



## Remember God

On Thanksgiving Day, a family was seated around the dinner table. Before he offered the blessing for the meal the father asked each member of the family, from the oldest to the youngest, to share something they were thankful for.

When they came to the 5-year-old in the family, he began by expressing his thanks for the turkey, saying that he knew it was going to be good. He thanked his mom and dad for buying and cooking the turkey. He thanked the farmer who raised the turkey. He thanked those who delivered the turkey to the store. He thanked the people at the grocery store who sold the turkey."

Finally, he asked, "Did I leave anybody out?" His 10-year-old brother looked at him and said, "God!" Without missing a beat, the 5-year-old said, "I was about to get to him."

We have much to be thankful for in our lives. As we consider how blessed we are the first thing we should do is acknowledge the source of those blessings. In Psalm 75:1 we read, "We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near. People tell of your wondrous deeds."

On Thanksgiving Day, most of us will take the opportunity to reflect upon our blessings. As we express our gratitude may God's name be near to our hearts; may our first thought be to thank God!

On Sunday afternoon November 21, our Worship Team will lead area United Methodists in worship at our regional Charge Conference. The Charge Conference will be held at College Place United Methodist Church, in Brunswick, at 4:00pm. You are invited to attend the service and to offer them your support. I thank God for this group of talented musicians and their willingness to share their incredible gifts with others. May God's continued blessings be upon their ministry!

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Tom**

## Welcome to our Newest Member

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, Gayle Disque who joined our church on Sunday, November 14, by transfer from another UMC.

## Advent Brochure

Be sure to take a SSUMC Advent Brochure for your family. Also take an extra to share as an invitation for others to join us at our upcoming Advent Events and Worship Services.

## Position Available

**Director of Student Ministries | St. Simons UMC**

We are seeking a full-time Director of Student Ministries to become a part of our incredible ministry team. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Anne Frazier, Church Administrator. A copy of the job description is posted on the website at click on the [About Us](#) tab. [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com) | [www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/)

## Memorials | Honorariums to SSUMC

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :**

**Margie & Don Varnadoe by :**

The Stephen Ministry Team

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kim Maupin and her family, on the death of her mother, Jane Jones, who passed away on Tuesday, November 16. Condolences may be sent to Kim Maupin at 804 Hamilton Landing Dr. St. Simons Island, GA 31522

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at [www.stsimonsumc.com](http://www.stsimonsumc.com) and click on the Giving tab.

**November 7, 2021**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,624.00

Received YTD | \$936,630.36

Expenses YTD | \$952,599.83

Difference YTD | -\$15,969.47

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,028,361.85

Building Fund YTD | \$17,706.00

*thank you*

## Attendance November 14, 2021

8:30 Worship Service: 108

9:45 Worship Service: 55

11:00 Worship Service: 152

Online Worship Views: 446

Sunday School/Small Groups: 102

## Members in Ministry

### November 21, 2021

**Ushers:**

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Lynda Sterrett, Lee Watkins

11:00 Dona Colglazier, David Lewis, John Rentz, Mel Rozier, Mike Suthard, Jamie Wiles

**Greeters:**

8:30 Barbara Hill, Susan Watkins

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Madge McKenzie, Sherry Pickett

**Projection:**

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Neva Kaye

11:00 Ashley Swann

**Acolytes:**

8:30 Pete Irby 11:00 Peggy & Hope Gowen

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns:**

Paula Brown, Linda Cardwell, Janet Collins, **Kelly D.**, Charlie Deer, **Dotsy Fuller**, Ava Grace Good, **Steve Gregory, Jay Hodges, Barbara & Jim Jensen**, Ben & Liles Johnson, Taylor LaBuda, **Kim Maupin & Family, Tom McConnell**, Cindy Mynatt, Randy Peterson, **Laurie Reece, Terry Richards, Kori & Paul Roney**, Anne Rogers, **Mitch Sawyer**, B.B. Shelander, **Carolyn Stalvey**, Family of Jake Stone, Alexander Tipton, **Tracy Varnell**, Lynette & Jyl Watson, **Barbara Whitney**

