

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, August 21

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 22

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga  
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
 6:00 PM Preschool Committee Meeting, **Youth Room**

## Tuesday, August 23

8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**  
 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
 12:00 PM Saints and Sinners Luncheon, **Thorpe Building**  
 5:30 PM Nominations Committee Meeting, **Parlor**  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

## Wednesday, August 24

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**  
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
 5:30 PM Young Musicians Children's Choir, **Choir Room**  
 6:00 PM Kids WOW- Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Children's Room**  
 5:30 PM Youth Pizza & Games, **Youth Room**  
 5:30 PM Parents Dinner and Conversation, **Meet in Gholson Room**  
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

## Friday, August 26

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

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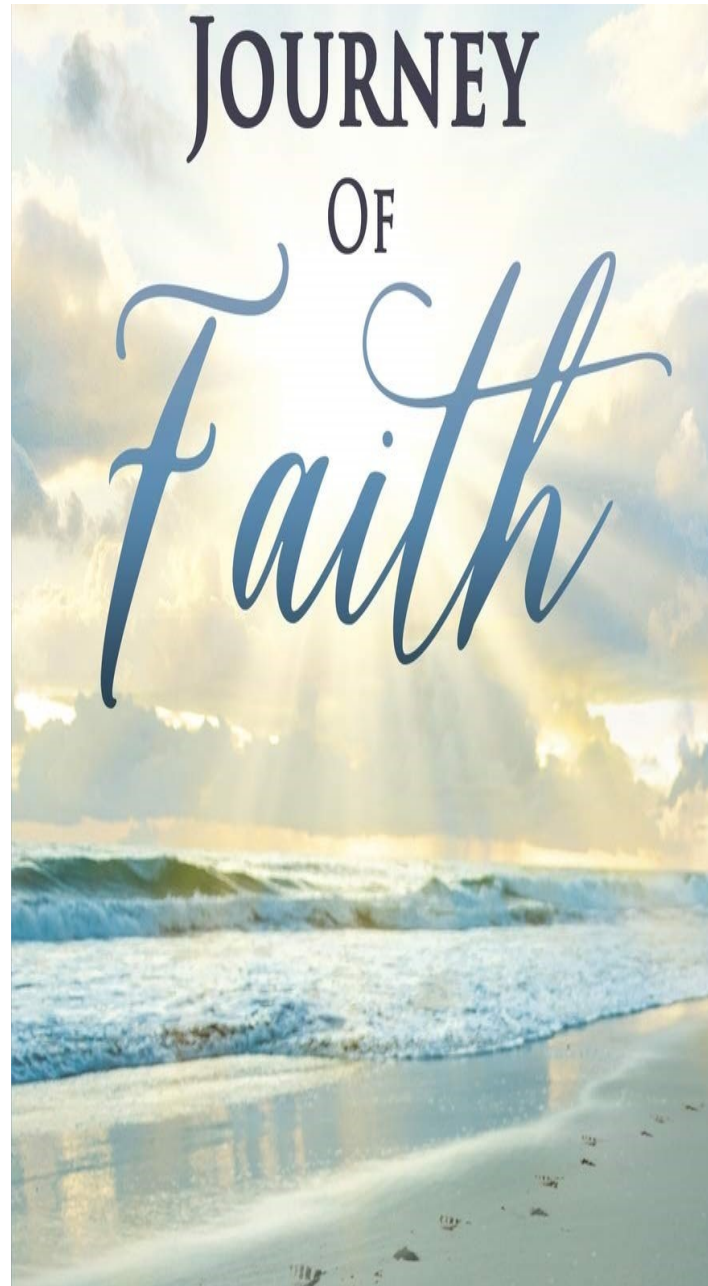
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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 21, 2022  
 CHAPEL • 9:45am

### WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

#### *We Welcome You*

CCLI #134016  
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### FELLOWSHIP TIME

#### *To God Be the Glory*

CCLI #4556208  
 ©2005 Universal

### MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

#### *Cornerstone*

CCLI #6158937  
 ©2011 Hillsong

#### *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

CCLI #7909  
 © 1977 Lanny Wolfe Music

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Libby DeVooght

### MORNING MESSAGE

## *Faith Alive!*

### *A Journey of Faith*

Hebrews 12:18-29

### INVITATION

#### *A House United*

CCLI #7059005  
 ©2015 Jennie Lee Riddle Music

### CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

## The Worship of God

AUGUST 21, 2022  
 SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Kevin Lamb

\* Hymn #158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* SPANISH HYMN

\* Affirmation of Faith Richard Soper

\* Passing the Peace

\* Fellowship Chorus #2040 *Awesome God*

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Special Music (11:00 AM) Libby DeVooght

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn #731 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* AUSTRIA  
 Verses 1, 2 & 4

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory *Speak, O Lord* Sondra Anderson  
 Arr. M. McDonald

Presentation of Gifts DOXOLOGY

Message in Music *How Great Thou Art* Chancel Choir  
 Words  
 Music by: Stuart Hine  
 Arr. Rouse

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

## *Faith Alive!*

### *A Journey of Faith*

Hebrews 12:18-29

\* Invitation #581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* BEACH SPRING  
 Verses 1 & 4

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## “Open the Box”

There was once a popular FedEx commercial that was a takeoff on the movie “Castaway.” In the movie Tom Hanks played the role of a FedEx worker whose company plane crashed. The crash left him stranded on a deserted island. He decides to hang on to a package that survived the crash, determined that he would deliver it. He never opens the package. The box became his motivation for getting off of the island. It gave him hope that one day he would make it home.

