

Weekly Events

Sunday, August 7  
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  
4:00 PM Student Ministry Parent Dessert & Chat, Thorpe Building  
5:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, August 8  
9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203  
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting, Thorpe Building  
7:00 PM Youth & Children’s Council Meetings, Youth Room

Tuesday, August 9  
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor  
10:00 AM Men’s Life Group, Room 203  
10:30 AM Staff Meeting, Youth Room  
6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting, Youth Room

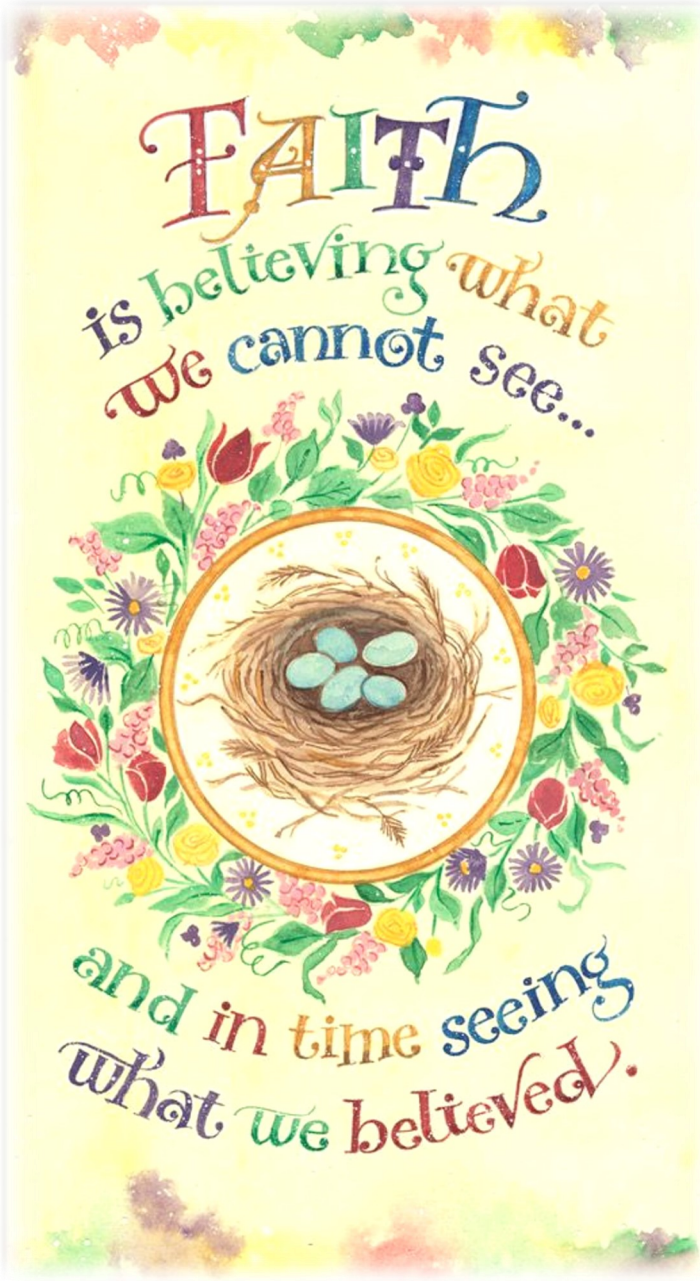
Wednesday, August 10  
8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, Parlor  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203  
5:30 PM Christmas Choir Preview, Choir Room

Friday, August 12  
11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203  
5:30 PM Preschool Parent & Student Orientation, Sanctuary/Preschool



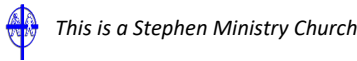
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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically  
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 7, 2022  
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME  
Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
Open Up the Heavens  
CCLI #6304702  
©2012 Curb Songs

FELLOWSHIP TIME  
Open Our Eyes  
CCLI #1572  
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MORNING PRAYER  
Richard Soper

Good Good Father  
CCLI #6304702  
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Word of God Speak  
CCLI #3912788  
© 2002 Songs From The Indigo Room

MORNING MESSAGE

Faith Alive!  
The Status Quo  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

INVITATION  
Behold the Lamb  
CCLI #5003372  
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CLOSING PRAYER  
Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

AUGUST 7, 2022  
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Festival Piece on NICAEA Kevin Lamb  
arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

\* Hymn #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

\* Confession and Pardon Richard Soper

\* Passing the Peace

\* Fellowship Chorus #507 Through It All

Children’s Message Blessing of Backpacks Chris Moncus

\* Hymn #361 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Verses 1,2 & 4 TOPLADY

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory The Old Rugged Cross Sondra Anderson  
arr. Hamm

Presentation of Gifts DOXOLOGY

Message in Music Written in Red Chancel Choir  
Words and Music by Gordon Jensen  
Arr. Camp Kirkland © 1984 Word

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

Faith Alive!  
The Status Quo  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Celebration of Holy Communion  
The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Giving of the Cup and Bread

\* Invitation #714 I Know Whom I Have Believed Verses 1 & 2 EL NATHAN

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable





# Stretch

Before we exercise we are supposed to stretch. Some of us do a better job of this than others. Stretching is good because it warms up the muscles and helps make your physical activity more productive.

Stretching is also a crucial step in the practice of spiritual disciplines. Not necessarily stretching our muscles, even though that never hurts, but stretching our hearts and minds. Practicing spiritual disciplines such as prayer and Bible study are essential to our spiritual fitness and growth. They serve to deepen our relationship with God. They become like training exercises for the spiritual life.

