

Prayers for Peace

The church around the world has lifted-up prayers for the people of Ukraine since the day Russia declared war and began its invasion of this independent country. The war has captured our attention for many reasons. We have watched the news in disbelief and with broken hearts; the thought of so many innocent people who have been killed, injured, or displaced from their homes is difficult to comprehend. Additionally, we are anxious about the looming possibility that even more countries could be swept-up into this conflict. Peace in the world is fragile at best.

Our prayers continue for Ukraine, but as the crisis grows, our anger, our fears, and our questions grow with it. It can cause us to wonder, “How do we pray?”

I was particularly blessed a couple of weeks ago by a prayer that was prayed in one of our worship services. As this woman prayed for peace and the people of Ukraine she also prayed for President Putin. I remember the words shocked me into the realization that I had been negligent; I had prayed against the president of Russia, but I had not prayed for him. What a witness her prayer was to the words of Jesus when he said in Matthew 5:44: “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

The Christian message points to the path of reconciliation, not to war and violence. This should help frame our prayers as we pray for a change in the hearts and minds of world leaders, praying for them to consider de-escalation and dialogue to bring this war to an end instead of plotting strategies for additional means of destruction.

We may not know exactly how to pray in this time of world crisis. But we do know that our God is a God of peace. I invite you to pray this prayer I saw recently: “Make us instruments of your peace, creating a sacred symphony where rhythms of grace are danced upon and evil has lost its sting, now and forevermore.”

This week in worship we will look at Psalm 98:1-6. The joy of the Psalmist is rooted in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God - he knows that because God has done marvelous things in the past, he can do them again in the present and the future. That is why we can pray with confidence, “God of peace, hear our prayer for peace - peace in our hearts and in our world.” Lord, let it be!

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome Ashley Carter!

Join us in welcoming Ashley Carter to our church office staff as an Administrative Assistant. Ashley was born and raised in Brunswick, GA and graduated from Glynn Academy. Ashley is a student at the College of Coastal Georgia and is working on her psychology degree. We are excited to have Ashley join our church family. Her email is ashley@stsimonsumc.com if you would like to send her a welcome note or call or stop by the office and introduce yourself!

Financial Report

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

March 20, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,830.00
Received YTD | \$288,404.18
Expenses YTD | \$258,611.24
Difference YTD | \$29,792.94
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$264,613.38
Building Fund YTD | \$12,499.00

thank you

Attendance– March 20, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: 95
9:45 Worship Service: 62
11:00 Worship Service: 240
Total In Person Worship: 397
Online Worship Views: 385
Sunday School/Small Groups: 110

Members in Ministry- March 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, Dick & Cathie Wilton
9:45 Toni Metz
11:00 Phillis Harrell, Max Harrell

Projection:

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

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby
11:00 Peggy Sue Gowen and Hope Gowen

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Jeanne, Alicia Jones, Steve Keifer, Mrs. Carole Kirkland, Lindsey Lapole, Dick Maly, Family and Friends of Donnie Nunn, Family & Friends of Anne Pinson, Susan Pope, Nieves Reeves, Donald Rewis, Betty Sharp, Larry Singleton, Bo Vice & Mary Vice, Steve Weyant, Daniel Whittingslow

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Bob Black, 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 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, Jeff Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Dave Vandersall, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller

Our community, Hope 1312 Collective, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, The people of Ukraine, UM General Conference, **National Day of Prayer on May 5th**

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe

Marsh’s Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

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.

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by April 10| Cost \$22

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 17th. Envelopes are in the pews or you may send in a check.



Helpers for MAP International

MAP International is looking for groups to assist in packing Disaster Hygiene Kits for around the world. The Missions Committee would like to assist them with your help.

As a group we would assist on a given day each month. A group of 18 to 22 persons is needed. The packing is done in the morning from 9:00 AM until noon at the latest.

Group transportation up to 15 could be arranged from the church. This could be a fun outing with lunch following.

If you are interested in helping contact the church office. As soon as we have the minimum of 18, MAP will give us a date for packing. You will receive notification.

Thank you for considering this mission opportunity.

The Mission Committee

Prayers and Support for Ukraine

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450**, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>
- By telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to SSUMC with “**Advance #982450-Ukraine**” written on the memo line and placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

Memorials and Honorariums

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :

Anne Pinson by:

Timothy Sheridan, V. James Adams, III & Family, Becky & Lawrence Bridges, Renee Hubby, Donald C. McCaskill

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF :

Barbara Hill by:

Barbara Whitney, Claudia & Jim Royal, Randall Dean

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF :

Kevin Lamb to the Music Ministry by:

Sharon & Leland Flora

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF :

Julia Joan Humphries for her Baptism

Glenna & Thomas Humphries

Music Celebration This Sunday

This Sunday at the 11:00 AM worship service we have composer Craig Courtney with us in worship. Craig has written many of the choirs favorite anthems. Craig has written a special piece of music for our church. He will conduct the choir as they perform this anthem for the first Sunday morning worship presentation. **To Sing Once More** delivers a message of hope and emphasizes the joy that music brings us during those times when it’s hard to sing emotionally and physically like it was during COVID. During those times when God seems distant and silent, music can awaken our souls to worship and to sing once more. The music ministry is excited for this first presentation in worship.

