

This Week's Events

Sunday, December 5

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***

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM Savannah Theater **Offsite**

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM MYF **Youth Room**

***Nursery Available: Birth - 4 Years for above worship services**

All Services Streamed Live

Monday, December 6

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

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

Tuesday, December 7

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

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

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

11:15 AM - 11:45 AM Worship Planning - Staff **Youth Room**

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting **Gholson Room**

Wednesday, December 8

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

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Thursday, December 9

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Staff Meeting **Youth Room**

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

Friday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 11

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal **Sanctuary**

Next Sunday December 12:

*** One Unified Worship Service | 10:30am ***



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December 5, 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 All Ye Faithful

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Born That We May Have Life

CCLI # 5801839 ©2009 Sixsteps

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Pace Family

PRAYER TIME

Midnight Clear

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King of Kings

CCLI # 7127647 ©2019 Integrity

MORNING MESSAGE

Wake-Up to The Good News

Wait for It!

Matthew 11:2-11

Rev. Tom Jones

THE LORD'S SUPPER

How Many Kings

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INVITATION

RESPONSE SONG

King of Kings

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Greeting

Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude

God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman

Kevin Lamb

Advent Candle Lighting

Irby Family, 8:30

Giles Family, 11:00

* Congregational Hymn #220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Wesley, 1744

Hyfrydol

Invitation to Holy Communion

Richard Soper

Confession and Pardon

* Passing the Peace

The Virgin Mary

West Indian Carol

Had a Baby Boy

Verses 1 & 2

Children's Message

Heather Keefer

* Congregational Hymn #224

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Offertory Prayer

Richard Soper

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

Kevin Lamb

Sondra Anderson

* Response #95

DOXOLOGY

Message in Music

NOEL

Chancel Choir

Mary McDonald

Scripture

Matthew 11:2-11

Rev. Tom Jones

Morning Message

Tom Jones

Wake-Up to The Good News

WAIT FOR IT!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

* Invitation #218

It Came upon the

CAROL

Midnight Clear

Verses 1 & 2

* Benediction

Tom Jones

Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



Where's Jesus?

It is always enjoyable to see the beautiful transformation that takes place in our church, homes, and community as everyday items are decorated or replaced with the colors and symbols of Christmas.

Last Saturday, my daughter, Croft, was setting up one of the nativity scenes in our home. As she carefully displayed Mary and Joseph, the animals, and the shepherds, she realized she had a problem. "Where's Jesus?" she asked. "I can't find him." Eventually Jesus showed up under a piece of paper, but for a moment the most important figure in the nativity was missing.

In this season of preparation, it is good for us to ask the question, "Where's Jesus?" Do you have the love of Christ in your heart? Have you asked for and received the gifts of God's grace and forgiveness? Or has something happened that resulted in Jesus being misplaced?

As we celebrate and prepare for Christmas, may we find the most important figure of Christmas, especially if he is missing. Give him greater priority in your life. Praise him with your presence in worship. Honor him through the generous giving of your gifts. Follow him and his example to love and serve others.

Where's Jesus? Discover him in your heart! Share him with others through your witness!

*Blessings,
Tom*

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.

Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Barbara Meadows on the birth of her great grandson Lukas James Martin, born 8 1/2 pounds and 21 inches. Parents are Gracie and Carson Martin.



One Unified Service Choir Cantata

December 12, 2021 at 10:30 am

Join us as the music ministry leads us in worship. This joyful celebration will feature orchestra, choir, and children.

Financial Report

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

November 28, 2021

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,528.00

Received YTD | \$975,781.36

Expenses YTD | \$995,349.13

Difference YTD | -\$19,567.77

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,074,157.56

Building Fund YTD | \$17,806.00

thank you

Attendance November 28, 2021

8:30 Worship Service: 111

9:45 Worship Service: 54

11:00 Worship Service: 143

Online Worship Views: 350

Sunday School/Small Groups: 106

Members in Ministry December 5, 2021

Ushers:

8:30 Janice Lee, Mac McLawhorn, Tom Smith, Pete Irby

11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker

9:45 Craig & Casey Pace

11:00 Barbara Smith, June Smith

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Neva Kaye

11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

8:30 CJ Stahl

11:00 June Humphries

Communion Servers

8:30 Betty Sharp, Mike Martin

11:00 Heather Keefer, Betty Sharp

Altar Prayers

8:30 Becky Bridges, Bo Vice

9:45 Toni Metz

11:00 BJ Whitaker, Mike Martin

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Doug Alexander, **Thomas Benefield**, **Genea Conner**, **Houston & Emily Dixon**, **Stephanie Watson Downey**, **Gerry Egger**, **Family of Weyman Frazier**, **Dotsy Fuller**, **Emma H.**, Bruce Harvey, Dan Hill, Drake Lewis and family, **Janet Lundin**, Bill Lukitsch, Sandee Lukitsch, **Clif Pease**, Donald Rewis, **Margot Rhea**, **Toni Stoval**, Whit Watson

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, Irene Rohan, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller

Our community, Hope 1312 Collective, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, SSUMC Staff and programs

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: Holly Jolly MYF at Jekyll

Sunday, Dec. 12 | 4:30 – 7:30pm

Come join us at Jekyll Island for Frosty the Snowman Drive-In Movie, Food in the Village and a drive through the lights! RSVP to Heather by Sunday, Dec. 5th if you want to ride in the church bus (14 spots available) or you can meet us there!

Rock the Universe

Christian Youth Festival Deposits are DUE THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 5

Contact Heather to confirm your attendance if you have not already done so, or with any questions.

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.

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 | **912.638.3317**

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. Facilitated by Rev. Richard Soper.



UMW Pecans

December 5 | Gholson Room | LAST CHANCE!

Today is the last day to pickup Pecans - 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 (no chocolate).

Contact: Pat Carmichael | 912-270-5739

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 any questions.

Allen Morrison

Director of Media and Communications

Due to budget restrictions and staff restructuring, the position of Director of Media and Communications will not be funded in 2022. Regrettably, this means we will lose Allen Morrison as a member of our staff as well as the position he holds at the end of December. Allen's audio/visual skills played a vital role in helping to keep our church connected during the pandemic. He has also used his gifts to help enhance our worship experiences. We are grateful for the job he has done and wish him the very best as he and his family seeks what is next. Please take the opportunity to extend a personal word of appreciation to Allen for his ministry among us.

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.

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.

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 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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