

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 11

- 9:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary *
- 10:00am Sunday School & Small Groups *
- 11:00am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary *
- *Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years
- 6:30pm MYF: GP Main Event, offsite

Monday, July 12

- 9:00am Prayer Team, Parlor & Zoom
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

Tuesday, July 13

- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
- 9:00am Handbell Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 10:00am Men's Life Group, Room 203
- 10:30am UMW Circle 2, Room 207

Wednesday, July 14

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

Thursday, July 15

- 9:00am Gathering Place Outdoor Days, Pumpkin Patch

Friday, July 16

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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Ephesians 1:3-14

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July 11, 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

Worship Notes

The Worship of God

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

Greeting

Rev. Tom Jones

* Call to Worship

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

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Be Thou My Vision

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* Fellowship Time

Holly Lamb

Fellowship Chorus

Goodness of God

Children's Message

Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer

* ***Goodness of God***

CCLI #7117726 | Ed Cash
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* ***You Are So Good to Me***

CCLI #2757944 | Don Chaffer
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Scripture

Ephesians 1:3-14

Morning Message

THE PAST IS PAST

Rev. Tom Jones

* Invitation

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ASH GROVE
Verses 2

* Benediction

Tom Jones

Postlude

** Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



“God’s Dress Code”

When I moved to St. Simons several years ago I was told about “island time.” I had never lived on a resort island and had to change my mindset to life at a slower, more relaxed, and casual pace. There is also something to be said for “island dress.” Most of us choose to dress as comfortably as we can no matter where we go. To wear casual clothes to worship used to be considered out of the ordinary. But now, on any given Sunday, there are many who choose to dress casually for worship. Is this a problem? Is this cause for concern? Does this fit into God’s dress code?

When I was a child every Saturday night my mother would make me take a bath - whether I needed it or not. I would have to shine my shoes - whether they needed it or not. Then I would have to lay out my Sunday clothes before going to bed – because apparently all dresser drawers and closets magically locked on Sunday morning.

All of this was in preparation for me to look my best when I went to church with my family. Getting ready for church was as much a ritual in our household as praying the Lord’s Prayer in worship. And God help me if I got any dirt or food on my clothes before I got home from church – the wrath of mom would be upon me. If my mother were here today and saw that I was actually leading worship and preaching while wearing slacks and a golf shirt she would probably ask herself, “Where did I go wrong?”

I don’t mind dressing-up. In the fall I will wear my robe in worship again and that’s okay. It’s also good to see people dressed in their “Sunday best.” For some of us that’s comfortable. It’s what we choose to do and that’s okay. But I have also come to understand that for others casual clothing is the only way to go – and that’s okay too. When we cut through it all, do we really believe God is all that interested in our clothes?

Paul reminds us in Romans 13 of God’s priorities when it comes to what we wear. He says we are to, “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” God’s dress code is not about the clothes we wear, but that others see Christ in us.

What is fashionable in our church is that you are here! That you have come in an attitude of worship. That you have come with a desire to grow in your faith. That you have come to prepare to go into the world so that others may see Christ in you – no matter what you are wearing.

“Just as I am...O Lamb of God, I come, I come.”

Blessings!
Tom

Honorariums

Gifts have been given to the church in Honor of:
Dan and Heather Keefer (to Youth Ministry) by,
Travis and Kylee Glaser
Joy Coleman (to the Card Ministry) by,
Karen Manning

Financial Report

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

July 4, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,121.00
Received YTD | \$536,148.22
Expenses YTD | \$558,843.56
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$602,692.10
Building Fund YTD | \$2,661.00

thank you

Attendance

July 4, 2021

Total In-Person Worship | 211

10:30am | 211

Total Online Worship Views | 458

10:30am | 458

Sunday School/Small Groups | 89

Members in Ministry this Sunday

July 11, 2021

Ushers:

9:00 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Carolyn Vann

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Hansen, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Randall Rehberg, Phil Shinall, Charles Taylor

Greeters:

9:00 Sharon Blount, Carol Conner

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Susan Pope, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee

11:00 Ashley Swann

Pew Information Team:

July: Sarah Ellerbee, Cyndy Franklin, Susan Pope, June Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Vicky Adams, **Gary E. Baldwin**, Jim Bankston, Tyler Harvey, **Kay Holmes**, Amelia Lasater, Milton Leggett, Sharon Longmire, **Family of Read Montague**, Carleigh O’Connor, Bill Pickard, **Nancy Pickren**, Betty Sharp, Kevin Smith, Jessica Zettler

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, **Carolyn Bruce**, 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 Proctor**, Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, 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.

