

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 22

- 9:00am Outside **Worship Service**, Chapel Side Lawn
(Rain Cancels)
11:00am Virtual **Worship Service**, Online

Wednesday, August 25

- 6:30am Disciple Fast Track– Bible Study, ZOOM

Wednesday, September 1

- 11:00am Chair Yoga
5:30pm Children's Choirs
Young Musicians (grades 1-5), Choir Room
Music Makers (PreK-K), Room 206
6:00pm Very Amazing Animals and How God Used Them
PreK-5th grade, Room 206
6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 2

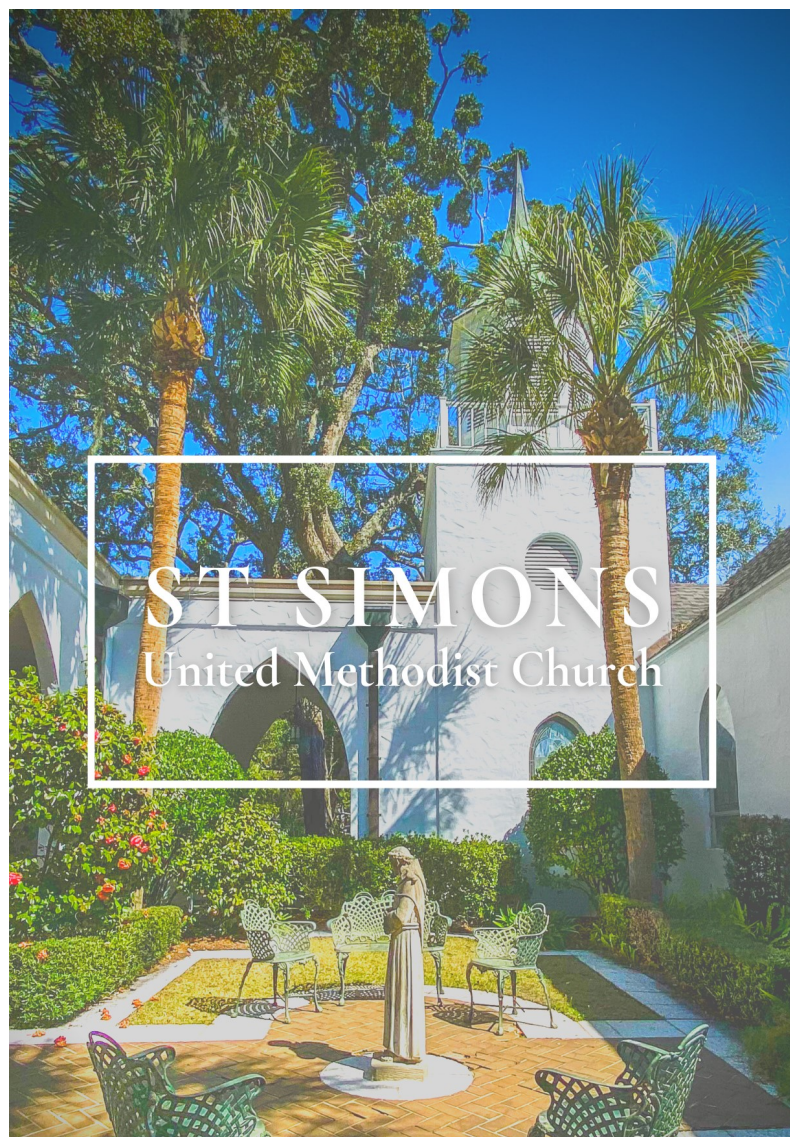
- 10:00am The Walk Bible Study, Room 201
5:30pm Nomination Meeting, Room 201

Friday, September 3

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.



**Continue
to pray
for our
Healthcare
Workers**



*Where Love is Unconditional
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

August 22, 2021

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

9:00am Worship on the Lawn
WELCOME

Surely The Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

To God be the glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done:
so loved he the world that he gave us his son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done

Prayer Time

I Sing Praises To Your Name

I sing praises to your name, O Lord,
Praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised;
I Sing praises to your name, O Lord,
Praises to your name, O Lord,
For your name is great and greatly to be praised.

How great Thou art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Christian Living Series

Ho-Hum

Ephesians 5:15-20

There's Within My Heart a Melody

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low;
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, Keeps me singing as I go.

Closing Prayer

11:00am Worship Online
www.stsimonsumc.com

Prelude Sondra Anderson
Kevin Lamb

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Hymn *To God Be The Glory*

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who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done

Great things he hath taught us,
great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Children's Message Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

Special Music

Message Rev. Tom Jones

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Invitation Hymn

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Benediction



“Christian Living”

Christian living. Being Christian. Two different ways to approach our walk of faith. Many profess to being Christian. Yet, by the way they live it's apparent that they, like all of us, are a work in progress.

That is why it is good to be reminded on occasion what Christian living looks like. The apostle Paul helps us do that in his letter to the Ephesians. His audience for this letter was primarily the Gentiles; people who had left behind their worship of pagan gods and the ways of life associated with that to follow Jesus. To these new Christians, Paul provides guidelines that can help us move beyond just being Christian to living as Christians are called to do.

