

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 29

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

Monday, August 30

- 9:00am Prayer Team, via ZOOM

Wednesday, September 1

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30pm Disciple Fast Track– Bible Study, via ZOOM

Thursday, September 2

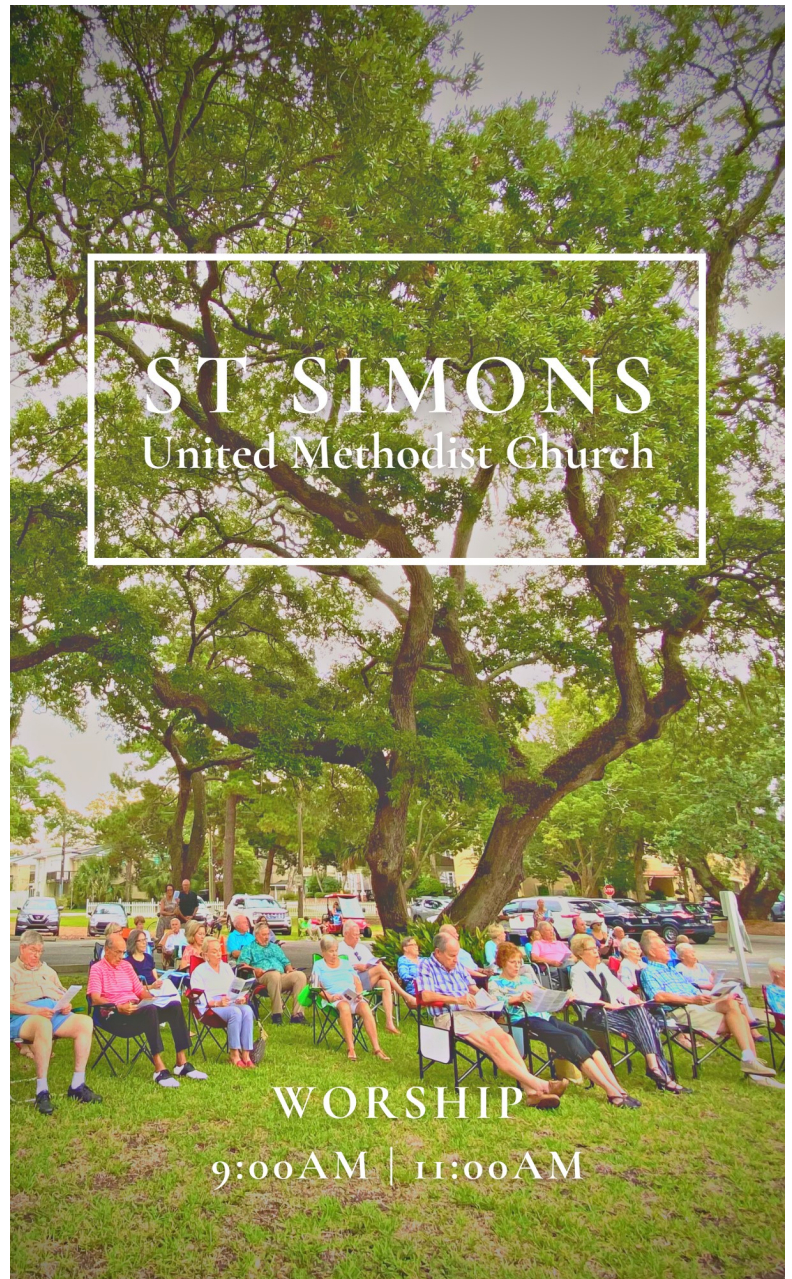
- 10:00am The Walk Bible Study, Chapel
5:30pm Nomination Meeting, Thorpe Bldg.

Friday, September 3

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.



**Continue
to pray
for our
Healthcare
Workers**



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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

9:00am Worship on the Lawn
WELCOME

This is the Day

This is the day, This is the day,
that the Lord hath made that the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.
O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

Prayer Time

Rescue the Perishing

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.
Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally.

Christian Living Series
Live Like a Winner
Ephesians 6:10-20

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine;
Everywhere I go, I'm goin'a let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Closing Prayer

11:00am Worship Online
www.stsimonsumc.com

Prelude Kevin Lamb

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Hymn

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory his army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

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Children's Message Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

Special Music Hope Lamb

Message Rev. Tom Jones

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Invitation Hymn

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Benediction



Why?

Why are we not having in-person worship inside the church? Why are we having any kind of gathering including outside worship? One thing I have learned from the pandemic is that there are no easy answers and whatever the answer is it's not going to be the answer everyone wants to hear.

