

Weekly Events

Sunday, May 1

- 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: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
All Services Streamed Live
- 2:00 PM UMW Board Meeting, **Room 201**
- 4:30 PM UMW Circle 5, **Jekyll Island**
- 5:30 PM MYF—Methodist Youth Fellowship, **Youth Room**

Monday, May 2

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

Tuesday, May 3

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troup 248, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, May 4

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
- 8:15 AM Depart for MAP Work Day, **Thorpe Building**
- 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**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, May 5- National Day of Prayer

- 8:30 AM National Day of Prayer Time (8:30-4:00 PM), **Chapel**
- 1:00 PM Parkinson Support Group Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, May 6

- 7:30 AM Preschool- Muffins with Mom, **Gholson Room**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

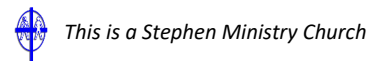
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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 1, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Days of Elijah

CCLI #1537904
© 1996 Daybreak

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Goodness of God

CCLI #7117726
© 2018 Capitol CMG Paragon

MORNING PRAYER

What A Beautiful Name

CCLI #7068424
© 2016 Hillsong

The Blessing

CCLI #7147007
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MORNING MESSAGE

You Don't Have to Be Perfect

Acts 9:1-6
Rev. Tom Jones

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Worthy Is the Lamb

CCLI #3217555
© 2000 Wondrous Music

CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

MAY 1, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Prelude

Greeting

Rev. Tom Jones

* Hymn #155

All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name

Verses 1, 4 & 6

DIADEM

* Invitation to Holy Communion

Confession & Pardon

Chris Moncus

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus #176

Majesty

MAJESTY

Children's Message

Chris Moncus

* Hymn #363

And Can It Be

Verses 1 & 5

SAGINA

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Sondra Anderson

Response #95

DOXOLOGY

Message in Music

Chancel Choir

Morning Messing

You Don't Have to Be Perfect

Acts 9: 1-6

Rev. Tom Jones

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Cup and Bread

* Invitation #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Verses 1, 3 & 4

BEGINNINGS

* Benediction

Tom Jones

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



The Way Forward – An Update

The United Methodist Church is in a season of discernment regarding the way forward for our denomination.

Word is spreading about churches that have chosen to disaffiliate from the UMC to join a new denomination. Others are leaving to become independent churches. Still others are making the choice to stay the course; to follow the recommendation of our bishop, David Graves, which is “to lead not leave.” In doing so, churches are patiently and prayerfully waiting for further clarity regarding the position of the General Church and the South Georgia Conference before deciding to consider disaffiliation.

The leadership team of our church, comprised of the administrative chairs of the Church Council, the pastors, and the church administrator, met in recent weeks to consider the options that we currently have before us. The leadership team made the decision to recommend to the Church Council that we be included among the churches that are choosing to stay the course. The Church Council unanimously approved this recommendation at their meeting on April 25.

This means that for now our church will continue to operate in compliance with the *2016 Book of Discipline* and its traditional views on human sexuality. The mission of our local church will remain unchanged. We will continue to be a church where the Good News of Christ is preached, where a genuine welcome is offered to everyone, and where the table is set before all who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

The way forward for the United Methodist Church remains a very fluid situation. Guidelines and timelines are still evolving. By choosing to stay the course we will have more opportunities to reflect upon and openly discuss the future of our church. The leadership team and the Church Council saw no need to react too quickly. We have time to wait until more of the pieces are in place before considering our next steps.

Please understand that any decision our church makes related to disaffiliation can only be made at a called Church Conference. The Church Conference, a meeting that is held in our church under the direction of the District Superintendent, provides every professing member of our church a voice and a vote in this matter.

We will continue to provide you with updates as we move ahead. Our commitment to you and this congregation is, in the words of Bishop Graves, “to lead with a spirit of fairness, transparency, and integrity as together we listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.” It is our prayer that in this unsettled season in our denomination we will keep our focus on Christ and his call in our lives. Let’s choose to live into the example of God’s grace and love, as together we continue to build-up the church and make disciples of Jesus Christ!

