## Weekly Events

#### Sunday, November 20

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary\*

Sunday School & Small Group Classes, Various Locations\* 9:45 AM

Contemporary Worship Service, Chapel\*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary\* Children's Musical

\*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 vrs. **All Services Streamed Live** 

5:00 PM Youth Group– Friendsgiving, Youth Room

#### Monday, November 21

9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building

#### Tuesday, November 22

8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, Parlor

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203

11:30 AM Lay Leadership Team, Parlor

4:00 PM Handbells, Room 216

6:00 PM PAL Meeting, Room 207

#### Wednesday, November 23

Church Office Open 1/2 Day

11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building

1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203

#### Thursday, November 24- Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

12:00 PM Thanksgiving Lunch, Thorpe Building



#### Friday, November 25

11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building

## Charleston Wrap Order Pickup

IT'S TIME TO PICK-UP YOUR FUNDRAISING ORDERS!

Fundraising orders are here! Come pick up your orders in the Gholson Room between services. We can't wait for everyone to receive their box of goodies!





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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

#### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**NOVEMBER 20, 2022** CHAPEL • 9:45am

#### WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

#### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

#### Thank God

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#### **FELLOWSHIP TIME**

#### Cornerstone

CCLI #6158927 ©2011 Hillsong

#### **MORNING PRAYER**

#### No Matter What

CCLI #7105904 ©2005 Songs of Emack

#### Sanctuary

CCLI #24140 ©1982 Full Armour

#### MORNING MESSAGE Maintaining an Attitude Of Gratitude

1st Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rev. Richard Soper

#### INVITATION

#### Worthy Is the Lamb

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#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

## The Worship of God

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

Prelude A Mighty Fortress Kevin Lamb

\* Hymn #102 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

\* Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:30 am)

\* Passing the Peace

Special Music

\* Fellowship Chorus #2036 *Give Thanks* 

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Christ is the Rock

Men's Ensemble Arr. Mary McDonald

**DUKE STREET** 

Arr. Mark Hayes

**Morning Prayer** Tom Jones

For the Beauty of the Earth \* Hymn #92 DIX

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

Offertory Prayer Tom Jones

Offertory **Psalm and Alleluia Chancel Choir** 

Response The Doxology

Morning Message Rev. Richard Soper

### **Maintaining an Attitude** of Gratitude

1st Thessalonians 5:16-18

\* Invitation #101 From All That Dwell

**Below the Skies** 

Verses 1 & 4

\* Benediction Richard Soper

Postlude

<sup>\*</sup>Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



## Thanksgiving

Do you remember Thanksgiving? It's that day in November set aside to express our gratitude. We may need a reminder because if you have been in any stores or paid attention to the commercials on television you would think it's the middle of December, not November.

What happened to Thanksgiving? I checked - it's still November 24. Many of us look forward to it being a special day of celebration with family and friends - but in some regards the holiday has become almost an afterthought. Thanksgiving? Oh, that's Black Friday Eve!

The children of our church reminded us last week in their beautifully presented musical program of how important it is to have an "Attitude of Gratitude" (If you missed their presentation visit the November 13, 11:00 worship service on YouTube for a wonderful blessing!).

We know that an attitude of gratitude helps shape who we are for the better, but there are times when our grateful hearts are overwhelmed by all the other stuff going on. Some of us are too busy to pause and say, "thank you". There are others who find it difficult to celebrate a day of thanksgiving because life is hard; it seems like there is little to be grateful for.

I want to encourage you to not overlook Thanksgiving or any other opportunity we are given to express our gratitude. We have a reason to be grateful even when you feel overwhelmed. The reason is easily found in the words of the simple blessing many of us have prayed since our childhood: "God is great! God is good!" God is great! Give thanks! Good is good. Be grateful! I look forward to seeing you in worship on Thanksgiving Sunday! In the words of Psalmist, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. (Psalm 100:4)

Blessings,

Tom

#### Poinsettias

Order your poinsettias through Tuesday, December 13
Help place poinsettias in the Sanctuary to Celebrate the
Birth of Christ. They will be placed in the church on
Sunday, December 18 and go home after the 11:00am
worship service that day! The cost of each poinsettia is \$24. You may
designate them in memory of, in honor of a loved one or to the Glory of God. Look for envelopes in the pew racks or contact the Church
Office. anne@stsimonsumc.com | 912.638.3317

#### Welcome to our Newest Member!

Please join us in welcoming our newest member, **Betty Lunsford** who joined on Sunday, November 13, 2022. We welcome you to our church family!

