

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, August 14

- 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 Group, **Youth Room**

## Monday, August 15

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, August 16

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 6:00 PM Preschool Board Meeting, **Youth Room**
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

## Wednesday, August 17

- 10:30 AM UMW Reading Group, **Room 201**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:30 PM Fall Kickoff and Church Family Cookout, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, August 18

- 11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

**Join us- Wednesday, 8/17 at 5:30PM**  
**Please RSVP by Monday,**  
**8/15 at noon!**



## Our Staff

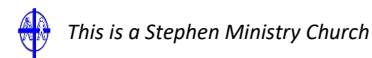
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&  
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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 14, 2022  
CHAPEL • 9:45am

### WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*House of the Lord*  
CCLI #7168995  
©2020 Be Essential

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

*Be Alright*  
CCLI #7160689  
©2020 Capitol

### MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

*I Thank God*  
CCLI #7169680  
©2021 Bethel Worship

*Glorious Day*  
CCLI #5638022  
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### MORNING MESSAGE

### *Faith Alive!*

*Become Faithful*  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

### INVITATION

*Find Us faithful*  
CCLI #18259  
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### CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

## The Worship of God

AUGUST 14, 2022  
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude *Lord of the Dance* Sondra Anderson  
arr. Mark Hayes

\* Hymn #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

\* Affirmation of Faith Richard Soper

\* Passing the Peace

\* Fellowship Chorus #2163  
*He Who Began a Good Work in You*

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn #707 *Hymn of Promise* PROMISE

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory Kevin Lamb

Presentation of Gifts DOXOLOGY

Message in Music *Praise the Father, Praise the Son* Chancel Choir  
Words and Music by Chris Tomlin  
Arr. Richard Kingsmore © 2008 Alletpop

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

### *Faith Alive!*

*Become Faithful*  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

\* Invitation #301 *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* NEAR THE CROSS  
Verses 1 & 2

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*\* Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## The Measure of Success

School has started and that means one thing – football season is not far behind. It is going to be extremely difficult to improve on the national championship season the Georgia Bulldogs had last year. But I can't wait to get started!

The Bulldogs winning the national championship will be something I always remember. However accomplishments, even major accomplishments, are quickly forgotten. For example, I was asked last week who won the Super Bowl last year. I couldn't remember who played in the game let alone the champion.

In sports and in many different areas we often hear about people who have reached the top of their games. They have received awards and recognitions that most of us will never have an opportunity to get. We may remember them for a moment, but it's surprising how quickly we forget. The applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are soon forgotten.

I may not remember that the Los Angeles Rams won last year's Super Bowl (I Googled it!). But I'll never forget Mrs. Boone. She was my 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and had as much influence on my life as anyone. I'll never forget Mike McAfee who listened to me like no other person has. I'll never forget Kenneth, the foster child who brought such joy to me and my family in the brief time he was with us.

The people who have given us their time, listened to us, and have taught us how to love are the ones who are the most memorable to us. They have left a lasting imprint on our lives.

Success is often measured by the number of awards and achievements one receives. More often than not those accomplishments are soon forgotten. Real success is when someone remembers you, always remembers you, for the influence you had in their lives.

This week we continue the sermon series, "Faith Alive!" We will be reminded that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Those who have gone before us to help guide us in our faith. Through our faith may we in turn be quick to point others towards Jesus Christ; the most memorable influence one can have in his or her life.

Blessings,

**Tom**

## KidzQuest Children's Retreat — September 23-25, 2022

Children from all around South Georgia come together with dozens of other church groups, learning how to worship, study God's Word, and understand what a relationship with Jesus really means. These children are given an opportunity to experience Christ in brand new ways! If you liked Camp Connect or missed going this year, you want to join us this weekend! \$150 total cost is due by August 28 to reserve your child's spot.

## 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.

August 7, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$46,790.28

Received YTD | \$737,937.95

Expenses YTD | \$659,961.15

Difference YTD | \$77,976.80

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$722,845.48

Building Fund YTD | \$15,369.00

*Thank you*

## Attendance- August 7, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **91** Online Worship Views: **370**

9:45 Worship Service: **51** Sunday School/Small Groups: **95**

11:00 Worship Service: **165**

Total In Person Worship: **307**

## Members in Ministry- August 14, 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 Pat Carmichael, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Susan Pope, Nancy Jenkins

**Projection:**

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Ashley Swann

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

**Acolytes:**

8:30 Ava Wilson 11:00 Croft Jones

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns:**

Barbara Artinian, **Rita Barford**, **Major Ernie Cox**, **Laurie Ellison**, **Faye Gowen**, Grace & Bobby Groover, David Ingold, Suzanne Land, Earline May, **Barbara Milliken**, Tammy Nye, **MariAne Palmatary**, Bob Rewis, Hunter Rozier, **Diana Sharp**, Charles & Marlene Snipes, **Jane Vann**, **Family & Friends of Jackie Varnell**, June Marie Weatherington

**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 Hallows, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Ellie Leroux, Jack Lindgren, 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, 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.*

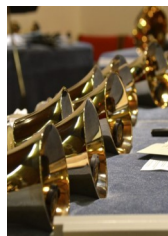
## Fall Kickoff: Cookout and Fun!

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. Join us Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30pm. Sign up in Realm, by emailing Ashley at [ashley@stimonsumc.com](mailto:ashley@stimonsumc.com) or calling the church office **912.638.3317**.

**Please RSVP by Monday, August 15th at noon!**



## 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@stimonsumc.com](mailto:kevin@stimonsumc.com) • **912.506.1791**

## Saints and Sinners Luncheon

August 23 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 brochure 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.

## Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF WES ROGERS**

**By:** Wanda & Robert Hicks  
Mary & Richard Stager  
Barbara T. Meadows

## The Way Forward- FAQ on Disaffiliation

It has been well publicized that there are churches within the United Methodist Church choosing to disaffiliate from the denomination regarding the issue of human sexuality. The leadership of St. Simons UMC has made the decision to stay the course with the United Methodist Church. Please understand, this does not mean we have chosen not to disaffiliate. Any decision of that scope will require a Church Conference. All members of the church who are present at the meeting will have a vote. A two-thirds majority vote will be required for disaffiliation. The church will then move forward with a plan of action.

In the meantime, our current plan is to hold off on a decision until the governing body of the church, the General Conference, convenes in May 2024. The outcome of the General Conference will provide us with further clarity regarding the direction of our denomination. We will then have until December 2024 to finalize the plans for our church.

As a means of keeping you informed, we will provide updates and the answer to a frequently asked question in this space in the weeks ahead. You can learn more about this issue by going to the South Georgia Conference website at [sgaumc.org](http://sgaumc.org); on the homepage, click on the link for Disaffiliation Information. Next week's question: What are the costs to disaffiliate?

## 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 1st 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](mailto: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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