

Weekly Events

Sunday, September 18
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
3:00 PM Blessing of the Animals
4:15 PM Pumpkin Patch Parent Meeting, Youth Room
5:30 PM Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, September 19
9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

Tuesday, September 20
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203
10:30 AM UMW Reading Group, Room 201
5:30 PM Nominations Committee, Parlor
6:30 PM PAL Meeting, Room 207
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, Thorpe Building



Wednesday, September 21
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
6:15 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, September 22
9:00 AM Oatland North Animal Encounter

Friday, September 23
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203
5:30 PM Kidzquest Children's Retreat

Saturday, September 24
8:00 AM Glynn Academy Chorus Retreat, Thorpe Building

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WHY CHURCH?
MONEY MATTERS

Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Great Things
CCLI #7111321
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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Waiting Here For You
CCLI #5925664
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MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

Honey In the Rock
CCLI #7191257
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Grace Flows Down
CCLI #1223050
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MORNING MESSAGE

Why Church?
Money Matters
1 Timothy 6:6-19

INVITATION

Change My Heart, Oh God
CCLI #1565
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Be Thou My Vision Kevin Lamb
arr. Page

* Hymn #378 Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 6

* Affirmation of Faith #881
The Apostles' Creed

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus #2087
We Will Glorify The King of Kings

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn #462 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus TRUST IN JESUS
Verses 1 & 2

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory The Lily of the Valley Sondra Anderson
arr. Don Phillips

Presentation of Gifts DOXOLOGY

Message in Music It Is Well, With My Soul Chancel Choir
Arr. Tom Fettke

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

Why Church?
Money Matters
1 Timothy 6:6-19

* Invitation #530 Are you Able Said The Master
Verses 1 & 2

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

Blessing of the Animals

This Sunday we will share together in a special program called, “The Blessing of the Animals.” The service comes out of the Catholic tradition and their celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi’s love for all creatures. Today a number of protestant denominations have embraced the opportunity the service offers to recognize the church’s love, care, and concern for creation.

Many of us learned from an early age that pets create a bond with humans. It’s not unusual for them to show us and teach us how to better care for each other. Most notably our pets provide us with wonderful examples of how to love unconditionally.

Many of you have heard about my five-pound maltipoo. She has been with me for eight years. Sadie was purchased as a puppy to be my daughter’s dog. Over time the dog became attached to me. In the words of my wife, “Sadie tolerates me and my daughter, but she shadows Tom’s every move.” I’ve always wished she might be a Golden Retriever or a Yellow Lab. But no, I have this little white dog that is by my side constantly. She presents a significant challenge to my man-card whenever we are seen together in public.

But you know something – I wouldn’t trade her for anything. We have been through a lot together and she has proven to be a faithful, caring, and loving pet. She’s always willing to listen. She knows how to console when I’m sad. And while my wife and daughter greet me warmly, Sadie is always the happiest to see me whenever I come home.

I feel certain that there are those of you who understand and recognize the vital role that animals play in our lives. When we choose to bless our animals, it does not mean we believe they need or can receive God’s redemption and forgiveness. Instead, we affirm that they are part of God’s good creation. We bless them as a way of offering thanks to God for the companionship our pets provide.

I hope you will join us this Sunday at 3:00pm in the area known as the pumpkin patch for the Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets or just bring yourself. All are welcome to come and be a part of the activities and the fellowship.

As an added feature to the afternoon’s activities, you are invited to bring a donation to help support the animal rehabilitation programs at The Farm at Oatland North. If we raise \$500, your two pastors will have to kiss an animal chosen by the group!!! (Richard and I can’t wait!)

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in worship and again on Sunday afternoon as our church family gathers to worship and celebrate our amazing God!

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!

Financial Report

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

September 11, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$22,768.28

Received YTD | \$835,892.23

Expenses YTD | \$787,087.33

Difference YTD| \$48,804.90

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$836,973.34

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$16,084.00

Maintaining the Mission | \$33,235.00

Attendance ~ September 11, 2022

8:30 Worship Service: **98**

Online Worship Views: **296**

9:45 Worship Service: **59**

Sunday School/Small Groups: **132**

11:00 Worship Service: **213**

Total In Person Worship: **370**

Members in Ministry ~September 18, 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, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Madge McKenzie, Gayle Disque, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel 9:45 Neva Kaye

11:00 Carol Conner

Acolytes:

8:30 CJ Stahl, Eliana Moncus 11:00 Addy Thompson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Vanessa Bell, Monique Cauthan, The Floyd Family, **Teri Gerry**, Anna Green, BettyLou & Jim Hruska, Delia Hudlow, **Laura Johnson**, Suzanne Land, **Pam Melton, Rocky Racca, Ana Smith & Family, Ray Tarrant Family & Friends**, Linda Wendt

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 Varnadoc

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.



Restore today. Renew tomorrow. Rejoice for the future. You can be a part of this meaningful opportunity of Maintaining the Mission of St. Simons United Methodist Church. To **GIVE ONLINE** you may go to our website stsimonsumc.com and click on the **GIVING** tab and choose the

Designated Fund in the fund drop down and reference

Maintaining the Mission in the **Memo**. This can be an ongoing monthly gift or a one time gift. **Thank you to those who have already made a one time contribution or pledge.**



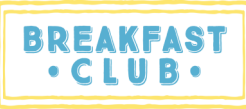
United Methodist Women’s PECAN SALE

Pecans can be ordered every Sunday starting September 18 – October 9. We will be selling halves, pieces, salted and roasted, chocolate, and glazed pecans. Cost is \$11 with delivery before Thanksgiving. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Red Bird Mission and Local Missions! If you are unable to order in person you may call Pat Carmichael at 912-638-4541 or the church office to place your order.

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.



Parents! New Small Group!

Parents! 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.

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 28 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**



MORE INFO & ITEM DROPOFF IN GHOLSON ROOM

The Way Forward- FAQ on Disaffiliation

Why is congregational unity so vital in this season of discernment?

Congregations need to consider how unified they are when considering whether to stay, leave, or wait. Being unified around the decision is important, but more is involved than just the decision. When a congregation leaves its current structure, foundations, and identity, it may expose an array of differences in opinion and belief beneath the surface among members. Changes that disaffiliating congregations undergo may cause some people to leave. Potential membership losses should be considered, along with a potential decline in program, ministry, and outreach. Family relationship and friendships may also suffer damage and harm. This is true no matter what side the church decides to take.

The invitation remains open to anyone who wants to attend the meeting with Bishop David Grave. He 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 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.

Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RAY TARRANT

By: Joyce Bankston
Dorris and Tom Burton

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**