

Weekly Events

Sunday, May 22
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
12:00 PM UMW General Meeting and Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM MYF—Methodist Youth Fellowship, **Youth Room**

Monday, May 23
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 24
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**

Wednesday, May 25
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 26
10:00 AM Preschool Planning Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, May 27
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**



Remember Jesus’ words: ‘John baptized with water; you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ So I ask you: If God gave the same exact gift to them as to us when we believed in the Master Jesus Christ, how could I object to God?”

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The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 22, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Open Up the Heavens
CCLI #634702
©2012 Curb Songs

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Gonna Be Alright
CCLI #7134008
© Capital CMG

MORNING PRAYER

MISSION MOMENT

**Second Harvest
of Coastal Georgia**
Jennifer Floyd, Brunswick Branch Manager

Jennifer will be in the Gholson Room to share more about the mission of Second Harvest and opportunities for you to serve.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Peace
CCLI #7149280
© Capitol CMG

We Fall Down
CCLI #2437367
© 1998 Sixsteps Music

MORNING MESSAGE

Saying No
Acts 11:1-18 NRSV
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Shine, Jesus Shine
CCLI #30426
© 1987 Make Way Music

CLOSING PRAYER

The Worship of God

MAY 22, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Sondra Anderson

* Hymn #547 *O Church of God United* ELLACOMBE
Verses 1, 3 & 4

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

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus *Make Us One*
(Children come forward for the children’s message as we sing)

Children’s Message Chris Moncus

Mission Moment **Second Harvest
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Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn #347 *Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Kevin Lamb

* Response #95 *DOXOLOGY*

Message in Music *Praise Him!
Praise Him!* Chancel Choir

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

Saying No
Acts 11:1-18 NRSV

* Invitation #354 *I Surrender All* SURRENDER
Verses 1 & 4

* Benediction

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

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Yes or No?

Annie Johnson Flint was a poet. She was orphaned at age 6 and severely afflicted with arthritis in her teens. Before she reached adulthood, she was unable even to walk. Her dream had been to be a composer and concert pianist, but when illness deprived her of the ability to play the piano, she turned to poetry, pounding out the words on a typewriter with her knuckles after the disease left her unable to open her hands.

She eventually came to see poetry as her calling from God. The following is her testimony to God's grace and love in her life:

He giveth more grace as our burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength as our labors increase,
To added afflictions, He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials, He multiplies peace.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

God is always ready to give. Are you willing to say "Yes" to his blessings? He has promised to meet us where we are, to grant us wisdom and guidance, and help move us into a deeper understanding of his great love for each of us. Trust in his promises by saying, "Yes!"

Sometimes it is easier to say "No" to God. We say "No" to God every time we are not hospitable and welcoming to the stranger among us; every time we refuse to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us; and every time we hesitate to repay evil with blessing.

In this week's sermon we will consider how God intended his love and grace to be shared with all - his love that has no limits and his grace that has no measure. Christ offers these gifts to us - are we willing to receive them?

If you are searching for answers, struggling to find hope, carrying feelings of guilt, or simply need to know that you are loved, say "Yes" to Jesus. His grace is abundant - he gives, and gives, and gives again.

Blessings,

Tom

New Member Gathering

If you joined SSUMC in 2022—
Please Save the Date for a New Member
Gathering on Sunday, June 12 at 4:00pm
in the Church Parlor.



Our Deepest Sympathies

are extended to the family and friends of Sharon Wolfenbarger, who passed away, on Friday, May 13, 2022 in Brunswick, GA. A private service, to celebrate her life, will take place in June.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at www.stsimonsumc.com and click on the Giving tab.
May 15, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,351.00
Received YTD | \$453,320.16
Expenses YTD | \$443,406.48
Difference YTD | \$9,913.68
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$450,165.06
Building Fund YTD | \$14,684.00

thank you

Attendance~ May 15, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: 75
9:45 Worship Service: 57
11:00 Worship Service: 155
Total In Person Worship: 287
Online Worship Views: 243
Sunday School/Small Groups: 119

Members in Ministry~ May 22, 2022

Ushers:
8:30 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Libby Sweat
11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Clif Pease
Greeters:
8:30 Tina Kirby, Cathie & Dick Wilton
9:45 Toni Metz
11:00 Phillis & Max Harrell
Projection:
8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Carol Conner
11:00 Robin Parmelee
Acolytes:
8:30 Sarah Sipe 11:00 Eliana Moncus

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Becky Bullister, Carla Hooker, Allen Land, Suzanne Land, **Jack Lindgren**, Jim Milliken, Nancy Reynolds, **Magaret Rogers**, **Margaret Joy Smith**, **Alice Stapelton**, **King Streater**, **Ashley Swann**, Family & Friends of Tom Walters, Charlotte Wheeler, **Sarah Whittingslow**, **Cathie Wilton**, **Family & Friends of Sharon Wolfenbarger**, Family & Friends of Norman Zanders

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, 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, South Georgia Annual Conference, Families with Special Needs Children, VBS

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.



Celebrating
GOD's
Greatness
at VBS!

Sunday, June 5 | 4:00 - 7:00pm

Mon. June 6 - Thur. June 9

9:00am - Noon

REGISTER TODAY!

stsimonsumc.com/childrens-ministry/

We need Volunteers and Supplies!

Consider Donating: CHOCOLATE PUDDING CUPS, PLAIN GRAHAM CRACKERS, SMALL PRETZEL STICKS, GUMMY WORMS, LARGE BOXES OF RAISINS, RANCH DRESSING, MILK CHOCOLATE CHIPS, SANDWICH BAGS, WET WIPES, CLOTHES PINS, LUNCHEON NAPKINS
SIGN up in the Gholson room or Contact Chris for more information at chris@stsimonsumc.com

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 renovation is almost completed and ready for inspection. If you need any assistance, please contact our office before using the stairs. We are happy to come down and assist you! **912.638.3317**

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.

MAP International Packing Day

SSUMC will be assisting with packing on the 1st Wednesday of every month. If you would like to join the group on Wednesday, June 1st please contact the church office as soon as possible and let us know. Either email ashley@stsimonsumc.com or call the church office **912.638.3317**.

Men's Life Small Group

Join us for Men's Life Group that meets Tuesday mornings from 10:00 -11:00 in Room 203.
Rev. Dave Hanson leads the group and we use The Upper Room devotional book, which has a section in the back for small groups like Men's Life. There is excellent fellowship in this group and it provides information that assists in the growth of our faith.
We hope that you will join us for a visit soon or for more info. contact Mel Rozier at mrmelrozier@gmail.com



Baby Bottle
Campaign

You may help support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign by picking up a bottle in the Gholson room and/or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Fill these bottles with spare change, cash or check and return to the display by Father's Day, June 19.

Communion Servers Needed!



On June 5, we will be returning to communion with cups and bread and are in need of volunteers to help serve communion at each service. The more volunteers we have the better! This can be a once or twice a year commitment. Please contact Anne Frazier to help with this meaningful element of worship, via email at anne@stsimonsumc.com or by calling the church office at **912.638.3317**.

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@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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