Sunday Schedule | August 1, 2021

Mark your calendars and be ready to change your alarm clocks! It's not Daylight Savings time, its time for a new Sunday Schedule.

Beginning August 1, we will return to our pre-pandemic schedule by offering three (3) services again:

8:30am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
9:30am	Gathering Time in the Gholson Room
9:45am	Contemporary Worship in the Chapel
9:45am	Sunday School/Small Groups
10:45am	Gathering Time in the Gholson Room
11:00am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

For the rest of July, we will continue to rotate between Traditional and Contemporary Worship Services at 9:00am and 11:00am as we are currently doing. We are blessed to have a strong Traditional Choir and Contemporary Worship Team that enhance both of our worship experiences. You may check your newsletter/worship guide for which services will be offered each Sunday.

With additional worship times, we are seeking Volunteers for the following areas:

Ushers, Greeters, Sunday School and Small Group Leadership (Adult and Student), Production (Computer Graphics for all Service Times)

Visit our website to Sign Up! | www.StSimonsUMC.com/Serve

Contact the Church office for more information | 912.638.3317



Youth Schedule | Save the Dates

Stay Connected with SSUMC Youth throughout the rest of the Summer! There are lots of exciting things happening before we start the new School Year! Make your plans to join in!

Sunday, July 11

GP Main Event 6:30 - 9:00pm

Sunday, July 18

Last GP Main Event 6:30 - 9:00pm

Meet at 5:30 at Porch if you'd like to eat together before going on the bus to Community Church

Sunday, July 25

MYF Beach Day 4:00 - 7:00pm

...to Welcome all new 6th Graders!

Subway party sub and beach games @ church Beach Access

Friday, August 6

End of Summer

@SummerWaves!

Meet at the church at 10:30

to be at the waterpark from

11:00 - 4:30 (back at church by 5pm)

August MYF

Regular MYF

5:30 - 7:00pm

Bob Goff series, "Love Does" curriculum, beginning Sunday August 1

(School starts Tuesday, August 10)

Sunday, September 5 **NO MYF** Labor Day holiday

We hope to see you throughout the Summer!

Heather Keefer, Director Student Ministries

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"I Am! So What?"

Upcoming Sermon Series | Aug 1, 2021

August 1	John 6:35-39	"I am the Bread of Life"
August 8	John 8:12-19	"I am the Light of the World"
August 15	John 10:1-10	"I am the Gate"
August 22	John 10:11-18	"I am the Good Shepherd"
August 29	John 11:24-27	"I am the Resurrection and the Life"
September 5	John 14:1-6	"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"

From the opening verses of the Gospel of John it is clear that Jesus is God. The Gospel of John is constructed as an argument for our belief in Christ and who he says he is. One way Jesus claims his divinity is by using the phrase "I Am" to express his relationship toward the world and showing that he is everything we need.

Make plans to join with us on August 1 as we begin a 6-week sermon series, "I am! So What?" We will explore the "I am" sayings of Jesus and the rich meaning and purpose these powerful words still have on our lives and faith journeys today.

Savannah Bananas!

Tuesday, July 20 | ALL CHURCH EVENT

Join us for this All Church trip to see the Savannah Bananas Baseball Team and entertainment. The Church Bus will leave at 4:00pm and return around 10:30! Did we mention this is an ALL You Can Eat Package? Including: Sodas, Water, Cookies, Popcorn, Hotdogs, Cheeseburgers, Chicken Sandwiches! Visit our website to sign up or Contact the Church office to register by Wednesday, July 14

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Hiring | Preschool Teachers

The Preschool is currently seeking both Full and Part-Time Teachers. Please find and Application on our website.

Mary Brittain, Preschool Director | maryb@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

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You may always reach out to our pastors and staff directly.

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