

“Truth”

What can we believe? The truth is that it is hard sometimes to know who or what to believe.

“A Few Good Men” is a movie that came out twenty years ago. It depicts a military lawyer defending two U.S. Marines charged with killing a fellow Marine on their base. It becomes apparent during the trial that the accused marines were most likely carrying out an order from a commanding officer. The lawyer takes an extreme risk by calling the officer to the stand. In a memorable exchange the young attorney demands, “I want the truth” to which the commanding officer responds, “You can’t handle the truth!”

Most of us say that we want to know the truth. At least, we think so. There are times when the truth, even spoken in love can be hurtful. There are times when if the truth were told it could put another person in harm’s way. There are times when the truth leads to conflict and divide. And there are times, when in the interest of keeping the peace, we may choose to say something that’s less than the absolute truth.

What can we believe? The question becomes even more difficult to answer when we realize there are times we can’t even trust ourselves or those closest to us to be truthful.

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” If you are looking for the truth - there it is! But the question is this: “Can you handle the truth?” If so, then hear the Good News! God loves you. Christ will show you the way. In him there is new life. In him there is the truth.

This week we continue the sermon series, “I am. So what?” It will be great to be back in worship with you!

Blessings,

Tom

Ash Wednesday Services

Join us on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 for two meaningful Ash Wednesday services in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. A nursery will be provided for the 6:00 pm service.



Financial Report

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

February 20, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$14,850.00
Received YTD | \$204,399.96
Expenses YTD | \$173,573.87
Difference YTD | \$30,826.09
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$164,444.42
Building Fund YTD | \$11,069.00

thank you

Attendance— February 20, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: 102
9:45 Worship Service: 50
11:00 Worship Service: 179
Online Worship Views: 442
Sunday School/Small Groups: 135

Members in Ministry-February 27, 2022

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 Edie Vinson, Cathie & Dick Wilton
9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg
11:00 Claudia Royal, Marguerite Suthard, Susan Kaufmann

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Carol Conner
11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

8:30 Ava Wilson
11:00 Stiles Robinson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Baby Bode, Rita Barford, Ron Bateman, Gena Berry, Wally Bevan, Bob Black, Kimberly Clark, Evelyn Collins, Whitney Feasle, Don Haney, Family and Friends of Barbara Hill, Janice Lee, Family & Friends of Jack Lumpkin, Marilyn Pearson, Bob Price, Gail Rivard, Family & Friends of Bonnie Stemberge, Stewart Taylor, Mary Lou Wilcox, JR Wright

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Carolyn Bruce, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Barbara Foster, Dotsy Fuller, Connie Hallows, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Jim Jensen, Amelia Lasater, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Nathan Meadows, Sharon Mitchell, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Jerry Peterson, Ann Pickard, Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, Mable Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Dave Vandersall, Bo Vice, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller
Our community, Hope 1312 Collective, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, Teachers and Staff of Glynn County schools and all local schools, 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.

New Member Gathering

A New Member Gathering will be held TODAY-

Sunday, February 27 at 4:00pm –5:30pm, in the church parlor. This will be the first gathering since the onset of COVID. If you have joined the church in the past few years we invite you to attend and hope you will join us! The gathering is a relaxed and casual time to get to know the pastors and their spouses, as well as, meet some of the newer members of our church. Please email Tom at tom@stimonsumc.com if you are planning on attending.



Okefenokee Swamp Tour

The church bus will leave the Thorpe Bldg. at 8:30am for Folkston Okefenokee entrance. Check out the visitor center and gift shop, Swamp Island Drive, Chessar Island

Homestead/Boardwalk and Owls Roost Tower. Look for wildlife and many bird and plant species. We will enjoy a 90 minute guided boat tour and a Dutch treat lunch. If you have a National Park Senior Pass, please bring it. The cost of the trip is \$28.00. Reservations may be made by March 15. RSVP on Realm or call the church office at **912.638.3317**.

Chair Yoga

Join us to become more fit and flexible. Chair Yoga is on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00 am in the Thorpe Building. The cost is \$5.00 per person!

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. The elevator will be repaired in the near future. If you need any assistance, please contact our office at before using the stairs. We are happy to come down and assist you! **912.638.3317**

Position Available- Student Ministries Assistant

We are looking for a part-time Student Ministry Assistant to join Chris Moncus in assisting with Children and Youth Ministries, primarily on Wednesdays and Sundays. Email Chris Moncus at chris@stimonsumc.com for more information!

Memorials and Honorariums

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :

Barbara Hill by:

Jean K. Bryan

Barbara & Chuck Milliken

Cathy Fornes

Debbie & Clif Pease— to the Youth Ministry

W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) JOIN US!

Who: Children ages PreK – 5th grade are welcome to come!
What: Children’s Choir from 5:30-6:00pm, and Bible Fun from 6:00-6:30pm
When: Wednesday Evenings
Where: Bring your child to the choir room at 5:30pm and pick up at 6:30pm upstairs in the Children’s Ministry Room.

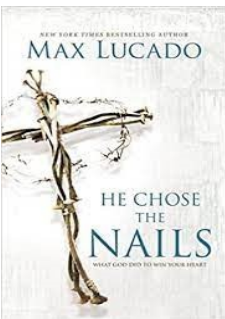
We will NOT have W.O.W. on Ash Wednesday—March 2. Join us for this meaningful service for Ash Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary!

REGISTER NOW & Save the Date Alhambra Theater - 42nd Street

Celebrate the 42nd anniversary of the biggest tap dance musical! Join us May 14 for another great meal and performance. We will depart the church at 10:45am and return around 6:00pm. This ticket includes tax, tip, and transportation, \$70 per person. Register on Realm or by calling the church office. Only 10 spots left!

Lenten Bible Study

Join us for a Lenten Bible Study facilitated by Rev. Richard Soper. The study will meet on Thursday mornings starting on March 10–April 7 at 10:00am. Study guide are \$10 and can be purchased through the church office. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office at 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@stimonsumc.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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Weekly Events

Sunday, February 27

- 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
- 4:00 PM New Member Gathering, **Parlor**
- 5:30 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), **Youth Room**

Monday, February 28

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, March 1

- 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 201**

Wednesday, March 2

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, **Sanctuary**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service, **Sanctuary**
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**
- 6:30 PM Disciple Fast Track- Bible Study, **via ZOOM**

Thursday, March 3

- 11:00 AM Parkinson's Support Group, **Chapel**

Friday, March 4

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:45 PM Youth Confirmation Retreat, **Epworth by the Sea**

Saturday, March 5

- All Day Youth Confirmation Retreat, **Epworth by the Sea**

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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

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME/PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

MISSION MOMENT

The Gideons- Don Heines

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

My Jesus

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Ken Sausedo

King of Kings

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MORNING MESSAGE

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

John 14:1-6

Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

How Can I Keep From Singing

CCLI #4822372

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

Prelude Kevin Lamb

Call to Worship **Did You Bring the Map?** Pam Taylor
Ken Sausedo

* Hymn #370 **Victory in Jesus** HARTFORD
Verses 1 & 3

Mission Moment **The Gideons** Don Heines

* Passing the Peace

Fellowship Chorus **My Tribute**

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Benjy Varnell

* Hymn #405 **Seek Ye First** SEEK YE

Offertory Prayer Benjy Varnell

Offertory Sondra Anderson

* Response #95 **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music **Come, Thou Fount** Chancel Choir

Morning Message Tom Jones

I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life

John 14:1-6

* Invitation #714 **I Know Whom I Have Believed** EL NATHAN
Verse 1

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable