

Weekly Events

Sunday, September 11
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 UMW Circle 5, Parlor
5:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, September 12
9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203
5:30 PM Trustee’s Meeting, Thorpe Building

Tuesday, September 13
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, Youth Room
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203
6:30 PM PAL Meeting, Room 207
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, Thorpe Building



Wednesday, September 14
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
6:15 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Friday, September 16
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

Saturday, September 17
9:30 AM UMW District Meeting, Thorpe Building

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME
Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
My Jesus
CCLI #7174531
©2021 BrentHood Music

FELLOWSHIP TIME
The Gospel
CCLI #7086447
©2017 Musical Moodswing

MORNING PRAYER
Richard Soper

Give Me Your Eyes
CCLI #5359222
©2007 All Essential Music

I Will Rise
CCLI #5183450
©2008 Sixsteps Music

MORNING MESSAGE
Why Church?
Real People
Luke 13:10-17

INVITATION
Lord Send Me
CCLI #675214
©1991 Integrity’s Hosanna! Music

CLOSING PRAYER
Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God
SEPTEMBER 11, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Prelude
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Kevin Lamb
arr. Raney

Greeting
Rev. Richard Soper

Call to Worship
Brethren We Have Met to Worship
Chancel Choir

* Hymn #64
Holy, Holy, Holy!
NICEA

* Affirmation of Faith #881
The Apostles’ Creed

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus #2065
More Precious than Silver

Children’s Message
Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer
Richard Soper

The Lord’s Prayer

* Hymn #453
More Love to Thee,
O Christ
Verses 1, 2 & 4
MORE LOVE TO THEE
Tom Jones

Offertory Prayer
Tom Jones

Offertory
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Sondra Anderson
arr. Hayes

Presentation of Gifts
DOXOLOGY

Message in Music
I Will Rise
Kevin Lamb
Arr. John Wilson

Morning Message
Rev. Tom Jones

Why Church?
Real People
Luke 13:10-17

* Invitation #2149
Living for Jesus
Verses 1 & 4
Living for Jesus

* Benediction
Tom Jones

Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

Two-Hours

Think with me for a minute about the things we do that consume at least two-hours of our time. What comes to my mind are things like watching a movie; attending a sporting event; shopping; an evening out; playing golf; or taking a day trip.

It is not too difficult to come up with activities, events, or various ways we choose to use our personal time, that can quickly use up a couple hours – and we usually give it very little thought.

Are you able to add attending church on Sunday mornings to that list? The reason I ask is because sometimes we forget the opportunity we have each Sunday to dig deeper into the Bible and make stronger personal connections through our Sunday School Classes and Small Groups. These classes and groups are a vital part of why we do church, but for many it seems that one-hour is the best we can do.

One of the ways to measure the pulse of a church and the vitality of its ministries is in the number of individuals committed to being two -hour participants on Sundays. I invite you to give it a try. I am confident that once you are plugged-in and it becomes your Sunday routine, you will give it very little thought. It will become the best two-hours you spend each week as we worship together, study together, and continue to grow in our relationship with Christ and each other.

If you do not have a class our group to attend, please go to our website, click on the Ministries tab at the top of the page, and scroll down to Small Group Gatherings/Sunday School. There you will find our current classes for children through senior adults. Or you can contact the church office and we will help you in your search for a class.

We have welcomed numerous new members to our church this year and the potential for starting new classes is strong. Why don't you facilitate a class? We can help you with resources as well as finding a space for the class to meet. What a blessing it would be for those who are looking for a class if you would be willing to offer a new class or small group gathering!

I look forward to Sunday as we continue the sermon series, “Why Church?” This week we will take a closer look the people who we are with when we attend church. One thing is certain, they are not perfect. They are real people just like you and me.