Tom Jones	Lawrence Bridges	John Bird Daniel
Senior Pastor	Lay Leader	Chair, Church Council

Honorariums

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF:

THE SSUMC CHANCEL CHOIR TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY BY:
Sharon & Leland Flora

Financial Report

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

April 24, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,729.77
Received YTD | \$387,289.87
Expenses YTD | \$370,690.98
Difference YTD | \$16,598.89
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$380,139.08
Building Fund YTD | \$14,509.00

thank you

Attendance- April 24, 2022

10:30 One Worship Service: 223
Total In Person Worship: 223
Online Worship Views:

Members in Ministry- May 1, 2022

Ushers:

8:30 Janice Lee, Mac McLawhorn, Tom Smith, Pete Irby
11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, 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 Pete Irby 11:00 Peggy Sue & Hope Gowen

Communion Prayers:

8:30 Mike Martin, Chuck Milliken
9:45 Toni Metz, Judy Wright
11:00 Judy Smith, Betty Sharp

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Becky Bullister, **Traci Carmichael, Brian Crites, Family & Friends of Michelle Drew**, Gerry Egger, Family & Friends of Major Chet Emmons, **Sam Friedman**, Dave Hanson, **Tony Hayes, Nell Marshburn**, Marilyn Matheny, Jim Milliken, Marlene Paris, Betsy Rozier, Leslie Santana, **Dee Taylor, Family & Friends of Annie Udell**, JR Wright

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, 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, Jeff Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Dave Vandersall, Bo Vice & Mary Vice, Paul Wilska, Judy Whelan, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack
Our community, Hope 1312 Collective, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, The people of Ukraine, UMC General Conference, Families with Special Needs Children, 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.

Student Ministry Internship

Spend the summer helping students walk closer with Jesus while having the most fun possible! We’re looking for the right person for an 8-week paid internship in June & July. Your summer will be filled with fun day trips, a week long youth camp, the Gathering Place’s events, and Sunday student services. Ages 18 +. Email Chris Moncus, Student Ministries Director, for information & to apply. chris@stimonsumc.com

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 15

If you are a High School or College senior graduating this spring, or the parent of one, please email to let us know! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 15! We would love to include you!
chris@stimonsumc.com

Baby Recognition

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women

We will be celebrating all of the babies born in our Church Family during the past year on Mother’s Day- Sunday, May 8, 2022. Please contact Anne Frazier if your baby was born after Mother’s Day 2021, so we may include them in this celebration! anne@stimonsumc.com



National Day of Prayer



Thursday, May 5 | 8:30am - 4:00pm

Join us as we pray! During the National Day of Prayer we welcome you to come to our Chapel as our Nation Prays. There will be prayer guides available for your convenience.

The Gholson Scholarship

The Louis and Millie Gholson Scholarship Fund was created to award a graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Simons United Methodist Church. Please contact Chris Moncus for an application at chris@stimonsumc.com. Application and letters of recommendation must be received by Monday, May 9, 2022. The scholarship will be presented in May during the Graduate Recognition on Sunday, May 15!

Prayers and Support for Ukraine

- 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.

100% of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, April 24:

Elizabeth and Mike Presley

Susan and Sam Friedman

Please join us in welcoming the Presleys and the Friedmans to our church family!



Volunteer for VBS June 5 - 9!

Wanna show the kids of the Golden Isles the love of Jesus?

Through VBS, we have an opportunity to impact families not just of this church, but of the entire community. VBS is a chance to meet kids and their families and show them the love of Jesus present in this congregation. This is an especially important summer as things seem far closer to “normal” than they have been in the last two years. Many families have been disconnected from church and this might be their first step back as their excitement is reignited.

Monumental is going to take kids along a journey through the southwest as they Celebrate God’s Greatness! As you know, we’re going to have an amazing time learning new games, songs, awesome science experiments, and more! And don’t forget snack time! We’re going to be surrounded by God’s word and see how His love is relevant to our every day lives.

The best part is you get to be a part of this! And why not bring a friend to serve with?

Register to serve in the best week of summer on our website at <https://stimonsumc.com/childrens-ministry/>

Guest Information

- **First time guests** please fill out the yellow, “Welcome Card” located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor in the Stubbs Building.
- Children’s Church (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Children’s Message (except on the first Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor in the Stubbs Building.

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 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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