

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 5

- 9:00am Outside **Worship Service**, Chapel Side Lawn
(Rain Cancels)
9:45am Sunday School Classes
11:00am In person **Worship Service**, Sanctuary & Online*
*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years

Monday, September 6

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, September 7

- 8:00am Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
9:30am Staff Meeting, Youth Room

Wednesday, September 8

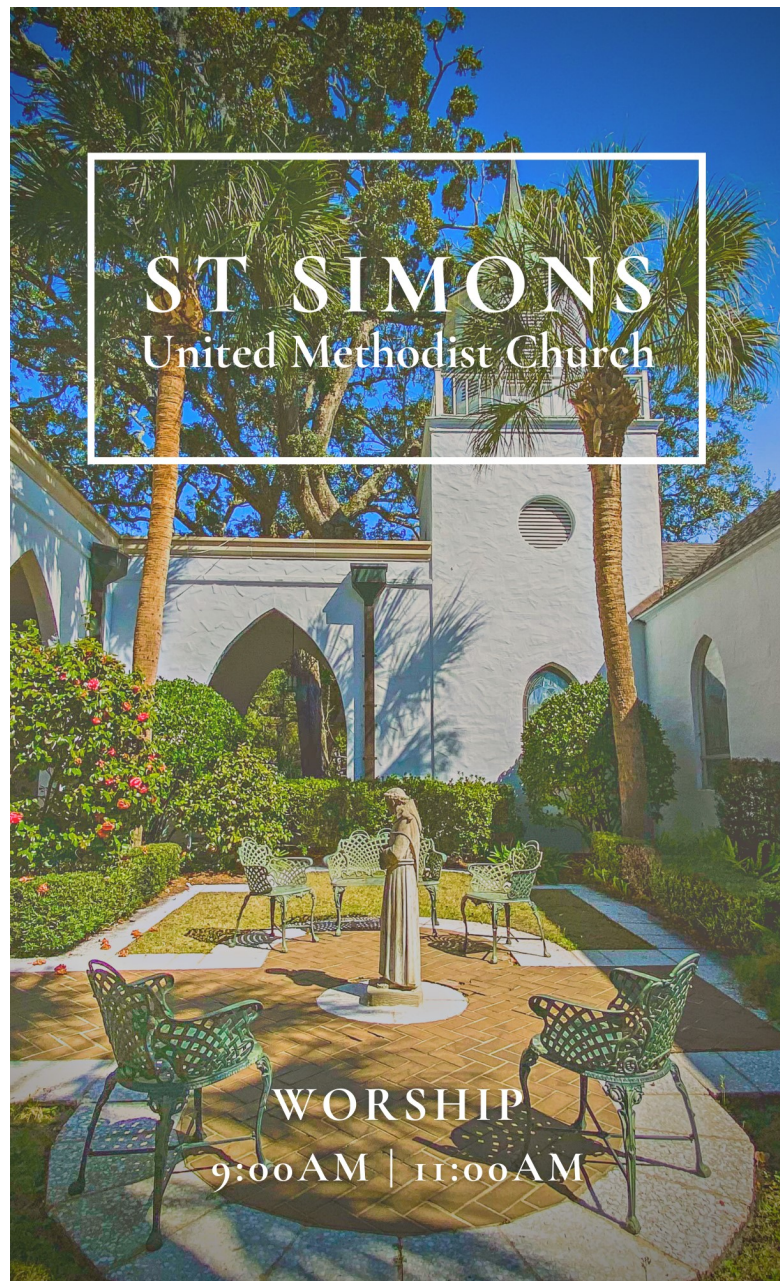
- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.
6:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:30pm Disciple Fast Track– Bible Study, via ZOOM

Thursday, September 9

- 10:00am The Walk Bible Study, Chapel

Friday, September 10

- 11:00am Chair Yoga, Thorpe Bldg.



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.

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

September 5, 2021

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

9:00am Worship on the Lawn

WELCOME

Come, Christians, join to sing

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ we bring; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky Alleluia! Amen!
Christ is our guide and friend on whom we can depend:
his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer Time

What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Gut Feelings

John 6:25-35

Celebration of Holy Communion

Bond of Love

We are one in the bond of love
We are one in the bond of love
We have joined our spirit
With the Spirit of God
We are one in the bond of love

Let us sing now ev'ryone
Let us feel His love begun
Let us join our hearts
So the world will know
We are one in the bond of love

Closing Prayer

11:00am Worship

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Prelude		Kevin Lamb
Greeting		Rev. Richard Soper
* Hymn #158	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i>	SPANISH HYMN
* Worship Song	<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	
Invitation to Holy Communion		
Confession and Pardon		
* Passing the Peace	<i>My Tribute</i>	
Children's Message		Heather Keefer
Worship Songs	<i>Remembrance</i>	
	<i>There Is A Fountain</i>	CLEANSING FOUNTAIN Verses 1 & 5
Morning Prayer		Richard Soper
Message in Music	<i>The Lighthouse</i>	Chancel Choir Neal Steiner, Solo Arr. Marty Hamby 1971 Genevox
Scripture	John 6:25-35	Rev. Tom Jones
Morning Message	GUT FEELINGS	Tom Jones
The Great Thanksgiving		Richard Soper
The Lord's Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		Tom Jones
* Invitation	<i>Bond of Love</i>	
* Benediction		Tom Jones
Postlude		

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



“We’re on to Something!”

