



## “Remember Our Baptism”

Water gives, sustains, and renews life. We clean with water. We cook with water. We play in water. We find peace watching the ocean waves. Of all the drinks we have concocted to help quench our thirst, for many of us the go to drink remains water. Water gives and renews life!

Water is also important to our life in the church. In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, "we are initiated into Christ's holy church, incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit." It has been said, "Baptism is not an act that imparts something just to you. It is an act that brings you into a spiritual relationship with the whole body of Christ, in which you are becoming one with them and they are becoming one with you."

While not everyone can remember the occasion of their baptism, we can all remember that we are baptized and be thankful. I have been asked numerous times to re-baptize someone because they couldn't remember their first baptism. But United Methodists do not re-baptize those who have already received Christian baptism. We believe baptism is ultimately an act of God, and that God does it right the first time.

God always remains faithful, but we are often in need of re-commitment and reaffirmation throughout our lives. That's why the church provides a time for us to remember and reaffirm our baptismal vows. Reaffirmation is an outward sign of our individual desire to deepen our commitment to Christ.

At the end of our worship services this Sunday you will be given the opportunity to remember your baptism by touching the waters of reaffirmation. It will serve to remind us that the baptized - the Church of all ages, nations, and races – walk together in the way that leads to life.

I look forward to being with you on this special day of worship!

Blessings,

**Tom**

## Bible Study- The Gospel of John

Join us for a new Bible study led by Rev. Tom Jones! Tom will facilitate a 10-session study that will take participants through the Gospel of John. The class will be held on Wednesdays, from 5:30-6:15pm, in Room 201, beginning January 19. John's Gospel differs greatly from the other three gospels in its tone, structure, and portrayal of Jesus. It lacks the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord's Prayer, and any parables. Instead it focuses on the claims Jesus made about his relationship to God, "signs" that gave evidence to that relationship, and the resulting conflicts that emerged. Please register for the class on Realm here or contact the church office.

All are welcome to participate. The only required material you will need is your Bible. For more information contact Tom at tom@stsimonsumc.com.

## 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.

January 2, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$22,213.01

Received YTD | \$22,213.01

Expenses YTD | \$8,032.09

Difference YTD | \$14,180.92

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$6,453.98

Building Fund YTD | \$50.00

*thank you*

## Attendance January 2, 2022

10:30 Worship Service: 179

Online Worship Views: 143

## Members in Ministry

### January 9, 2022

#### Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Carolyn Vann, Harry Paisley  
11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Hansen, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Randall Rehberg, Phil Shinall, Charles Taylor

#### Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Sharon Blount  
9:45 Carol Connor  
11:00 Greer Shinall, Fran Jones

#### Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Elizabeth Daniel  
11:00 Neva Kaye

#### Acolytes:

8:30 Ava Wilson 11:00 Peggy & Hope Gowen

## Prayer Requests

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

#### New Prayer Concerns:

**Vicky Adams, Rita Barford, Jean Belt, Family & Friends of Bill Brown, Stephanie Watson Downey, Tim Furlow,** Luke Kelly, **Ted Maly,** Carol Meeks, **Eric Morris, Kirk Nowery, Chic and Brenda Nutt,** Randy Watson, **BJ Whittaker, Pam Willis, Emmie Zwack**

#### 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, Barbara Foster, Dotsy Fuller, Connie Hallowses, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Jim Jensen, **Mary & Jake Lamb,** Amelia Lasater, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Mike Martin, 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 Church 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. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.*

## Women of the Bible Speak-Bible Study

Join us Tuesdays for this 8 week study facilitated by Beck Bridges. Books are \$16.00 and can be picked up in the church office. Begins Tuesday January 11 at 10:00 AM.



## World War II Museum- January 20

### PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A DATE CHANGE

Please join us as we visit the World War II Home Front Museum in the historic Coast Guard Station on St. Simons. The museum explains the important contributions of Brunswick and the Golden Isles during the War in the Atlantic. We will meet at the Home Front at 9:45 AM for our museum visit. We will have lunch together at a local restaurant. Reservations by January 13 | \$9 per person



## Chili Cook-Off- January 12

Join us Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30 PM for a church wide fellowship. We need all those chefs with secret recipes to bring a large pot of chili to share. Everyone gets a vote so we can crown the SSUMC Chili Master! We will end the event with some friendly Bingo that will be fun for all ages. Please register to be **Chili Chef** or to attend and eat some the yummy chili!  
912.638.3317 | stsimonsumc.com | Register by 1/10

## Extra Pecans to Support the Mission of the UMW!

Please call the church office or come by to buy extra pecans from the UMW sale. The proceeds from the pecans help support local missions! 912.638.3317

## Memorials and Honorariums

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

**Margie & Don Varnadoe** by :

Patsy and Thomas Bryan, Jr.