The question I hear most is "why?" I confess that I have questioned our limited offerings of worship times especially as I see other churches in our community open for in-person, inside worship. It bothers me as I know it bothers you. But then I am reminded of why our pastors, staff, and lay leadership made the decision to change the worship schedule.

Our decision was strongly influenced by a plea from the hospital chaplain asking the churches in our area to reconsider in-person worship. He wrote, "We are worse than last year in terms of numbers and severity of cases, and it is expected to get even worse. Figure out what you can do with your congregation and know that God is with you as you share the truth with others in love. Our faithful medical staff are overwhelmed. We are blessed to have wonderful physicians, nurses, therapists, and others going to battle for us. Let us go to battle for them as well."

Our church heard this call to action. We realized that in this very different day in time, being the church may not necessarily mean having the doors of the church open for in-person worship. We are being the church by showing solidarity with our medical community and doing our part to help care for our community and each other in these unprecedented times.

Why is the church closed? The church is not closed! We are doing our part to help the least and the lost in troubling times. And we continue to offer the opportunity for in-person worship with the outside service; a service that was well attended and well received. We are being the church!

Thank you for your prayers and faithful support. I miss being together in normal worship and small groups as much as anybody. By making the choices we have made our prayer is that we will have played a small part in keeping ourselves and others healthy, and that in doing so we are helping make the return to normal in our church and community something that happens sooner than later.

I hope you will join us this Sunday at 9:00am on the lawn for in-person worship or for the 11:00am virtual service. We will conclude the series on "Christian Living" with the sermon "Live Like a Winner!"

Blessings,

Tom

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

Financial Report

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

August 22, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$8,228.97

Received YTD | \$666,681.41

Expenses YTD | \$703,628.31

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$757,807.17

Building Fund YTD | \$3,501.00

thank you

Attendance

August 22, 2021

9:00 In Person Outside Worship: 82

11:00 Online Worship Views: 354

Disciple Fast Track– Bible Study

It's Not to late to get started, but you must be registered before Wednesday, September 1 for the 6:30pm ZOOM call.

Bible study for busy lives. 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. Books are available in the church office for \$17.00 and you may register through Realm, church website or by calling the church office.

LINK

You must link your VIC card
each year in order
to support
your school(s)!

Ask the cashier to link your VIC card to **3373 (SSUMC Pre-school)** when you check out to help the Preschool receive a percentage on your Harris Teeter brand purchases.

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Jimmy Bankson, Steve Brewer, **Ernie Cox**, Shirley & Robert Darrith, Emily Dixon, Kim Fuller, Jack Jenkins Family, David Green, Kay Holmes, John Hornton, **Benjy Hutchinson**, Jones Lindgren, **Rosemary & Jim Longmire & Family**, **Mac McLawhorn & Family**, **Joe Miller**, **Luke Thompson**, Debbie Townley, Faye Traynelis, **Mary Vice**

All who are sick and who have lost loved ones with Covid. Our Medical community and Hospital staff 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 Hallowses, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, Shannon Lemmon, Ellie Leroux, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann & Bill Pickard, 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, Afghanistan and others suffering

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. BOLDED names indicate a new addition or current concern.

Thank you to our Healthcare Heroes!

Join us in thanking our Healthcare Heroes! We are collecting non-perishable, individual packaged snacks such as: granola bars, protein bars, bottled water, nuts, popcorn, crackers, chips, dried fruit, goldfish, beef jerky etc...

Collection box is located in the Gholson room.



Saints and Sinners Luncheon

~~September 9~~ + Cancelled



Jekyll Island Boat Tour

Thursday, September 16

The Senior Adult Ministry invites you for a Jekyll Island Boat Tour.

The church bus will leave the Thorpe Building at 11:00am for Jekyll Island. We will have lunch on our own at one of the Jekyll restaurants. We will check in for our tour at 1:30pm and depart at 2:00pm. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes.

Cost \$25.00 | 25 spots | Payment to reserve | Register online by taking a

picture of this QR Code or call the church office.



Chair Yoga

Chair yoga will resume on **September 1** with precautions in place: All doors will remain open, wipes available for pre/post chair cleaning and masks are encouraged.

Youth Sunday School

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.

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.)

Memorials | Honorariums to SSUMC

A gift has been given in Memory of **John Barton** by:

Gail Rivard

Jerry W. Harper

A gift has been given in Honor of **Kevin Lamb** by:

Sharon & Leland Flora

Our Deepest Sympathies

To **Mac McLawhorn** on the death of his brother in North Carolina.

Bible Study: “The Walk”

Begins September 2 | 10:00am | Chapel

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.

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. At this time NO Childcare provided. Meet in the Sanctuary. Let me know if you have any questions.

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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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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.

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