In Matthew 12:13 we read about a man with a withered hand. Jesus asked the man to stretch out his hand. By faith, the man stretched out his hand and was healed. If he had not listened; if he had not believed; the man would have missed the miracle that Jesus was ready to offer.

This Sunday I begin a series of sermons based on the book of Hebrews that I have titled, “Faith Alive!” We will recall the stories of those who lived out their faith by trusting God even in the face of the unknown. We will remember how it took a stretch of their hearts and minds to have a faith that was strong enough to trust God completely.

Is your faith alive? Jesus calls us to stretch out – to not just live by faith but also to live out our faith. We stretch when we prepare ourselves through prayer and daily Bible study and numerous other ways that help us to center our hearts and focus our minds on Christ. When we stay ready through the practice of spiritual disciplines, we won’t have to get ready when Jesus calls. We will be equipped to readily respond; to follow where he leads and do what he asks us to do.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that, “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Stretch out to Jesus! You may feel like you are stretching into the unseen and the unknown, but your walk of faith will become more productive, more alive! You will discover that God has so much more to offer you – maybe even a miracle!

Blessings,  
Tom



The agenda will include a proposal to fund several major projects related to our buildings and grounds. Church Council members are encouraged to attend if at all possible.

# Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com) and click on the Giving tab.

July 24, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,471.50  
Received YTD | \$691,147.67 Expenses YTD | \$644,389.99  
Difference YTD | \$46,757.68  
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$700,256.50  
Building Fund YTD | \$15,369.00

# Attendance~ July 31, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **59** Online Worship Views: **282**  
9:45 Worship Service: **53** Sunday School/Small Groups: **39**  
11:00 Worship Service: **133**  
Total In Person Worship: **245**

# Members in Ministry~ August 7, 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 Pace, Craig Pace  
11:00 Barbara Smith, June Smith

## Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye 9:45 Elizabeth Daniel 11:00 Ashley Swann

## Acolytes:

8:30 Sarah Sipe 11:00 Stiles Robinson

## Communion Servers:

8:30 Lawrence & Becky Bridges Sharon Blount & John Lindgren  
9:45 Jim and Laura Weldy J.R. Wright & Judy Smith  
11:00 Betty Sharp Judy Smith & Mike Martin  
Cindy Simpson

# Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

## New Prayer Concerns:

**Barbara Artinian**, Sandy Fitzgerald, Anna Green, **Grace & Bobby Groover**, **David Ingold**, **Suzanne Land**, **Earline May**, Tom Milwee, **Tammy Nye**, **Bob Rewis**, **Hunter Rozier**, **Charles & Marlene Snipes**, Patsy Soper, **June Marie Weatherington**, Charlotte Wheeler, **Blessing of the Backpacks**, **Operation Christmas Child**

## 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 Hallowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Ellie Leroux, Jack Lindgren, 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, **Sandy Thornberry**, 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, SSUMC Preschool

## Assisted Living Prayer:

**Magnolia Manor:** JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoe  
**Marsh’s Edge Assisted:** Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds, Marcia Maquire  
*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.*



# Fall Kickoff: Cookout and Fun!



Get ready for a fall semester filled with groups, activities, and classes for everyone! We’re kicking off with a Church Family Cookout, Bingo, & Bounce Houses. Come together as a church family to celebrate all that the Lord has done, and learn about what’s coming in the fall. Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30pm. Sign up in Realm, by emailing Ashley at [ashley@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:ashley@stsimonsumc.com) or calling the church office **912.638.3317**.

# Student Ministry Parent Dessert & Chat

If you are the parent of an Elementary–High school Student, this meeting will be a time to learn more about everything coming up for the next year. It will be important for parents of students entering Children’s Ministry or Youth Ministry. Parents, we have some great news to share about parent small groups! Meet us in the Thorpe Building on August 7 at 4:00pm. We’ll serve dessert and coffee, so let Chris know by August 3 if you’ll be attending: 912-223-6866 or [chris@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:chris@stsimonsumc.com). Students are welcome to come too!

# Saints and Sinners Luncheon August 23rd at 12:00 PM



Leslie Kirby Devooght writes women's fiction with strong elements of romantic comedy. They say, (whoever 'they' is) to write what you know. With that in mind, Leslie began setting her books on Georgia's coast. As a native of St. Simons Island. Join us as Leslie talks about her switch from practicing law to being an author. Bring a dish to share and make a reservation with the church office or online so we know how much

Chicken to order. Cost is \$5 and reservations are due by Thursday, August 18. The new Senior Adult Ministry will be available as well.



# Fill a Shoebox Spread the Gospel!

We are collecting these **4 items in August:** Toys, School Supplies, Clothing, & Stuffed Animals. Drop off in the Gholson Room. Remember, 12 items must fit together in a shoebox. You may also pack your own boxes and bring them to the church completed! This is a great family activity and gets everyone involved in this mission opportunity. See the display in the Gholson room for more information.

# Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF RANNY BLOUNT & TILMAN BLAKELY TO PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP**  
**BY:** Marion McEachern

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF WES ROGERS**  
**BY:** Gerry Egger and Carole Barton



# Handbell Choirs Forming

Handbells are returning to worship. If we have enough interest two groups may be formed (morning and evening). Please email or text Kevin of your interest, availability, and skill level (if you read music and if you’ve played before). [kevin@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:kevin@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. **678.343.3767 | [tom@stsimonsumc.com](mailto: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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