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF :

**THE MUSIC MINISTRY** BY:

Linder & Harry Clark  
Cindy & Dwight Sweat

## Disciple Fast Track Study on Zoom

If are looking for a way to grow in your faith, please join us for a study of the New Testament. We will be using the Disciple Fast Track Study Guide leading us 6 days a week in 30 minute readings to cover Matthew through Revelation. No former Disciple Study Courses nor any other Bible study is needed to join us. We meet by Zoom for 12 Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 PM, starting Wednesday, January 19 and ending on April 27. Several weeks we will not have class due conflicts. Zoom is an on-line format that allows you to stay in the comfort of your own home and still be an active member of the study. If you need any technical assistance we can help you get started! It is wonderful to study with fellow disciples (i.e. learners). Books are \$15 and are available on Amazon. We hope you will join us. Phil Belt is the facilitator and you can call him with any questions at 912-269-4609.

## Widows Support Group Lunch

Please join us for our Footprints Widow Support Group luncheon on Wednesday, January 12 at 12:00 noon at Tramicci Restaurant on St. Simons. Please call Susan Hoshall to RSVP at 912.399.5454.

## Rock the Universe Meeting

**Youth and Chaperones please join us on Sunday, January 16 from 5:30 – 7:00pm in the youth room.** Rock the Universe is coming up soon, Jan. 28 - 30th! We will meet in the youth room to get to know each other, discuss expectations/rules during the trip, and what to bring. This is a mandatory meeting if you are in town. **Please bring your RTU Permission Form** if you have not already submitted it to Heather. Please email [heather@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:heather@stsimonsumc.com) if you have any questions.

## 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!

**912.638.3317 | anne@stsimonsumc.com**



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# Weekly Events

## Sunday, January 9

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, **Various Locations\***  
9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel\***  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
**\*Nursery Available: Birth - 4 yrs. for above worship services**  
**All Services Streamed Live**  
2:00 PM UMW Board Meeting, **Room 201**  
4:00 PM Circle 5, **Room 207**  
5:30 PM MYF—Methodist Youth Fellowship, **Youth Room**

## Monday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
5:30 PM Trustee Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, January 11

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**  
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
10:00 AM Women of the Bible Speak- Study , **Room 207**  
10:00 AM Healthcare Coalition, **Thorpe Building**  
10:30 AM UMW Circle 2, **Parlor**  
5:30 PM Campus Master Plan Meeting, **Room 201**

## Wednesday, January 12

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
5:30 PM Chili Cookoff— Winter Kickoff, **Thorpe Building**  
6:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Friday, January 14

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

## Our Staff

- REV. TOM JONES, Senior Pastor**  
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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically  
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 9, 2022  
CHAPEL • 9:45am

### WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

#### *House of the Lord*

CCLI #7168995  
2020 Be Essential Music

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

#### *God So Loved*

CCLI #6428767  
©2012 Hillsong

### PRAYER TIME

#### *Oceans*

CCLI #1565  
©2011 In

#### *Change My Heart Oh God*

CCLI #7059005  
©1982 Mercy

### MORNING MESSAGE

#### *The Waters of Baptism*

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Rev. Tom Jones

### Remember Your Baptism

### INVITATION

### RESPONSE SONG

#### *Rising Sun*

CCLI #6364759  
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### CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

## The Worship of God

JANUARY 9, 2022  
SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Prelude Kevin Lamb

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

\* Hymn #529 *How Firm A Foundation* FOUNDATION  
verse 1, 2, 3 & 5

\* Affirmation of Faith #881  
**The Apostles' Creed**

\* Passing the Peace  
*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Children's Message Heather Keefer

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

\* Hymn #2248 *Baptized In Water* BUNESSAN

Offertory Prayer Richard Soper

Offertory Kevin Lamb

\* Response **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music *DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY* Chancel Choir  
Arr. Shelden Curry

Morning Message **THE WATERS OF BAPTISM** Rev. Tom Jones

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Remember Your Baptism

\* Invitation #347 *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*