

Weekly Events

Sunday, May 8— Mother's Day

- 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.
All Services Streamed Live
- 5:30 PM MYF—Methodist Youth Fellowship, **Youth Room**

Monday, May 9

- 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 10

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 5:30 PM VBS Volunteer Meeting, **Chris' Office**
- 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Troup 248, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, May 11

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga- \$5.00, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Friday, May 13

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

Saturday, May 14

- 10:45 AM 42nd Street, **Alhambra Dinner Theatre**
- 5:00 PM Wedding Ceremony, **Sanctuary**

Senior Recognition Sunday, May 15

If you are a **High School** or **College** graduate this spring, or the parent of one, please email to let us know! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during the 11:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 15! We would love to include you!
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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 8, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

This Is Amazing Grace

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Open the Eyes of My Heart

CCLI #2298355
©1997 Integrity

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

God So Loved

CCLI #7138599
©2019 Capital

It Is Well With My Soul

CCLI #25376
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MORNING MESSAGE

I Will Comfort You

Isaiah 66:13
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

You Are My King

CCLI #2456623
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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

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

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Sondra Anderson

* Hymn #73 **O Worship the King**
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5 LYONS

Affirmation of Faith **The Apostle's Creed** Richard Soper

United Methodist Women Barbara Smith
Baby Bible Presentation (11:00 AM)

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus #328 WOLFE
Surely the Presence of the Lord

Children's Message Chris Moncus

* Hymn #377 **It Is Well with My Soul**
Verses 1, 2 & 4 VILLA DU HAVRE

Offertory Prayer Rev. Tom Jones

Offertory **His Eye Is On the Sparrow** Kevin Lamb
Arr. Marilyn Hamm

* Response #95 **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music **How Great Thou Art** Chancel Choir

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones
I Will Comfort You
Isaiah 66:13

* Invitation #496 **Sweet Hour of Prayer**
Verses 1 & 3 SWEET HOUR

* Benediction

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Mother's Day – A Celebration of Life

I have always been one to observe Mother's Day in the churches I have served. I am aware that there are those who have not experienced the blessing of a loving mother. That not all women who want to be mothers have been able to experience the joy of motherhood. That there are those who have lost mothers. That there are mothers who have lost children. While Mother's Day is a day of celebration for many, for others it can be a difficult day to endure.

When you are hurting, angry, or confused; any season of the year, not just Mother's Day, can present its unique challenges. I know. I have been there. I know what it's like for every holiday or special occasion to be painful. But I have also discovered that when we focus less on our human frailties and more on the goodness of God, that our painful memories can become manageable. In doing so, every day, even the tough days, becomes a celebration of life and God's unfailing love; our God who says to us, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13)

I recently saw an open letter to pastors, written by a woman named Amy Young. She reminds us to acknowledge the wide continuum of mothering. She writes:

To those who gave birth this year to their first child — we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year — we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains — we appreciate you.

To those who experienced loss through miscarriage — we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility — we walk with you.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms and spiritual moms — we need you.

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children — we celebrate with you.

To those who have disappointment, heartache, and distance with your children — we sit with you.

To those who lost their mothers this year — we grieve with you.

To those who experienced abusive relationships with their mothers — we acknowledge your experience.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood — we are better for having you among us.

To those who stepparent or co-parent — we walk with you on these complex paths.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year — we grieve and rejoice with you.

And to those who are pregnant with new life — we anticipate with you.

My prayer is that we can come together this Sunday to make Mother's Day a celebration of the life given to us by our mothers. To join in worship with those who are still creating memories with their moms, as well as those who have only memories of their moms. Let's be an example of the church that is able to share in the joys of others as well as acknowledge the challenges that others face. Above all, trust in God - he who loves you, cares for you, and will comfort you in any season of your life.

Blessings,

Tom

Financial Report

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

May 1, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,109.01
 Received YTD | \$410,398.88
 Expenses YTD | \$406,383.96
 Difference YTD | \$4,014.92
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$403,373.41
 Building Fund YTD | \$14,684.00

thank you

Attendance- May 1, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: 76
 9:45 Worship Service: 63
 11:00 Worship Service: 142
 Total In Person Worship: 281
 Online Worship Views: 398
 Sunday School/Small Groups: 83

Members in Ministry- May 8, 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 Susan Watkins, Sharon Blount
 9:45 Carol Conner
 11:00 Greer Shinall, Fran Jones

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Ashley Swann
 11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

8:30 Croft Jones 11:00 June Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Traci Carmichael, Brian Crites, Family & Friends of Michelle Drew, **Family & Friends of Julia Epstein**, Tony Hayes, **Mike Humphries, Tom Humphries, Becky Iamunno, Caleb Iamunno, Allen Land, Suzanne Land**, Nell Marshburn, **Aunt Rossie, Heather Tannahill**, Dee Taylor, Family & Friends of Annie Udell, **Marie Williams, Majors Ruby & Norman Zanders**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, **Vicki Certain**, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Julia Epstein, Sam Friedman, 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, 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 Varnadoc

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.

UMW Baby Recognition

The United Methodist Women will honor the following babies born in our church this year since last Mother's Day this Sunday, May 8 on Mother's Day!



Juliana Carmichael, daughter of Kelli and Jay Carmichael

J.T. Giles, son of Lindsey and Lee Giles

Hawkins Kirby, son of Cecile and Ganten Kirby

Jaxon Kirkland, son of Tara and Matt Kirkland

Reece Kirkland, son of Tara and Matt Kirkland

Maupin Morrison, son of Mary Anna and Mac Morrison

Grant Tippet, son of Katie and Jordan Tippet

Lottie Zettler, daughter of Jessica and Ellis Zettler

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Welcome to our newest members June and Bob Bowers, who joined on Sunday, May 1, 2022. Please join us in welcoming the Bowers to our church family!

Thank You

A big "Thank You" to all who assisted in packing Disaster Hygiene Kits at MAP International on Wednesday, May 4th. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. We will be assisting with packing on the 1st Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join the group, please contact the church office. Thanks again for your help.
 - The Missions Committee

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@stsimonsumc.com

Manna House Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed on the 1st Thursday and the 4th Sunday of every month to serve at Manna House. Starting at 9:30 AM and leaving at 1:15 PM. The volunteers need to prepare, serve and clean up lunch for those in need.

To volunteer on the **1st Thursday**, please contact **Joey Baldwin** at **912.222.9282**.

To volunteer on the **4th Sunday**, please contact **John Bird Daniel** at **912.230.9946**.

Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA HILL BY:

Claudia & Jim Royal

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ANNE PINSON BY:

Katherine & Herbert Rowland



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://stsimonsumc.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.

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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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