Outdoor worship! If we had considered that as a possibility pre-pandemic we more than likely would have talked ourselves out of it rather quickly. The weather is too unpredictable. It is too humid. There are too many bugs. We want our AC!

The pandemic has forced us to consider numerous options for worship. We had considered outside worship before, but for the reasons listed above and even more we always went with another idea. That is until recently. We finally decided that it was worth a try. It would offer an option for worship that provided an additional layer of protection from the virus as we met in the open air.

After two weeks of outdoor worship the consensus is this – we’re on to something! The weather has been perfect. The humidity not as high it could be. And the breeze for the most part has kept away the bugs and made us think less about how much we want our AC. It has truly been an enjoyable time of worship and the attendance has grown. People from around the community have made intentional efforts to join us and others have stopped to listen as they were passing by on their walk or bike ride.

Most of you have heard by now that we will return to the 11:00 in-person worship service this Sunday morning. We will practice social distancing and encourage worship participants to wear a mask while inside the building. But I also want to encourage you if you have any reservations at all about meeting inside to try out the 9:00 outside service or to join us for the 11:00 service which will continue to be livestreamed.

This is a great church with a beautiful spirit! My prayer is that you will choose one of the available options for worship and stay connected to the church as we celebrate God’s love for us in Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. I look forward to being with you this Sunday as we share together in Holy Communion.

Have a wonderful Labor Day Weekend! And if you would allow me one moment of personal privilege – “Go Dawgs!”

Blessings,
Tom

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.



Financial Report

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

August 29, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,675.00

Received YTD | \$682,356.41

Expenses YTD | \$705,356.52

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$779,966.50

Building Fund YTD | \$3,501.00

thank you

Attendance

August 29, 2021

9:00 In Person Outside Worship: 112

11:00 Online Worship Views: 384

Members in Ministry this Sunday

September 5, 2021

Ushers:

11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Don Varnadoe, Ed Reynolds

Projection:

11:00 | Robin Parmalee

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:

Robert Conner, Ernie Cox, **Margot Howard & Family**, **Joan Harris**, Benjy Hutchinson, Rosemary & Jim Longmire Family, Mac McLawhorn & Family, Joe Miller, **The Family of Pat Miller**, **Jimmy Orr**, **Dinah Spillers**, Luke Thompson, 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, **Jimmy Bankston**, 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, **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, **Ida Storm Victims**

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, 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.

Our Current Plan

Our Church Staff and Lay Leadership met to discuss our best course of action at this time.

After much discussion, we unanimously voted on a plan for our church as we monitor current Covid conditions.

Beginning September 5, we will offer:

9:00am Outdoor Worship Service

11:00am In-Person Worship in Sanctuary

(Socially Distanced, Encouraging Masks) + Live Stream

The addition of socially distanced In-Person seating at the 11:00am Service will allow those who feel comfortable the option of attending an indoor service which will also stream live as in past weeks.

Sunday Schools & Small Groups

Outdoor | Online | Indoor (Socially Distanced)

Our Small Groups and Sunday Schools will be offered the option to meet outside, or schedule an appropriately sized space (if available) to meet inside - socially distanced.

Ask your Small Group/Sunday School leader to contact the church office about your preference. Please be flexible as we may need to ask your group to change meeting spaces temporarily. If you do meet inside, we are encouraging you to wear masks. If you would like to meet virtually, Zoom allows groups to connect at any time.

Children and Youth

Following School System Guidelines

We will mirror the Glynn County School System's closures for our Children and Youth. Outside events are being planned.

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.



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. heather@stsimonsumc.com

Chair Yoga

Chair yoga has resumed and will continue to meet on **Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 11:00am for \$5.00** with precautions in place: All doors will remain open, wipes available for pre/post chair cleaning and masks are encouraged.

Memorials | Honorariums to SSUMC

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

Our Deepest Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies to the family of **Pat Miller** our faithful member who passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021. Arrangements will be made at a later date.

Our deepest sympathies to **Margot Howard** on the death of her brother Steve Howard.

Children & Youth Pool Parties!



Judy and JR Wright have graciously offered to host Children and Youth at their home!

Children (K-5th grade) on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10:00am – 12noon at their swimming pool! Parents, feel free to drop off your Kindergarten- 5th graders (or stay if you want to!) and we will feed them hotdogs, chips and drinks before you come to pick them up at noon. We are so thankful for the hospitality of Judy and JR! We are requesting that all attendees are healthy if coming to their home to swim at 99 Worthing Rd., SSI. Register here with the QR Code or on Realm!



Youth (grades 6-12) are invited to a pool party at Judy and JR Wright's home on **Sunday, Sept. 12th from 3-5pm**. We will be grilling hotdogs around 4:30pm. Invite a friend if you like and let Heather know you are coming so we can have enough food! See you at their home next Sunday at 99 Worthing Rd., SSI. Register here with the QR Code or on Realm!



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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Connect With Us!

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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