Blessings,
Tom



Blessing of the Animals & Pet Parade–

Sunday, September 18

Join us for this fun new event at SSUMC! Bring your precious pet to be blessed! A Blessing of Animals, in many congregations, witnesses to God’s and the Church’s love, care, and concern for creation. Join us for scripture and prayer at 3:00pm and an Ice Cream treat after! Donations will be received to benefit Oatland North Farm! RSVP on Realm or by calling the church office at **912.638.3317**

Financial Report

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

September 4, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,826.00

Received YTD | \$813,123.95

Expenses YTD | \$775,261.24

Difference YTD| \$37,862.71

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$813,631.41

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$15,909.00

Maintaining the Mission | \$12,450.00

thank you

Attendance ~ September 4, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **91** Online Worship Views: **230**

9:45 Worship Service: **47** Sunday School/Small Groups: **146**

11:00 Worship Service: **151**

Total In Person Worship: **289**

Members in Ministry ~September 11, 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, Laura Weldy

11:00 Greer Shinall, Fran Jones

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Ashley Swann

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

8:30 June Humphries, Ava Wilson 11:00 Evie Stephenson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Horacio Chum, Tyler Cusack, Evelyn Diaz, Alan Elias, The Eller Family, **The Floyd Family, Anna Green, BettyLou & Jim Hruska, Deddi Hudlow, Suzanne Land**, Tom Lindgren, The Lukitsch Family, Jim Medbery, Jim Milliken, Randy, Paul & Judy Shivers, **Linda Wendt**, Charlotte Wheeler, Ken Whelan

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

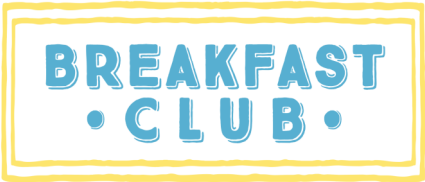
Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, **Ed Clark**, Vicki Certain, Lanier Dobrenic, Terri Dunkle, Sam Friedman, Dotsy Fuller, Connie Hallowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Ellie Leroux, Jack Lindgren, Sandee Lukitsch, Marcia Maguire, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Mike McMillan, 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

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.



Parents! New Small Group!

Parents! You don’t want to miss your new small group starting this week! If you’re a parent or guardian of a little person or even a big one in college, come hang out with us. Meet at 9:45am on Sunday mornings in the Student Ministry Office upstairs by the Youth & Children’s rooms. Contact Chris Moncus for more info.

Animal Encounter at Oatland North Farm- Thursday, September 22

Early fall is an excellent time to get outside on the beautiful north end of St. Simons and enjoy nature and the animals. A Dutch treat lunch following the tour will be at 100 Tabbystone, the Hampton Golf Resort restaurant. Depart Thursday at 9:00am and return after lunch. Please reserve your spot on Realm or by calling the church office by Thursday, September 15. Individual donations appreciated.

Delivering Kindness

A visit to a church member is a wonderful gift that you can give. If you would like to be a part of the *SPECIAL TOUCH* team, we will have an organizational meeting on **September 28th at 10:00 am** in the Church Parlor – located on the 1st floor across from the hallway entrance to the Chapel (near the Choir Room). As committee chair, I welcome your involvement. Come! Be a part of this caring team.

– **Judy Smith** - jasmith321@hotmail.com



White Christmas at Alhambra Dinner Theater

Tickets are available and going fast! Join us for another delicious meal and live show at the Alhambra Dinner Theatre. We will leave at 10:30am and return at approximately 5:00pm. This all-inclusive ticket is \$90 payment and reservations are due by Monday, November 21. Register on Realm or call the church office to reserve your spot!





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MORE INFO & ITEM DROPOFF IN GHOLSON ROOM

The Way Forward- FAQ on Disaffiliation

Is the meeting this month with Bishop David Graves open to anyone in the church?

Yes, the invitation is open to anyone in our church who wants to attend. Bishop David Graves will meet with the laity and clergy of the Coastal District on Sunday, September 25, 4:00-6:00pm, at Richmond Hill United Methodist Church. Please contact the church office by Wednesday, September 21, if you are interested in attending. If we have enough interest in the meeting we will plan on carpooling or taking the bus.

The purpose of these gatherings is to provide necessary and accurate information around current denominational matters. The bishop wants us to be able to take away at least two things from the meeting: 1) To resource ways we can “restart” our focus on mission. 2) To receive relevant information that will help our church be equipped and informed about the South Georgia Conference.

Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity to learn more about the direction of the South Georgia Conference, and the influence that direction will have on our church and our future plans.

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 this space is being used to provide routine updates on our church’s way forward and answer frequently asked questions.

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.

UMW Circle 1

We are starting a new study this fall on the book “The Women of the Bible Speak” by Shannon Bream. If you have a copy of this book and don’t mind sharing it, we would be grateful! Please text Pam Rehberg at **912.270.0328** if you have a copy to share.

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