

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, May 30

- 9:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary \*
- 10:00am Sunday School & Small Groups \*
- 11:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary \*
- \*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years

## Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Parlor & Zoom
- 11:00am NO Chair Yoga Today
- 7:00pm Men's Bible Study, Gholson Room

## Tuesday, June 1

- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
- 10:00am Men's Life, Room 203

## Wednesday, June 2

- 8:00am Prayer Hedge, Parlor
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

## Thursday, June 3

## Friday, June 4

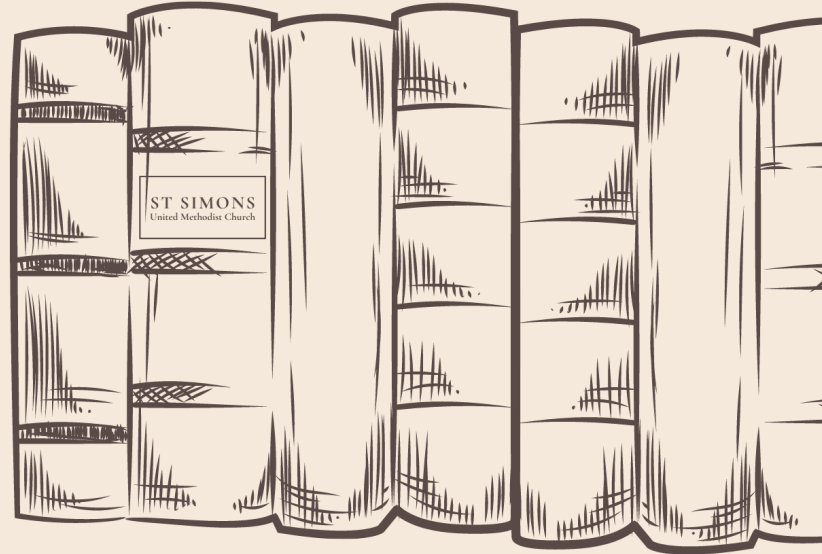
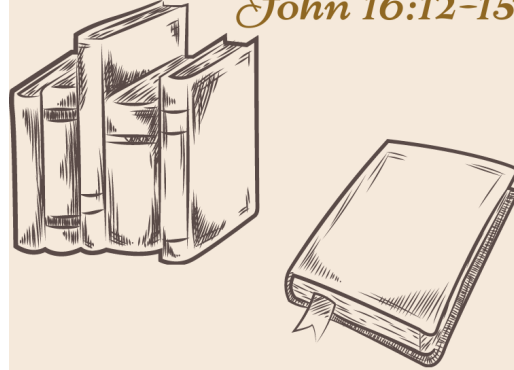
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
- 5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary

## Saturday, June 5

- 5:30pm Wedding Ceremony, Sanctuary

# I DON'T UNDERSTAND

*John 16:12-15*



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May 30, 2021

Worship 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

# The Worship of God

9:00 A.M.

Welcome		Rev. Richard Soper
Prelude		Sondra Anderson
* Worship in Song		
<b>How Great Is Our God</b>		CCLI #4348399   Chris Tomlin © 2004 Sixsteps music
Affirmation of Faith	<b>A Modern Affirmation</b>	Richard Soper
Fellowship Time		
<b>Praise The Father Praise The Son</b>		CCLI #5203251   Ed Cash ©2008 Sixsteps Music
Celebration of Holy Baptism		Bishop Lee Malone
Children’s Message		Heather Keefer
* Morning Praise		
<b>This I Believe</b>		CCLI #7018338   Matt Crocker ©2014 Hillsong
<b>New Doxology</b>		CCLI #5075025   Thomas Ken ©2008 Gateway Create
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
Scripture	John 16:12-15	Rev. Tom Jones
Morning Message	<b>I DON’T UNDERSTAND</b>	Tom Jones
* Invitation		
<b>Come, Thou Almighty King</b>		©Public Domain
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude		Kevin Lamb

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

# The Worship of God

11:00 A.M.

