

# Weekly Activities

## Sunday, July 4 - Independence Day

10:30am **Worship Service**, Sanctuary  
\*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years



{No MYF today Happy 4th of July!}

## Monday, July 5 [Church Office Closed in observance of July 4]

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

## Tuesday, July 6

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

## Wednesday, July 7

11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

## Thursday, July 8

9:00am Gathering Place Outdoor Days, Pumpkin Patch  
9:30am Staff Meeting, Youth Room

## Friday, July 9

11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.

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# The Worship of God

Prelude

**Etude  
on  
America**

Sondra Anderson  
Kevin Lamb  
arr. Mark Hayes

***I Pledge My Allegiance***

Greeting

Rev. Tom Jones

***Patriot's Tune***

\* Hymn #697

***America***

AMERICA

***In Their Honor***

Soloist: Hope Lamb

\* Presentation of Colors

Capt. Steve Tucker, US Navy  
Capt. John Lindgren, US Navy  
COL William Pickard, US Army  
Capt. John Vice, US Army  
Lt. (Chap), John Farmer, US Coast Guard

***If My People Will Pray***

with  
*Doxology*

\* National Anthem

***O God, Our Help In Ages Past***

Soloist: Holly Lamb

Prayer

***So Many Voices***

***Sing America's Song***

with  
*America, the Beautiful*

**Sing America's Song**

***God Bless the USA***

*Soloists: Ron Bateman, Ken Taylor, Terry Craig,  
Neal Steiner, Mike Martin, DuWayne Anderson*

Benediction

Tom Jones

Postlude

***So Many Voices  
Sing America's Song***

***Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor***

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## “Spectacular”

The celebration of Independence Day would not be complete without fireworks. For as long as Americans can remember our nation has celebrated the Fourth of July by staging spectacular fireworks shows.

Before the Declaration of Independence was even signed, John Adams, wanted fireworks as a part of the festivities. He wrote that the occasion should be commemorated “with Pomp and Parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other from this time forward forever more.” The first commemorative Independence Day fireworks were set off on July 4, 1777.

This evening in our community and across our country millions will watch fireworks displays as we celebrate the birth of our country. If you are one of those who watch the display in person, take a moment to listen to the reactions of the crowd around you as the fireworks fill the sky with light, color, and sound. With each burst of a shell the crowd will react to the spectacular sight with oohs and ahhs.

When is the last time the spectacular works of Jesus caused you to react in amazement? Today we celebrate our country’s freedom, but in Christ each day is a celebration of our freedom from the darkness of this world. I invite you to live in the beautiful, awe inspiring light of his love. Let his light shine through you to illuminate the lives of others. It’s a spectacular sight to see!

Have an enjoyable, exciting, and safe celebration of Independence Day!

*Blessings!*  
**Tom**

## THANK YOU from VBS!



Thank you SO much for all of the volunteers, donations and prayer for VBS this past week. What an incredible ministry of our church! We had 92 children and 28 volunteers pour into the lives of these children last week sharing that they are all priceless to God. I felt incredibly blessed hearing the kids shouting out, “You are Treasured!” and learning songs that will stick with them for many years to come. Thank you again for your encouragement and generous support of VBS!

## New Member

Join us in welcoming the newest member of SSUMC!  
**Chandler Giedl** is transferring from another United Methodist Church.

## Memorials

A Gift has been given to the church in Memory of  
**Lee Eugene Wilkinson** (Helen Bakers father) by:  
**Mr. & Mrs. Frank Owens**

## Financial Report

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

**June 27, 2021**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,177.65

Received YTD | \$516,027.22

Expenses YTD | \$526,716.10

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$580,216.22

Building Fund YTD | \$1,621.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

**June 27, 2021**

**Total In-Person Worship | 271**

9:00am | 103      11:00am | 168

**Total Online Worship Views | 405**

9:00am | 187      11:00am | 218

**Sunday School/Small Groups | 87**

## Members in Ministry this Sunday

**July 4 2021**

**Ushers:**

10:30      Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Don Varnadoe

**Greeters:**

10:30      Margie Varnadoe, Jolee Benoit, Cindy Simpson

**Projection:**

10:30      Elizabeth Daniel

**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, Jim Bankson**, Mac Buntin Family, Steve Copeland, Brooke Cosby, Tom Demaracki, Dr. Carl Dohn, Hebert Drew Family, Robert Gunn, **Tyler Harvey**, Family, Debbie Hudlow, **Sharon Longmire, Mills, Carleigh O'Connor**, Doris Muchison Family, **Bill Pickard, Nancy Pickren**, Donald Rewis, **Betty Sharp, Kevin Smith**, Rachel Taylor, **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 Hallowses, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, **Shannon Lemmon**, Ellie Leroux, Nathan Meadows, **Ann and Read Montague**, 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. **BOLD**ED 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 June and 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](http://www.StSimonsUMC.com/Serve)  
Contact the Church office for more information | 912.638.3317

## Next | Soul Keeping

**Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important | Any Age Adults Welcome**

"Soul Keeping: Caring for the Most Important" is a video based bible study, that shows that caring for your soul is necessary for your Christian life. Never has this been more critical than now. Learn about what your soul is, why it is so important, how to assess your soul's health, and how to care for it so that we can have a meaningful and beautiful life with God and others. You can connect with Next on Sunday mornings at 10:00am or online @Next\_smallgroupcollective on Instagram

## Realm: Church Connection



Every day someone new logs into Realm. When you log in for the first time, have a look around. Find a new group to connect to, send someone a message of encouragement, update your directory photo (Realm calls this your profile). Contact our Church Office for more info.

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

## Hope 1312 Collective

**Foster Child Backpack Project**

Provide all foster kids a backpack! Often these kids move from place to place using 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!

## "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. We 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 | [www.StSimonsUMC.com](http://www.StSimonsUMC.com)  
or Contact the Church office to register by Wednesday, July 14 | 912.638.3317



## Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Kim and Phil Belt on the birth of their grandson **James Fortunato**.

## 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 GUESTsumc 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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