Blessings!*

**Tom**

## Covid-19 Update: Masks Optional

We are thankful for the progress that has been made, thus far, and we are optimistic about the future. While we will continue to practice social distancing, masks will now be optional. This applies to our Sanctuary, meeting rooms, and throughout the Church campus. Please feel free to continue to wear masks if you prefer. We will continue monitoring our congregation and community as we move forward. We will remain with a schedule of 2 Worship Services and Social Distancing until at least August 1, 2021.

## 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 25, 2021**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,949.00

Received YTD | \$338,680.19

Expenses YTD | \$328,437.28

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$377,405.82

Building Fund YTD | \$770.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

**April 25, 2021**

**Total In-Person Worship | 234**

9:00am | 99      11:00am | 135

**Total Online Worship Views | 413**

9:00am | 189      11:00am | 224

**Sunday School/Small Groups | 124**

## Members in Ministry this Sunday

**May 2, 2021**

**Ushers:**

9:00      Ranny Blount, Janice Lee, Tom Smith

11:00      Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Don Varnadoe, Evans Williams

**Greeters:**

9:00      Edie Vinson, Helen Baker

11:00      Barbara Smith, June Smith, Stella Avret

**Projection:**

9:00      Robin Parmelee

11:00      Neva Kaye

**Acolytes:**

9:00      June Humphries, Ava Wilson

11:00      Stiles Robinson, Croft Jones

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns:**

**Vicki Adams**, John Alexander, Ranny Blount, Clarence Belt, Tilman Blakley, **Peggy & Johnny Capes**, Jane Dunn, **Catherine Fleetwood**, Bob Galland, Margaret Erwin King, Mark Johnson, Kate & Steve Kennedy, **John Lindgren**, Ann & Read Montague, Katie Murphy, **George Nies**, **David Patrick**, **Skip Rathje**, Lee Reed, Kevin & Ana Smith, Mary Ann Stewart, Sister Tucker, Carol Whitted, **Kay Wiggins**, **Kristin & Bob Whoolery**

**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 Hallowes, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, Shannon Lemmon, Ellie Leroux, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Bill & Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don & Mable 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, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Larry Varnadoe

**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.***

## Realm is Coming!

This is an exciting, new tool to help us all stay connected! More details on Sunday, May 16!



## Hope 1312 Collective

Our mission moment this past week was Hope 1312 Collective sharing how churches can partner with them in helping our foster kids/families in Glynn County. Mary Varnell is spearheading a backpack project to provide all the foster kids a backpack. Often these kids move from place to place in a small grocery sack. \$25 per backpack or ANY donation would be greatly appreciated. You may give a check to Mary Varnell in person or send a check (made out to her) to 100 Militia Hill Way, SSI. Thank you for helping these kids in hard places and giving them HOPE!

## Foster Love | Informational Class

**Thursday, May 13 | 5:45 - 7:00pm | Thorpe Bldg.**

Foster Love Discover is a commitment-free first-step informational class to ask questions and learn more about foster care and the children we serve. If you are interested in knowing more about what it means to be a foster parent or a Foster Love volunteer, please visit the page below to register for the class. For additional information contact Anne Jones.

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

[www.stsimonsumc.com/foster-love](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/foster-love)

## National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 6 | 8:30am - 4:00pm | Chapel**

During the National Day of Prayer we welcome you to come to our Chapel as our Nation Prays. There will be prayer guides available.

## Ushers Needed

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

Join us Sunday mornings once a month on an Usher Team. We are looking for volunteers to join the team, as our numbers continue to grow! This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord as you serve others!

For more information, please contact Phil Shinall or Anne Frazier:

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

## 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)

## New Members-Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming our newest Church Members, **David and Sandy Thornberry** who joined on Sunday, April 25.

## Honorarium

A Gift has been given to the church in Honor of **Jim Bankston** for his years of service as an Usher at SSUMC, by: **Ward & Libby Sweat, Tim & Edie Vinson, John & Carolyn Vann, Bill & Tina Kirby**

## SEEKING: Student Ministry Intern

**Paid 8 Week Internship June & July**

Are you interesting in serving in Student Ministry and having fun!? We are looking for you! Ages 18 +. Email Heather Keefer, Director of Student Ministries for information or to apply.

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

## Senior Recognition-Sunday, May 16

If you are a High School or College senior graduating this spring, or the parent of one, we want to recognize our graduates! Please email to let us know your information! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during worship at 11:00am on Sunday, May 16 and we would love to include you! [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)

## Youth | Photo Scavenger Hunt

**Sunday, May 2 | 5:30 - 7:00pm | Neptune Park & Village**

Meet at the back of the church parking lot to walk over at 5:30pm. There will be a scavenger hunt list that you will find and take pictures of with your phone. At the end of the 30-minute time limit, we will meet back at Fuze to see who found the most! (You can play in groups of two or three) If you would like ice cream, please bring money, or you can use your youth account.

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## 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)

## 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.

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

## 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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