Welcome		Rev. Richard Soper
Prelude		Sondra Anderson
* Hymn #64	<b>Holy, Holy, Holy</b>	NICEA
* Affirmation of Faith	<b>A Modern Affirmation</b>	
* Passing the Peace		Richard Soper
#176	<b>Majesty</b>	©1981 Rocksmith Music
Children’s Message		Heather Keefer
* Hymn #159	<b>Lift High The Cross</b>	CRUCIFER
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
Message in Music	<b>Holy Is He</b>	Chancel Choir Arr. Robert Sterling ©1983 Belwin
Scripture	John 16:12-15	Tom Jones
Morning Message	<b>I DON’T UNDERSTAND</b>	
* Invitation #61	<b>Come, Thou Almighty King</b>	ITALIAN HYMN
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude		Kevin Lamb

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## “What’s the Reason?”

We create and maintain memorials for a variety of reasons. The main reason is to help us remember.

While on vacation I decided to take a day with my family to visit Gettysburg Battlefield. As our day neared its end, I realized my wife was more interested in knowing if our hotel had a nice pool. My son had commented, numerous times, that all the monuments looked the same. I realized that my intentions had not been much better. I was less interested in learning the history of the battlefield and the stories behind the monuments and more interested in doing something with my family that I had done as a child. Seeing the battlefield had been nothing more than an activity to help me relive a childhood memory and to fill a day of vacation. There was little if any connection to the battlefield and the reason for the monuments.

Over time memorials can become detached from the events that led to their creation and less relevant to the generations that follow. We can’t expect our children and grandchildren to visit memorials and to share the same feelings we may have about a particular day or event. That is why it is more important to help others understand the reason the memorials were created in the first place – why they had meaning in that moment in time, why they still have meaning, and why that meaning will be relevant for years to come.

In a similar way this applies to the church. There are numerous monuments built in the name of religion. But rather than expect others to admire and share the same feelings we have for these monuments we need to share the reason behind them.

So, tell the story of Jesus to your children and your children's children. We want them to appreciate our beautiful church, but more importantly they need to know the reason we are the church – the body of Christ. They need to understand that The Trinity; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, is our help in ages past and remains our hope for years to come.

Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend! We look forward to the gatherings with families and friends, to the sporting events, and to the sales. But at some point, please take a moment to share with those around you the reason we have set this day aside - always remember the reason.

*Blessings!*

**Tom**

## Join us on REALM!

This is an exciting, new tool to help us all stay connected! You have received an invitation if we have a current email on file, and if you don't already have an account. If you would like assistance, please contact our Church Office for more info.

[www.stsimonsumc.com/realm-connect](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/realm-connect) | 912.638.3317



## Financial Report

**TEXT TO GIVE:** For your convenience you may send a text to the number 73265 with the message SSUMC to Give Online

**May 23, 2021**

Tithes & Offerings Received | 14,671.48

Received YTD | \$414,133.77

Expenses YTD | \$426,728.78

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$466,570.65

Building Fund YTD | \$930.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

**May 23, 2021**

**Total In-Person Worship | 250**

9:00am | 108      11:00am | 142

**Total Online Worship Views | 397**

9:00am | 205      11:00am | 192

**Sunday School/Small Groups | 89**

## Members in Ministry this Sunday

**May 30, 2021**

**Ushers:**

9:00 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Phil Shinall, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker

**Greeters:**

9:00 Tina and Bill Kirby, Steve and Sister Tucker

11:00 Jennifer Lewis, Sherry Pickett

**Projection:**

9:00 Robin Parmelee      11:00 Neva Kaye

**Acolytes:**

11:00 Croft Jones

**Pew Information Team:**

May: Jenny Hicks, Barbara Hill

## New Members

Please Welcome to SSUMC, our Newest Members:

**Dusty and Anna Wilson**

**And their daughter Ava, a preparatory member.**

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns:**

**Steve Copeland**, Jane Dunn, Catherine Fleetwood, Danny Hill, Jim Jensen, **Family of Dr. Jack Melton**, Abigail Morris, **Doris Muchison**, Mathew North, **Cathie & Matt Nunley**, Dale Pierson, Marilyn Pearson, Lori Quigley, **Bob Rewis nephew Brad & Family**, Harlow Robinson, Anne Rogers, **Wanda Rogers**, **Logan Shelby**, Westy Westmoreland, **Linda Wright**

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Marcia Boney, Sandy Bottjer, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Connie Hallows, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, Shannon Lemmon, Ellie Leroux, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, 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:**

**Addington Place:** John Barton

**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. BOLD names indicate a new addition or current concern.**

## Foster Love Closet

### Donations Basket in Gholson Room

Foster Love Ministries serves the Golden Isles and surrounding counties by forming partnerships to solve our community's foster care crisis. This Christ-Centered Child Placing Agency helps meet the needs of vulnerable children in need of loving and safe temporary homes while their parents work to rebuild the family unit. SSUMC is providing space for a foster parent closet and for training potential foster parents. Donations to stock the Foster Love Closet can be placed in the basket in the Gholson Room.

