

This Week's Events

Sunday, November 28

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM Traditional Worship Service **Sanctuary**

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Small Group Classes

Various Locations

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service **Chapel**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Traditional Worship Service **Sanctuary**

Nursery Available: Birth to 4 Years for above worship services

All Services Streamed Live

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal **Thorpe Lawn**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Friendsgiving **Youth Room**

Monday, November 29

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Prayer Team **Parlor**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chair Yoga- \$5.00 **Thorpe Building**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Church Council **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, November 30

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group **Parlor**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Faithful- Advent Study **Room 201**

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Men's Life Group **Room 203**

Wednesday, December 1

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Prayer Hedge **Parlor**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chair Yoga- \$5.00 **Thorpe Building**

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Children's Choir Program **Thorpe Lawn**

6:45 PM - 7:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Thursday, December 2

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mini Motions **Thorpe Building**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group **Parlor**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Search Team Meeting **Parlor**

Friday, December 3

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM **NO** Chair Yoga- \$5.00 **Thorpe Building**

Saturday, December 4

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Parents Morning Out (Kids K-5)

Children's Ministry Area



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November 28, 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. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Jessica Zettler

He Has Come For Us

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PRAYER TIME

What Child Is This

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Hallowed Manger Ground

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MORNING MESSAGE

Wake-Up to The Good News

Stay Awake!

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

RESPONSE SONG

Christmas Offering

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Greeting

Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude

Sondra Anderson

Advent Candle Lighting

Wilson Family, 8:30

Kopp Family, 11:00

* Congregational Hymn #196

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Wesley, 1744

Hyfrydol

* Passing the Peace

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

McGhee, 1979

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Children's Message

Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer

Richard Soper

* Congregational Hymn #211

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

Verses 1,2,6 & 7

Offertory Prayer

Richard Soper

Offertory

Kevin Lamb

* Response #94

DOXOLOGY

Message in Music

THE FIRST NOEL

Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest

Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Tom Jones

Morning Message

Tom Jones

Wake-Up to The Good News

STAY AWAKE!

* Invitation #228

He Is Born

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Verses 1 & 3

* Benediction

Tom Jones

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Wake-Up to Good News

Almost daily I hear someone say that they just cannot watch, listen to, or read the news anymore. Many of us have grown tired of bad news. From the moment we wake up it can be easy for our minds to become inundated with the problems of the world. Pandemic; controversial trials; tragic events; financial trends; politics – the list is long. If there was ever a time when we needed some good news, it is now.

The Advent and Christmas seasons are a time to remember, anticipate, and celebrate. We remember that Jesus has come. We anticipate the day Jesus will come again. We celebrate God's gift of love; a gift given to us as a baby in a manger; a gift that lives on in our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit; a gift that will claim victory for all who believe when Christ returns in majesty and glory.

On this first Sunday of Advent, we begin our journey to the manger. There will be many opportunities through worship, special programs, study groups, and times of fellowship to help guide us on the journey. Please remember to pick up an Advent Calendar of Events for your use and take a few to share with others. Information about our Advent programs can also be found on the church website at www.stsimonsumc.com.

My prayer is that this will be an Advent season when we wake-up to the news that God in Jesus Christ keeps his promises. That we will stay awake in preparation for his coming. That we will never grow weary in the celebration of Jesus' birth; a celebration that reminds us that bad news is but for a moment in time – God's love is forever! That's good news!

Blessings!

Tom

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 | www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/

Footprints - Widow Support Group

Please join us for our next gathering on Wednesday, December 8 at 12:00pm at the King and Prince. All are welcome to join us! Please contact Susan Hoshall 912.399.5454 with questions or to attend.

Memorials | Honorariums to SSUMC

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

Margie & Don Varnadoe by:

Carol Norton

Jimmy Bankston by:

Carol Norton

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Anne and French Frazier and their family, on the death of French's sister, Weyman Frazier, who passed away on Monday, November 22.

Financial Report

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

November 21, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,623.00

Received YTD | \$957,253.36

Expenses YTD | \$968,981.45

Difference YTD | -\$11,728.09

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,051,259.70

Building Fund YTD | \$17,806.00

thank you

Attendance November 21, 2021

8:30 Worship Service: 93

9:45 Worship Service: 55

11:00 Worship Service: 133

Online Worship Views: 345

Sunday School/Small Groups: 122

Members in Ministry

November 28, 2021

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, Jimmy Maupin, David Paulk, Clif Pease, Dwight Sweat

Greeters:

8:30 Tina Kirby, Cathie & Dick Wilton

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Phillis & Max Harrell, Debbie Pease

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Ashley Swann

11:00 Carol Connor

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby

11:00 Croft Jones

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Doug Alexander, Kelly D., **Anne & French Frazier and Family**, Dotsy Fuller, Steve Gregory, **Bruce Harvey**, **Dan Hill**, Jay Hodges, Barbara & Jim Jensen, **Drake Lewis and Family**, **Bill Lukitsch**, **Sandee Lukitsch**, Kim Maupin and Family, Tom McConnell, Laurie Reece, Terry Richards, **Donald Rewis**, Kori & Paul Roney, Mitch Sawyer, Carolyn Stalvey, Tracy Varnell, **Whit 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, **Janier Dobrenic**, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Connie Hallowses, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Amelia Lasater, Ellie Leroux, 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. **BOLD** names indicate a new addition or current concern.*

Advent Brochure

Please 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.

Youth News!

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.

Parent's Day Out – Need Youth Helpers!

Saturday, Dec. 4 | 9:00am – 12:00pm | Children's Ministry Room

Have fun with kids, help make a craft and eat pizza with them!

Advent Mission: Giving Trees

Salvation Army | Hope 1312 | FaithWorks

The Advent Mission 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. 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 by 4:00pm. The deadline for Hope 1312 Collective and FaithWorks is Sunday, December 19.

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!

TODAY | Last Day to Register! | Need Youth Helpers!

Sunday, Nov. 28th | heather@stsimonsumc.com

Poinsettias

Poinsettias may be ordered Through Tuesday, December 14

Join us in placing poinsettias in the Sanctuary and Chapel 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 | 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.



UMW Pecans

December 5 | Gholson Room

The pecans are here and are available for pickup Sunday, December 5, before, between, and after the three Worship Services or by contacting the church office during the week. The United Methodist Women are very thankful for your support! There are extra bags available for purchase - inquire below!

Contact: Pat Carmichael | 912-270-5739

The First Christmas

A Children's Nativity Pageant

December 1 | 6:00pm | Thorpe Lawn

Join us 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 stan for this 30-minute program that will get your December and Christmas started with a reminder of the true Christmas meaning.



Young Musicians Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

TODAY | November 28 at 4:30pm | Thorpe Lawn

This one-hour practice will be the final rehearsal before our performance on Wednesday, Dec. 1st. All planning to participate in the pageant need to attend!

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.

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

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!

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