Student Life Camp

Your students are going to have the best time at Student Life Camp this year. Mark your calendars for July 18-22 for our time away at Rec Camp: a week filled with engaging music from experienced worship leaders, learning through sound biblical teaching and Bible study, community in Life Groups, and fun at recreation! This is open to rising 7th-graduated 12th graders.

Deadline to sign up is April 1. Contact Chris or sign up in the Gholson Room. **Dates: July 18-22**

Camp Location:

Brewton-Parker College



Cost: \$350

Deposit: \$100 due by April 1 - Balance: \$250 due by June 26



Register for
Vacation Bible
School!
June 5—9

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.

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

Monday, March 28

- 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 29

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**

Wednesday, March 30

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:15 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**
- 6:30 PM Disciple Fast Track-- Bible Study, via **ZOOM**

Thursday, March 31

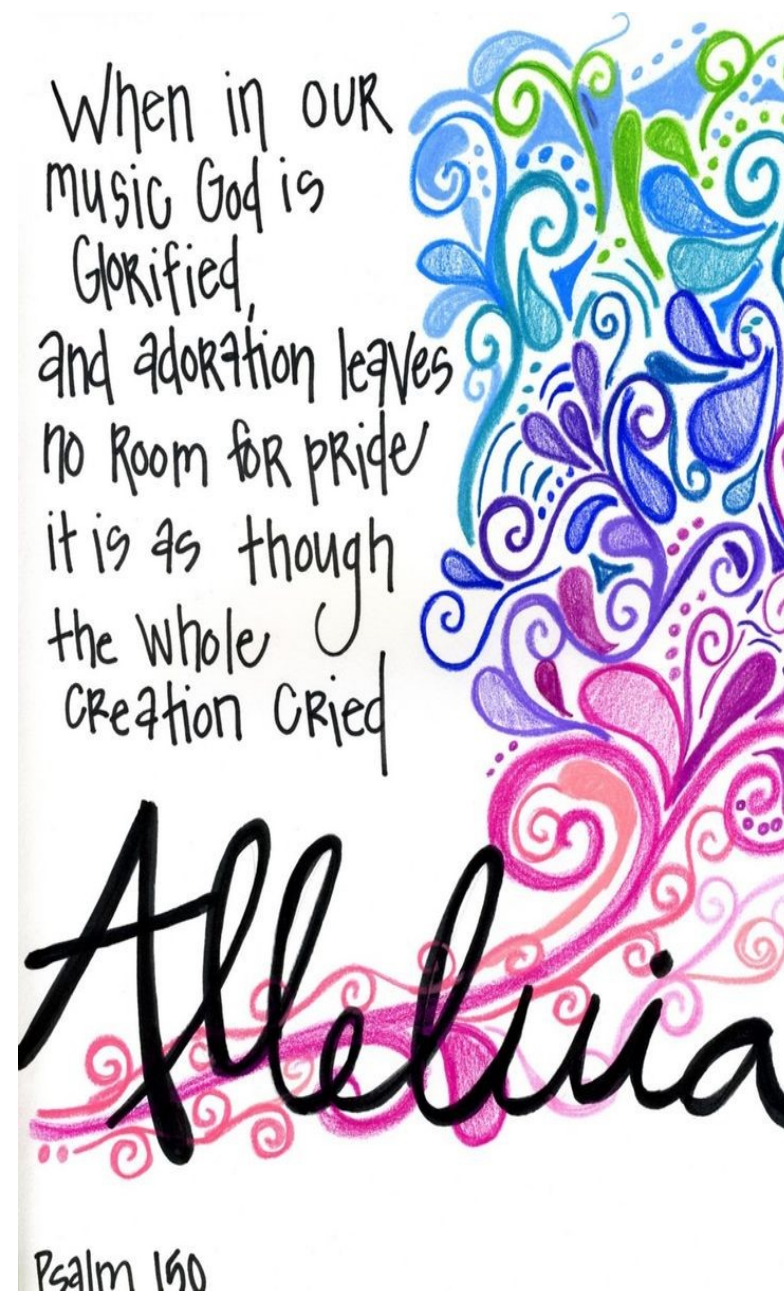
- 10:00 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**

Friday, April 1

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

Our Staff

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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 27, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Sing to the King

CCLI #4010902
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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Good Good Father

CCLI #7036612
© 2014 Capital

MORNING PRAYER

Great Are You Lord

CCLI #5364372
© 2012 Open Hands

Ever Be

CCLI #7030065
© 2014 Bethel Music

MORNING MESSAGE

Sing A New Song

Psalm 98:1-6
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

CCLI #1043199
© 1994 Curious ? Music

CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

MARCH 27, 2022
SANCTUARY • 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Kevin Lamb

* Hymn #68 **When in Our Music God Is Glorified** ENGLEBERG

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus **My Life Flows On**
Verses 1 & 4

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn #380 **There's Within My Heart a Melody**
Verses 1,4 & 5 SWEETEST NAME

Offertory Prayer

Offertory **Come, Thou Fount** Sondra Anderson
Kevin Lamb

* Response #95 **DOXOLOGY**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness at night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Message in Music **To Sing Once More** Chancel Choir
Craig Courtney

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

Sing A New Song Psalm 98:1-6

* Invitation #246 **Joy to the World** ANTIOCH
Verses 1,2 & 4

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*