

Weekly Events

Sunday, July 3
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 Youth meet for Gathering Place Main Event, Youth Room

Monday, July 4– Happy Independence Day!
Church Office Closed
9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor
11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203



Tuesday, July 5
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203
Wednesday, July 6
9:00 AM MAP Volunteer Packing, MAP International-Brunswick
9:30 AM Staff Planning Meeting, Youth Room
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

Thursday, July 7
8:00 AM Gathering Place Interns, Thorpe Building
1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, Thorpe Building
6:00 PM Paddle and Praise, Myrtle Street Beach

Friday, July 8
11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga
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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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 3, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship
CCLI #2430948
© 1998 Vineyard Songs

FELLOWSHIP TIME

God Bless the USA
CCLI #95863
©1984 Songs of Universal

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell

Jesus
CCLI #7067249
© 2016 SDG Publishing

Grace Flows Down
CCLI #1223050
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MORNING MESSAGE

One Nation Under God
Deuteronomy 10:17-21
Rev. Tom Jones

CELEBRATION OF
HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

God Bless America

CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

JULY 3, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Prelude Kevin Lamb
Sondra Anderson

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

* Presentation of the Colors
John Lindgren, CPT, USN, Rtd;
Steve Tucker, CPT, USN, Rtd;
Mike Pickett, CPT, USAF, Rtd.

* Hymn #697 My Country, 'Tis of Thee AMERICA
Verses 1, 3, & 4

Invitation to Holy Communion Rev. Benjy Varnell
Confession & Pardon

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus
If My People's Hearts Are Humbled

Children's Message Chris Moncus

* Hymn #696 America the Beautiful

Offertory Prayer Benjy Varnell

Offertory

Response #95 DOXOLOGY

Message in Music America Chancel Choir

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones
One Nation Under God
Deuteronomy 10:17-21

Celebration of Holy Communion Benjy Varnell
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
Sharing of the Cup and Bread

* Invitation #717 The Battle Hymn of the Republic BATTLE HYMN
Verses 1 & 5

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



Independence

Our independence is important to us! It’s the reason we celebrate the 4th of July, the day our nation declared its independence. But beyond our nation’s independence we also celebrate our personal independence; a desire that is a vital part of our very being.

It begins from the moment we are born. From our parent’s arms we progress to crawling, to walking, to running, to riding a bicycle, to getting our driver’s license at age 16 – the time when a lot of us stop walking, running, or riding bicycles anywhere.

These early benchmarks are our first steps toward independence as new adventures, new experiences, new opportunities open up to us. But with each step we make towards our personal independence, we also realize it comes with increased responsibilities for ourselves and others.

God has given us is the freedom to choose and to order our lives in any way we see fit. We are not puppets on a string. We are free to do good; we are free to do evil. We are free to give our lives to God, or to turn our backs on him.

The good news of the Gospel is that true independence is the result of our being bound to Christ. In Christ we have freedom from ourselves and those things that keep us from being the whole person God desires for us to be. In Christ we have the freedom and the responsibility to serve others willingly and joyfully out of a heart filled with love.

As we take time this weekend to celebrate our freedom as citizens of our amazing country, let’s also celebrate the freedom we have in an even more amazing God! Stand firm in the independence you have been given in Jesus Christ. Embrace the freedom to do what pleases God. Have a wonderful 4th of July!

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members **Alice and Randy Bowlden**, who joined on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Welcome to our church family!

Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF AMELIA LASATER BY:

Beacon Sunday School Class

Financial Report

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

June 26, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$13,034.00

Received YTD | \$605,232.89

Expenses YTD | \$504,892.27

Difference YTD| \$100,340.62

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$587,078.40

Building Fund YTD | \$14,829.00

thank you

Attendance- June 26, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **80**

11:00 Worship Service: **150**

Online Worship Views: **265**

9:45 Worship Service: **72**

Total In Person Worship: **302**

Sunday School/Small Groups: **89**

Members in Ministry- July 3, 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 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye 9:45 Elizabeth Daniel

11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby 11:00 Stiles Robinson

Communion Servers:

8:30 Judy Smith 8:30 Judy Smith
Chuck Milliken Mike Martin
9:45 Debbie & Andy Kohler 9:45 Kim Belt , Shari Luken
11:00 Yvonne & Ron Flowers 11:00 Betty Sharp,
Becky Bridges

Prayer RequestsPrayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Blanton Bagwell, Gena Berry, Alice Branton, Evelyn Collins, **Genea Conner, Family & Friends of Nellie Conner**, Robert Conner, Loraine D., **Valerie & Steve Harrison, Pat Hedlin**, Family & Friends of Charles Hoover, **Suzanne & Allen Land**, Dan L., Jones Lindgren, **Kyle McKim & Family, Steve Moncus**, Bob Scherer, The Schafer Family, Bob Stern, Rhonda Strickland, Sandy Thornberyy, Jane V., Charlotte Wheeler, Jerry Winsness

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, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, 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, Our country, Foster Love, Parkinson Support Group, 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

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.

Happy 10 Year Anniversary!



We have been blessed to have Holly Lamb serve in our Music Ministry here at SSUMC for 10 years. Holly is the leader of the Contemporary Worship service, Children’s Choir leader and Chancel Choir Assistant. She also leads our praise and singing at Vacation Bible School every year!

Please join us in honoring Holly for her spirit filled ministry. We will present a love offering to her during the morning worship services on Sunday, July 10. If you would like to express your appreciation and love to Holly, please mail or bring your gift by the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays between now and July 3. Thank you for being a part of this special recognition in gratitude for Holly’s ministry and service

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, July 6, 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**.

Amazon Smile



AmazonSmile is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization (**ST. SIMONS UMC**) every time you shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. Customers who shop at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to the charity of your choice— **St. Simons UMC!**

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity— **St Simons Island United Methodist Church**

Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity. Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
2. Navigate to the main menu (☰)
3. Tap on Settings at the very bottom and then select “AmazonSmile”
4. Select your charity **St Simons Island United Methodist Church** and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected. **Call the church office if you need assistance in this one time set up!**

The Preschool is Hiring!

St. Simons UMC Preschool is hiring teachers for full time and part time positions. Competitive wages! The candidates need to be 18 years and older and have a high school diploma or GED! Come join our team and make a difference in these precious children’s lives! Referral fee available! Call or Email Mary Brittain our Preschool Director for more information or to apply! **912.634.8557** or maryb@stsimonsumc.com



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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