We began the series last week with the sermon, “Watch Your Language.” You're invited to check out the sermon on our website, Facebook, or YouTube if you missed it. This week the sermon is titled, “Ho-Hum” based on Ephesians 5:15-20. The series will wrap-up on August 29 with the sermon, “Live Like a Winner” based on Ephesians 6:10-20.

In addition to live-streaming worship at 11:00, over the next two weeks I am excited about the addition of an outdoor, in-person, abbreviated worship service at 9:00am! More information about this new service is in this newsletter and on our website.

I am also excited about the online Disciple Fast Track - Bible Study that is being offered. I am grateful for Kim and Phil Belt and their willingness to facilitate this 12-week study of the Old Testament on Zoom. A kickoff Zoom session will be held on Wednesday, August 25 from 6:30-7:45pm. You are encouraged to take advantage of this virtual class. You can register on the church website or by calling the church office. It's an incredible way to learn and grow together in a safe setting!

I look forward to sharing with you in worship over the next two weeks either in-person at the 9:00 outdoor service, or at the 11:00 live-streaming service. Join us as we look at what it means to live out our faith in a world that makes it increasingly difficult to do so. It has never been more important for those of us who claim the name Christian to live like a Christian!

Blessings,

Tom

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at www.stimonsumc.com and click on the Giving tab.

August 15, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,676.00

Received YTD | \$658,452.44

Expenses YTD | \$694,655.86

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$737,230.99

Building Fund YTD | \$3,351.00

thank you

Attendance

August 15, 2021

Total Online Worship Views: 11:00— 597

Disciple Fast Track– Bible Study

Wednesday, August 25 - Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Bible study for busy lives. Grow together as disciples by studying the Bible together. This 12-week study immerses the participant in the Old Testament. Please join us for a Zoom Bible study led by Kim and Phil Belt. A kickoff Zoom session will begin on Wednesday, August 25 at 6:30-7:45pm. Books are available in the church office for \$17.00 and you may register through Realm, church website or by calling the church office. A Disciple Fast Track- New Testament class will be offered in Spring 2022!

My Call to Serve

Each year you answer the call to serve God's church with your unique gifts and talents. This year we are asking you to let us know where you feel called to serve. Find a form in the Gholson Room or on our website. Please prayerfully consider where you feel called to serve. www.StSimonsUMC.com

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Bud Avret, **Jimmy Bankson**, Steve Brewer, Shirley & Robert Darrith, Nelson Deans, Emily Dixon, Kim Fuller, Jack Jenkins Family, David Green, Kay Holmes, John Hornton, Jones Lindgren, Blake Merrill, Ann & Bill Pickard, Debbie Townley, Faye Traynelis

Medical Staff and Hospital workers and all affected by Covid.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda 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, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Mary Stivers, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Our Nation

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, 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. BOLDDED names indicate a new addition or current concern.

Youth Sunday School

We are so thankful for our Summer Intern, Sam Parker, who faithfully taught our youth Sunday school this summer! We are now looking to YOU to help teach our youth on Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 10:45am! If you are willing to commit to one Sunday per month to facilitate a video series with discussion (and maybe play a little air hockey), please contact Heather. We are hoping to begin a new rotation on Sunday, September 12.

Acolytes

Our Acolytes will be returning in the Traditional services (8:30am & 11:00am) beginning in October! If you are a 3rd – 6th grader and would like to serve in this way, please contact Ms. Heather. Those students that have already been trained can jump right back in, but those who have never served in this way before will need to attend a one-hour, hands-on training session with one parent in September. (We will determine the best day/time with those that want to attend.)

New Study: "The Walk"

Begins September 2 | 10:00am | Richard Soper

This is a 6 week study which will focus on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is a part of our daily walk with Christ and an essential part of growing together in the church.

Begins Thursday, August 26, 10:00am and will end on Thursday, September 30. Books will be available in the church office. Please read Chapter 1 before class.

richard@stsimonsumc.com

It's Christmas Rehearsal Time

The music is bought, orchestra hired, and now I need you. Every Wednesday starting **September 1** at 6:15pm for the first 15 minutes of adult choir rehearsal we will practice Christmas. If you have kids they will be in programming and be taken care of till you pick them up around 6:30pm. Let me know if you have any questions. kevin@stsimonsumc.com

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Note- NEW DATE

September 9 | 12 NOON | Thorpe Bldg.

Lunch at the church and preview of the 2021 - 2022 Sam Event Brochure. Join us for fried chicken and all the "fixins". The Senior Adult Ministry team will present a synopsis of each event that is planned for upcoming season. \$8.00 per person and RSVP required by Thursday, August 19. Call the church office or on Realm for online reservations.

let's do
lunch



Memorials | Honorariums to SSUMC

In Memory of **John Barton** by:

Arthur Pittman

In Honor of **Heather Keefer** by:

Kylee & Travis Glaser

Our Deepest Sympathies

To the family of **Jack Jenkins** our faithful member who passed away Sunday, August 15, 2021. Jack is the father of **Robert Jenkins**.

To **Jimmy Beasley** and family on the death of his sister, **Vonceil Beasley Kirkland**, who passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021. Vonceil was also the great aunt of **Jill Hardwick**.

To **Mike Williams** and family on the recent death of his father.

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!

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

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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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