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Carolyn Bruce, Beth Carey, Madge Comer, **Lanier Dobrenic**, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, **Weyman Frazier**, Connie Hollowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Nathan Meadows, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann & Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Anne Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller  
All who have lost family and friends to Covid, Hope 1312 Collective, Parkinson Support Group, Our Nation

**Assisted Living Prayer:**

**Magnolia Manor:** JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe

**Marsh's Edge Assisted:** Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

**Senior Care:** Anne Pinson

**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.**

## Youth News for November

**A Charlie Brown MYF | November 21**

**Youth Friendsgiving**

Sunday, Nov. 28 | 6:00-7:00pm | Youth Room

Bring a friend, a dish to share, and a canned food item for Sparrow's Nest.

## Advent Mission: Giving Trees

**Salvation Army | Hope 1312 | FaithWorks**

The Advent Missions Challenge is brought to you by our SSUMC Missions Committee. This Season we will support 3 Ministries, each by an individual Christmas Giving Tree. Each tree in the Gholson Room will have either gift ornaments or gift tags representing a need. Please feel free to take as many gift ornaments or gift tags as you would like. Visit the Gholson Room Sunday mornings during Advent to find out more and select gift ornaments or gift tags. You can bring your gifts back to the appropriate Tree or to the church office. The deadline for Salvation Army gifts is Thursday, December 9 before the church office closes. The deadline for Hope 1312 Collective and FaithWorks is Sunday December 19.

## The First Christmas A Children's Nativity Pageant

**November 21 | Gholson Room**

Join us December 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM as our Young Musicians present an outdoor nativity pageant. The pageant is filled with scripture, songs, and full costumes. It will be presented on the Thorpe lawn, so bring a chair if you need to or you can stand for this 30-minute program that will get your December and Christmas started with a reminder of the true Christmas meaning.



## Poinsettias

**Poinsettias may be ordered Through Tuesday, December 14**

Help place poinsettias in the Sanctuary to Celebrate the Birth of Christ. They will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 19 and go home after the 11:00am worship service that day! The cost of each poinsettia is \$22. You may designate them in memory of, in honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or contact the Church Office.

[anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com) | **912.638.331**

## Faithful: Advent Bible Study

**Tuesdays, Nov 30 – Dec 21 | 10:00am | Room 201**

Join us for an Advent bible study "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph." This is a four week study. Books are \$12.00 and can be purchased and picked up in the church office.

This study is facilitated by Rev. Richard Soper.

## Charge Conference

**Sunday, November 21 | 4-6pm | College Place UMC, Brunswick**

The churches in the southern part of the Coastal District will have a combined Charge Conference. Our Worship Team will be leading worship at the conference. Attendees are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing during this event. An offering will be received to benefit the Wesley Foundations in the Coastal District. All are welcome to attend as we join together to worship and to celebrate how God has blessed the ministries of our church.

## Savannah Theater

**Sunday, December 5 | 1:00pm**

In its 20th consecutive year, "A Christmas Tradition" brings you holiday glitz and glitter with a 2-hour production. The theater is transformed into a perfect holiday picture, sharing all of your Christmas favorites. Sprinkle in a little comedy and Santa and his dancing reindeer for the greatest event of the season. The bus will leave at 1:00pm from the church. The cost is \$38/person. All are welcome!

## UMW Pecans

**November 21 | Gholson Room**

The pecans are here and are available for pickup Sunday, November 21, before, between, and after the three Worship Services. The United Methodist Women are very thankful for your support! There will be some extra bags available for purchase - inquire below! **Contact: Pat Carmichael | 912-270-5739**

## Parent's Morning Out!

**Saturday, December 4 | 9am – 12pm | Children's Ministry Room**

Parents, do you need a morning off to buy Christmas gifts, decorate, or have uninterrupted coffee? Drop off your children, Kindergarten – 5th grade, at 9am upstairs in the Children's Ministry Room for crafts, games and pizza!