In the commercial a Fed Ex employee, looking much like the bedraggled character in the movie, is finally able to deliver the package. He knocks and a woman opened the door. He explains to her that he had survived five years on an isolated island and how during that time he had kept the package with him.

The woman takes the package. The man is curious to see what is inside the box so he asks her to open it. As she opens the box she begins to describe its contents: “Oh, it’s just a satellite telephone, a GPS device, a compass, a water purifier, and some seeds.”

This week we continue the sermon series, “Faith Alive!” We will turn our attention to how a faith that is alive guides us on our faith journeys. Still, like anything in life, our faith journeys can often take unexpected turns. There will be times when we crash and we begin to experience overwhelming feelings of being stuck, isolated, and lost.

In those moments don’t ever overlook what God has provided. His blessings are readily available and well within reach. Through faith open the box of his life-giving and limitless resources. Trust in Jesus. He will save you from your isolation. He will give you the guidance you need to continue your journey homeward.

Blessings,

**Tom**

## Town Hall Meeting— Restoring God’s Temple

Please join us for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss Restoring God’s Temple.

There will be three separate meetings held on:

- **In person or Live-Stream- Sunday, August 28 at 12:15pm** in the Sanctuary— Call or email Anne Frazier for the Live-Stream link at 912.638.3317 or [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)
- **In Person on Monday, August 29 at 10:30am and 6:00pm** in the Sanctuary

## Memorials

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

**BY:** Diane & Jim Bailey

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF KAREN A. PEASE

**BY:** Stephanie & Greg Pease

## Financial Report

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

August 14, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,245.00

Received YTD | \$758,182.95

Expenses YTD | \$666,450.64

Difference YTD | \$91,732.31

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$745,434.32

Building Fund YTD | \$15,569.00

## Attendance- August 14, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **100** Online Worship Views: **346**

9:45 Worship Service: **56** Sunday School/Small Groups: **142**

11:00 Worship Service: **186**

Total In Person Worship: **342**

## Members in Ministry- August 21, 2022

### Ushers:

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Lee Watkins, Tom McConnell

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Mike Suthard, John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja, Dona Colglazier

### Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Faith McConnell

9:45 Toni Metz & Ava White

11:00 Claudia Royal, Jennifer Irion

### Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel 9:45 Neva Kaye

11:00 Carol Conner

### Acolytes:

8:30 CJ Stahl 11:00 Addy Thompson & Evie Stephenson

## Prayer Requests

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

### New Prayer Concerns:

Major Ernie Cox, Laurie Ellison, Faye Gowen, **Janie Hendley, Maly Lindgren**, MariAne Palmatary, Diana Sharp, **Pat Swafford, Dee Taylor**, Jane Vann, Family & Friends of Jackie Varnell, **Bo Vice, Linda Wood**

### 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, 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.*

## Welcome to our Newest Member!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members who joined on Sunday, August 7, 2022:

**Lynn Moses**

**Lowell Crawford**

Please join us in welcoming our newest members who joined on Sunday, August 14, 2022:

**Sharon Brantley**

**Tommy and Jan Willis**

We welcome all of you to our church family!

## Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, August 23 at 12:00 PM



Leslie Kirby DeVoght 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.

## 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.

## Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

Rev. Richard Soper will be leading this study beginning on Thursday, September 8 at 10:00am finishing on Thursday, October 20 meeting in Room 201. You may purchase your book through the church office or order on Amazon. Books are \$14.00. Register on Realm or call the church office by Tuesday, September 6. We will discuss the 1st Chapter on Thursday, September 8.



## The Way Forward- FAQ on Disaffiliation

The current plan of our church is to hold off on a decision regarding disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church until after the General Conference meets in May 2024. As a means of helping to keep you informed we will use this space to provide routine updates on our church's way forward and answer FAQs.

### What are the costs to disaffiliate?

When a local church enters into a disaffiliation agreement with the annual conference the following payments will be required:

Payment of any unpaid apportionments for the 12 months prior to the effective date of disaffiliation plus an additional equal amount representing 12 months of future apportionments. The annual apportionments for our church are currently \$106,000.

The local church shall pay its appointed clergy's compensation and benefits through the date on which its disaffiliation is effective.

A disaffiliating local church shall satisfy all other debts, loans, and liabilities, or assign and transfer them to its new entity, prior to disaffiliation.

A disaffiliating local church shall have the right to retain its real and personal property. At the 2022 Annual Conference Session, members approved a report from the Conference Trustees in which a process was affirmed that extends the terms of South Georgia's current disaffiliation policy through December 31, 2024. Additional disaffiliation information is provided at [sgaumc.org](http://sgaumc.org). Next week's question: What happened at the called South Georgia Annual Conference session on Saturday, August 20?

## 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

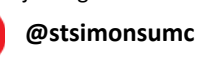
If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (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@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! **912.638.3317** | [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)



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