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Don and Mable Proctor and Donna Nedik and their family, on the death of Jeff Proctor, who passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2022.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Anne, Tom and Croft Jones and their family on the death of Anne's mother Marie Neel, who passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

### Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.stimonsumc.com">www.stimonsumc.com</a> and click on the Giving tab.

November 13, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,326.28

Received YTD | \$1,023,382.88 Expenses YTD | \$978,017.81

Difference YTD| \$45,365.07

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,043,715.86 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$17,589.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$161,519.15

#### Attendance- November 13

8:30 Worship Service: 81 Online Worship Views: 3179:45 Worship Service: 53 Sunday School/Small Groups: 139

11:00 Worship Service: 190 Total In Person Worship: 324

## Members in Ministry- November 20

#### Ushers:

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Tom McConnell, Steve Stahl
 11:00 Jamie Wiles, Mike Suthard, John Rent, Zdenek Kuja, Dona Colglazier

#### **Greeters:**

8:30 Susan Watkins, Faith McConnell

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 & June Humphries

#### Memorial

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEFF PROCTOR BY:

Rev. Don & Mable Proctor

## Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals: New Prayer Concerns:

Allen Alias, Barbara Belt, Ray Croslyn, Laurie Ellison, Family & Friends of Jamie Gould, Anna Green, Family & Friends of Janie Heise, Dr. Armand Hendee, Anne Jones and Family of Marie Neel, Charlene Jetton, Sutton Mansfield, Barbara Milliken, Rodney Mills, Steve Moncus, Family & Friends of Lowe Price, Family & Friends of Jeff Proctor, Donna Rewis, Randy Sellers, Rodney Spencer, Family & Friends of Lea Weaver, Terry West

#### Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Ed Clark, Vicki Certain, Lanier Dobrenic, Sam Friedman, Dotsy Fuller, Connie Hallowes, Ginny Holt, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Jim Lee, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Marcia Maguire, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Sharon Mitchell, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Ann & Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable & Don Proctor, Jeff Proctor, Mary Rentz, 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

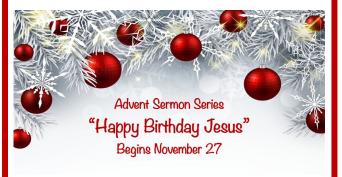
#### Assisted Living Prayer:

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.

## Advent at SSUMC





Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the movie Elf in the Thorpe yard. All are invited for Hot Coco, Pizza, Cookies & Popcorn!

Register on Realm or call the Church office.







## Thank You for your Faithfulness!

#### As of November 15, 2022:

Number of Cards Received to date | 126 Number of New Cards | 25 Total Amount | **\$674,975** 



Please remember, you may continue to return your Estimate of Giving cards. Cards can be returned via mail, brought to the church office, placed in the offering plates on Sundays or submitted on our website! Click the QR Code to pledge online! Thank you for your faithfulness!

### **Preschool Christmas Store Donations**

It's that time of year when the Preschool asks for your regift-able treasures. Our little ones have the opportunity to shop for their families and the choose the "perfect" gifts. We ask for new or gently used gifts from Christmas past, or any occasion, to put in our store. A box will be in the Gholson Room to receive your donations until Friday, December 2.

Thanks so much! ~ Mary



## MAX LUCADO Advent Bible Study

Join us for a four week Advent Study, led by Rev. Richard Soper beginning on Thursday, December 1 at 10:00am. We will use the Max Lucado book, "Because of Bethlehem". Books can be ordered and picked up in the church office for \$8.00. The class will meet in Room 201. Register in Realm or by calling the office.

## UMW Pecan Pickup!

The pecans are here and are available for pickup Sunday between, and after the three Worship Services. The United Methodist Women are very thankful for your support! There will be some extra bags available for purchase - Contact: Pat Carmichael | 912-270-5739



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## **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