**Please register by Sunday, Nov. 28th | [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com)**

## Ring the Bell

**For the Salvation Army - Volunteers Needed**

Dates, Times & Locations posted on the bulletin board, and info available on the Welcome Desk. If interested, make a first and second choice from that list.

Call Betty Sharp – (912) 268-4452 or (912) 222-3803.

## Preschool Christmas Store

The ultimate regifting opportunity is here! The Preschool is collecting items for our Christmas Store through December 5th. We will have a collection box in Gholson to collect those new or VERY GENTLY used treasures you no longer want.

## Questions About Parkinson's?

**Thursday, December 2, 2021 | 11:00am | Parlor**

For any who have questions about Parkinson's: Patients, Caregivers, & Family Members. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the starting of a PD Support Group which will offer a time to learn from each other's struggles.

Contact Tilman Blakely | [ttdogstyle@yahoo.com](mailto:ttdogstyle@yahoo.com)

## Elevator

Thank you for your patience while we have been without a functioning elevator in our Stubbs Building to access our Youth, Children and Office spaces these past few months. The elevator will be repaired and updated in the near future, but supply delays are affecting our timeline. If you need any assistance, please contact our office at before using the stairs. 912.638.3317

## 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!

There are many ways to connect with SSUMC. Fill out a blue Prayer Card, a yellow Welcome Card, Sign the Pew Pad as they are passed (and pass it back when it reaches the end of your pew). Call or Email us to join REALM – our online community where you can stay connected. Thank you for joining us!

**912.638.3317 | [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)**



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# This Week's Events

## Sunday, November 21

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service **Sanctuary\***  
 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service **Chapel\***  
 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Small Group Classes  
**Various Locations\***  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship Service **Sanctuary\***  
 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM Charlie Brown MYF **Youth Room**  
 \*Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years  
 \*All Services Streamed Live

## Monday, November 22

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Team **Parlor**  
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chair Yoga- \$5.00 **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, November 23

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group **Parlor**  
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Men's Life Group **Room 203**

## Wednesday, November 24

*Office Closed 1/2 Day*

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM NO Chair Yoga **Thorpe Building**  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

## Thursday, November 25

*(All day) Office Closed*



## Friday, November 26

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM NO Chair Yoga **Thorpe Building**

## Our Staff

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**ST SIMONS**  
 United Methodist Church

## November 21, 2021

Traditional Worship  
 8:30am & 11:00am • Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship  
 9:45am • Chapel

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

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

CHAPEL • 9:45am

### WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

#### Days of Elijah

CCLI #1537904  
 ©1996 Daybreak

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

#### Goodness of God

CCLI #7117726  
 ©2018 Capitol

### MISSION MOMENT

#### Jubilee-Much Ministries

### PRAYER TIME

#### What A Beautiful Name

CCLI #7068424  
 ©2016 Hillsong

#### The Blessing

CCLI #7147007  
 ©2020 Capitol

### MORNING MESSAGE

#### Where Will He Show Up Next?

Psalm 100 NRSV  
 Tom Jones

### INVITATION

### RESPONSE SONG

#### Worthy Is the Lamb

CCLI #3217555  
 ©2000 Wondrous Worship

### CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

## The Worship of God

SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

Call to Worship **Serve The Lord With Joy** Chancel Choir  
 Mary McDonald  
 ©2014 Lorenz

Mission Moment **Jubilee-Much Ministries**

\* Congregational Hymn #694  
**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** Alford, 1844  
 verses 1, 2 & 4 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\* Passing the Peace **Give Thanks** Henry Smith  
 ©1978 Integrity

Children's Message Heather Keefer

\* Congregational Hymn #131  
**We Gather Together** Baker, 1894  
 Verses 1 & 3 KREMSWER

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory Sondra Anderson

\* Response **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music **SHEPHERD OF MY HEART** Croft Jones  
 Dick Tunney

Scripture Psalm 100 NRSV Tom Jones

Morning Message **WHERE WILL HE SHOW UP NEXT?** Tom Jones

\* Invitation #92 **For the Beauty of the Earth** Pierpoint, 1864  
 verses 1,2 & 5 DIX

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*