



"Why Change?"

A comment we often hear is that change is never easy. It isn't! Change can be disruptive, challenging, even frightening. There is so much uncertainty involved with change that many of us put up our defenses at the mere mention of the word.

"Why change?" Is it really necessary for us to create more uncertainty in our lives by choosing to change? Maybe it helps to be reminded of a familiar truth: Stop changing and you stop growing - stop growing and you start dying.

During this season of Lent, I want to invite you to join with me in praying for change and growth in our faith journeys. To reflect upon the truth that in Christ we become new creations; "everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:16)

Also pray for an openness to change in the life of our church. Challenging days are ahead of us as United Methodist. Churches are being put in a position to consider their on-going relationship with the general church. As we discuss and discern what this will look like for us, let's not make this a moratorium on being the church. Continue to take advantage of opportunities to invite others to join with us in worship; to grow deeper in our personal faith; and to put service to others above ourselves.

It is my prayer that God will give us the courage to be obedient and responsive to his call; a call that often requires change; a call that challenges us to grow; a call that demands our trust to follow him wherever he may lead.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday as we share together in Holy Communion and worship the God of all creation who is ever-creating and ever-calling us to change – in our personal discipleship and as the Body of Christ.

Blessings,

Tom

Festival Choral Concert

Join us for a special concert featuring Craig Courtney, who will be leading the choir participants featuring music he has composed. This concert will be Saturday, March 26 at 5:00pm in our Sanctuary. We will have 75 local vocalists singing that evening.

Memorials and Honorariums

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :

Barbara Hill by:

- Madge McKenzie**
- Mr. & Mrs. Buzzy Pickren**
- Wanda P. Kimsey & Angela Pietsch**
- Joy Coleman**
- Becky & Lawrence Bridges**
- John Lindgren**
- Pam Lewis**
- Libby & Ward Sweat**

Financial Report

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

February 27, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,656.47
 Received YTD | \$222,056.43
 Expenses YTD | \$179,227.73
 Difference YTD | \$42,828.70
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$196,500.97
 Building Fund YTD | \$11,419.00

thank you

Attendance– February 27, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: 99
 9:45 Worship Service: 55
 11:00 Worship Service: 182
 Total In Person Worship: 336
 Online Worship Views: 442
 Sunday School/Small Groups: 139

Members in Ministry– March 6, 2022

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 Casey & Craig Pace
 11:00 Jolee Benoit, Cindy Simpson

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye 9:45 Elizabeth Daniel
 11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

8:30 Eliana Moncus
 11:00 Stiles Robinson, June Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Rita Barford, **Dee Brantley**, Ron Bateman, Gena Berry, Wally Bevan, Bob Black, **Bea Boalt**, **Jonathan Carmichael**, **Ed Clark**, Whitney Feasle, **Caroline Flowers**, Don Haney, **Janice Lee**, **Louise Mafield**, **Marilyn Matheny**, **John McCreadie**, Marilyn Pearson, Bob Price, Stewart Taylor, Mary Lou Wilcox, JR Wright, **Emie Zwack**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilmann 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 Hallowses, 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, The people of Ukraine

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.



Okefenokee Swamp Tour-

Tuesday, March 22

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 Home-
 stead/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 should be made by March 15. Register on Realm or
 call the church office at **912.638.3317**.

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 Devotional Booklets/Email

Lenten Devotionals are available for your use as we journey
 together through the season of Lent. The devotionals were
 written by local pastors and lay people and are obtainable in
 booklet form and by email. The number of booklets is limited
 and are available at the Welcome Desk while they last.

You may also sign-up to receive the daily devotionals by email at morningstarcfs.org/you-can-help/living-lent-campaign/.

The devotionals are provided by Morningstar Children and Family Services, one of our church's mission partners.

Footprints Widow's Support Group

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, March 16 at 12 noon at Mullet Bay Restaurant.

To RSVP please call or text Susan Hoshall at **912.399.5454**.

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!

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@stsimonsumc.com for more information!

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.

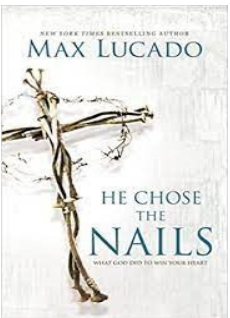


Pray for our Confirmands

Join our church in praying for the 10 youth confirmands and
 their leaders who are going to Epworth this weekend and
 attending confirmation classes for the next three weeks These
 confirmands will become members of our church on Sunday,
 March 20, 2022 during the 11:00am service and a celebration
 lunch for the confirmands and their families will be held after
 the service. We pray God's Blessing on them all!

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 in Room 201. Study
 guides are \$10 and can be purchased at
 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.

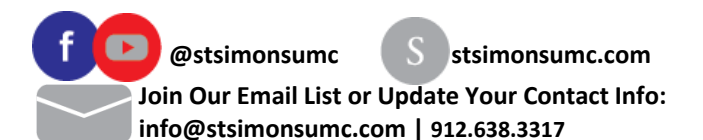
678.343.3767 | tom@stsimonsumc.com

Connect With Us!

