

Weekly Events

Sunday, August 28
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

12:15 PM Town Hall Meeting– Restoring God’s Temple, Sanctuary
5:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, August 29
9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor
10:30 AM Town Hall Meeting– Restoring God’s Temple, Sanctuary
11:00 AM Chair Yoga
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203
6:00 PM Town Hall Meeting– Restoring God’s Temple, Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 30
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, Thorpe Building

Wednesday, August 31
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

Thursday, September 1
1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group Meeting, Thorpe Building

Friday, September 2
11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 28, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Your Grace is Enough
CCLI #4477026
©2003 Thankyou Music

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Raise A Hallelujah
CCLI #7166857
©2018 Bethel Music

MORNING PRAYER

Marcia Hendrix

Fresh Wind
CCLI #7166857
©2020 Hillsong Music

What A Beautiful Name

CCLI #7068424
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MORNING MESSAGE

Faith Alive!

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

INVITATION

The Blessing
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

AUGUST 28, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

Prelude Sondra Anderson
Kevin Lamb

Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty God, send your Spirit here to lead us in our worship.

People: Touch us deep in our hearts with your healing and loving power.

Leader: Enable us to lift our hearts in song and praise.

People: Fill us with your mercy and grace so that we may be empowered to serve effectively in the world.

* Hymn #529 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION
Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5

* Affirmation of Faith Michael Martin (8:30)
Walker Meyers (11:00)

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus #3003
How Great is Our God

Children’s Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Jim Lee

The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn #593 Here I Am, Lord HERE I AM, LORD

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory Kevin Lamb

Presentation of Gifts DOXOLOGY

Message in Music Walk By Faith! Chancel Choir
Arr. Joel Raney

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

Faith Alive!

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

* Invitation #332 Spirit of Faith,
Come Down
Verses 1 & 4

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



“Why Church”

Vacations are over, school is back in session and church programming has resumed its full schedule. It is an exciting time in our church as we come back together to begin the fall programs that will ultimately lead us to the entrance of a stable in Bethlehem.

The last couple of weeks have been all the more exciting because of the way the Holy Spirit is moving within our church! The Fall Kick-Off Cookout had 140 people in attendance – the Thorpe Building was packed to overflowing. Our worship attendance continues to creep closer to our pre-Covid numbers. The choir is growing, and our music ministries continue to be simply the best. Attendance is up in the Contemporary Worship Service and our Worship Team always blesses us with their music and leadership. Student ministries for our children and youth have been revitalized – did you see all those children who came up for the children’s message last week? The Senior Adult Ministry has an amazing program planned for the year. Almost 60 people have made decisions to become members of our church since January. And your faithful giving to support our ministries has been nothing short of incredible – thank you!

There are a number of other ministries that can’t necessarily be measured by numbers that are also a vital part of our church. They include ministries of prayer, congregational care, hospitality, missions, and our preschool. This is a praying church; a compassionate church; a welcoming church; a mission-minded church; and a church that lives out the words of Jesus when he said, “Let the little children come to me.” It’s evident that God’s fingerprint is upon all that we are doing. God is good!

It’s great to be back together! But have you ever thought about why we come to church? The answer seems easy enough but in reality the reasons people choose to attend and take part in the church are varied. Beginning Sunday, September 4, I will begin a four-week sermon series to help us answer the question, “Why do we do church, anyway?” The schedule is as follows:

- September 4: Why Church? Community
- September 11: Why Church? Real People
- September 18: Why Church? Money Matters
- September 25: Why Church? Shepherds

This week we conclude the sermon series on “Faith Alive!” Thank you for being a church that demonstrates so consistently that your faith IS alive! You are a blessing!

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:

- 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
- In Person on Monday, August 29 at 10:30am and 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Financial Report

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

August 21, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$21,495.00
Received YTD | \$779,677.95
Expenses YTD | \$704,201.26
Difference YTD| \$75,476.69
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$768,023.31
Building Fund YTD | \$15,719.00



Attendance- August 21, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **89** Online Worship Views: **294**
9:45 Worship Service: **57** Sunday School/Small Groups: **104**
11:00 Worship Service: **223**
Total In Person Worship: **369**

Members in Ministry- August 28, 2022

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson
11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Clif Pease

Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Cathie Wilton
9:45 Pam Rehberg, Randall Rehberg
11:00 Kay Holmes, Marguerite Suthard, Susan Kaufmann

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Carol Conner
11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby 11:00 Eliana Moncus

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Tilman Blakely, Major Dennis Blanchard, Ed Clark, Janie Hendley, Andrew Jones, Maly Lindgren, Mike McMillan, Carolanne Milliken, Tom Milwee, Pat Swafford, Dee Taylor, 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 Hallowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Ellie Leroux, Jack Lindgren, Sandee Lukitsch, Marcia Maguire, 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, 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

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 21, 2022:

Chris and Amanda Moncus
Neil Sampson
Diane Turner

We welcome all of you to our church family!

Blessing of the
Animals &
Pet Parade–

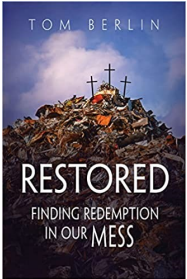
Sunday, September 18



A Blessing of Animals, in many congregations, witnesses to God’s and the Church’s love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God’s creatures, the Church’s witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. Join us for scripture and prayer at 3:00pm. RSVP on Realm or by calling the church office.

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.



Parents of
Addicted Loved
Ones



Coming to St. Simons UMC in September:

PAL is a support group for parents and other family members who are trying to support a loved one in seeking recovery.

PAL’s evidence-based curriculum has been proven in studies to help parents’ wellbeing to improve and decrease enabling behavior. The studies also indicate that the loved one with substance use disorder was less likely to be using drugs/drinking alcohol once their family member attended PAL meetings. Weekly meetings offer addiction education and support at no charge for parents and other family members who are trying to support a loved one through an addiction.

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 207. Contact Jennifer Wyatt pal.st.simons.ga@gmail.com 954-461-0411

Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF REBECCA ROGERS

BY: Carol Meeks

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF WES ROGERS

BY: Carol Meeks

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 frequently asked questions.

What happened at the called South Georgia Annual Conference session on Saturday, August 20?

62 churches were approved to disaffiliate from the South Georgia Conference and the United Methodist Church. Of local interest, The Chapel was one of the 62 churches. The Chapel was one of the largest membership churches in the Coastal District and was born out of our church. This makes a total of 80 churches to date in the South Georgia Conference that have chosen to disaffiliate. There are almost 500 churches that remain in the conference. 22 of the 26 largest membership churches are currently maintaining their affiliation with the UMC. These are churches that have 1000-3500 in membership and includes St. Simons UMC. These churches, like ours, will continue to go through the discernment process. Some have chosen to stay the course and wait for the outcome of the 2024 General Conference. Additional disaffiliation information is provided at sgaumc.org.

Do you have a question you would like to have addressed in this column? Please send it to Tom Jones at tom@stsimonsumc.com. Your email must include your name. Questions about processes and protocols are preferred and are most helpful in providing information. Questions asked for the purpose of soliciting the opinions of the pastoral and lay leadership will not be considered.

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:

- Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- 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! **912.638.3317 | anne@stsimonsumc.com**



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