Accepted Items Include: Diapers • Bottles • Pacifiers • Backpacks/ Suitcases • Toothbrush/Toothpaste • Toiletries for all Ages • Any kind of Baby Gear such as Bouncy Seats, Swings etc.

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

Anne Jones | 770.312.0365 or Anna Wilson | 706.975.6989

## Gathering Place Intern Donations

The Gathering Place Interns serve throughout the summer in a variety of ways. Join SSUMC in support of these Interns by donating: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Mac-n-cheese, Bottled water, soft drinks, chips, dip/salsa, snack bars, pop tarts, etc.** There will be a box for collecting these items in the Gholson Room. Donations should be received by June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Needed: Driver with CDL

SSUMC is seeking to expand its pool of authorized drivers. Our new bus was a great success on our most recent trip. If you know of someone or would like to be approved, SSUMC will pay for your licensing. Contact our Church Office.

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

## Skylark Baby Bottle Drive

Support Skylark's work meeting physical and spiritual needs. Pick up a bottle and fill it with change! Return bottles to the Church at any time on or before Father's Day, June 20, 2021.

## Hope 1312 Collective

### Foster Child Backpack Project

Provide all foster kids a backpack! Often these kids move from place to place using a small grocery sack. \$25 per backpack or ANY donation would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to Mary Varnell. You may give them to her directly or mail to 100 Militia Hill Way, SSI. Thank you for helping these kids in hard places and giving them HOPE!

## Ushers & Greeters Needed

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

Ushers Serve once a month. Please join us to serve our Church. For more information, please contact Phil Shinall or Anne Frazier: [rpshinall@gmail.com](mailto:rpshinall@gmail.com) | [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)

Greeters welcome everyone who enters our Church. Sign up for One Sunday a month. Contact Anne Frazier: [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)

## VBS 2021: Treasured

### REGISTER NOW | 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! Visit our website to Register Now!

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

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

## Sermon Series

### "Life Lessons from a Pandemic"

June 6	Psalm 30:2, 11-12	"Unexpected Gifts"
June 13	Romans 5:3-5	"How Have We Changed?"
June 20	Acts 2:42-47	"The Gift of Each Other"

It's been a year like no other. Dreams were disrupted, businesses shuttered. We experienced the pain of social isolation and the loss of people we loved.

As we plan for life after the pandemic, we have to ask: "What are we thankful for? What did we learn about ourselves and one another? How will our lives be different after the pandemic?"

These sermons, based on a series of sermons by the Rev. Adam Hamilton, will help us focus on these questions and how the answers can prepare us for what's next.

## 2021 Online SGA Annual Conference

Tuesday, June 1 - Virtual Clergy Session, 10 am (clergy only)

Tuesday, June 1 - Virtual Retiree Recognition, 7 pm

Thursday, June 3 - Virtual Memorial Service, 7 pm

Sunday, June 6 - Virtual Service of Ordination with Commissioning, 5 pm

Monday, June 7 - Virtual Annual Conference Session, 8:30 am - 5 pm

The 2021 online Annual Conference business session will be held Monday, June 7, from 8:30 am-5:00pm. Tom Smith, Lay Delegate, and Tom Jones, Senior Pastor, will be the voting delegates representing our church. Richard Soper along with other retired pastors related to the South Georgia Conference are also voting delegates.

Please visit the South Georgia Conference website at [www.sgaumc.org](http://www.sgaumc.org) to see a detailed schedule of the meetings and events. The website will include a non-voting live stream option for anyone who wants to watch the Monday, June 7 business session. The three conference worship services will also be streamed on the conference website.

## 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!

[www.StSimonsUMC.com](http://www.StSimonsUMC.com)

Visit our website to confirm worship schedule, view our newsletter, see highlighted upcoming events, and more! Our staff can answer any additional questions you may have. We are always happy to hear from you! You may always reach out to our pastors and staff directly.

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