There are many ways to connect with SSUMC. Fill out
 a blue Prayer Card, a yellow Welcome Card or 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, March 6

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 Confirmation Class, **Youth Room**
 5:30 PM Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), **Youth Room**

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
 10:30 AM UWM Circle 2, **Parlor**

Wednesday, March 9

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
 12:00 PM SAM Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
 5:30 PM Gospel of John -Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
 5:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
 6:00 PM Bible Fun for Children, **Room 206-- Pick up-- Upstairs**
 6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**
 6:30 PM Disciple Fast Track-- Bible Study, **via ZOOM**

Thursday, March 10

10:00 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**

Friday, March 11

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
 6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**

Saturday, March 12

4:30 PM Wedding Ceremony, **Sanctuary**

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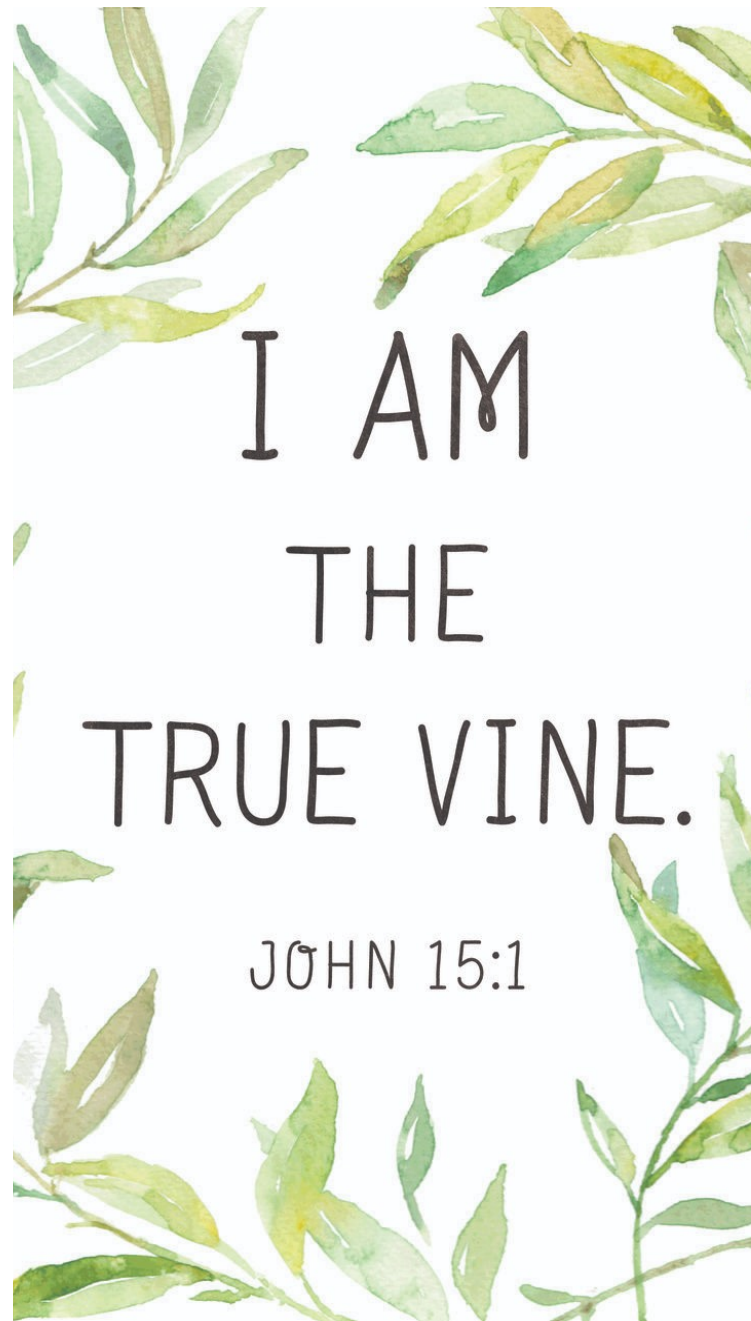
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 Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically
 The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 6, 2022
 CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thrive

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

The Father's House

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MORNING PRAYER

Better Is One Day

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The Table

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MORNING MESSAGE

I Am the True Vine

John 15:1-8
 Rev. Tom Jones

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Bind Us Together

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

MARCH 6, 2022
 SANCTUARY • 8:30am • 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude **The Great Gate of Kiev** by Mussorgsky
 from Sondra Anderson
Pictures at an Exhibition Kevin Lamb

Invocation Richard Soper

* Hymn #370 **Fairest Lord Jesus** ST. ELIZABETH
 Verses 1, 2 & 4

Confession and Pardon

* Passing the Peace

Fellowship Chorus **Glorify Thy Name**
 Verse 1

Children's Message Chris Moncus

* Hymn #397 **In Remembrance of Me** RED

Offertory Prayer Richard Soper

Offertory **In this Very Room** Sondra Anderson
 Kevin Lamb

* Response #95 **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music **Come Home** Chancel Choir
 Arr. Craig Courtney

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

I Am the True Vine

John 15:1-8

Sacrament of Holy Communion
 The Great Thanksgiving
 The Lord's Prayer

* Invitation #397 **I Need Thee Every Hour** NEED
 Verses 1 & 4

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*