

Weekly Events

Sunday, November 27
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* Children’s Musical**
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs.**
All Services Streamed Live
5:00 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

Monday, November 28
9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Finance Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, November 29
8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
4:00 PM Handbells, **Room 216**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**
7:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, November 30
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**
5:30 PM Men’s Ensemble, **Sanctuary**
5:30 PM Youth Pizza & Games, **Youth Room**
5:30 PM Parents Dinner and Conversation, **Meet in Gholson Room**
6:00 PM Kids WOW– Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Children’s Room**
6:15 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, December 1
1:00 PM Parkinson’s Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, December 2
11:00 AM SAM to Elvis at Epworth—Leave the Church at 10:15am
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Elf Family Movie Night, **Thorpe Building & side yard**

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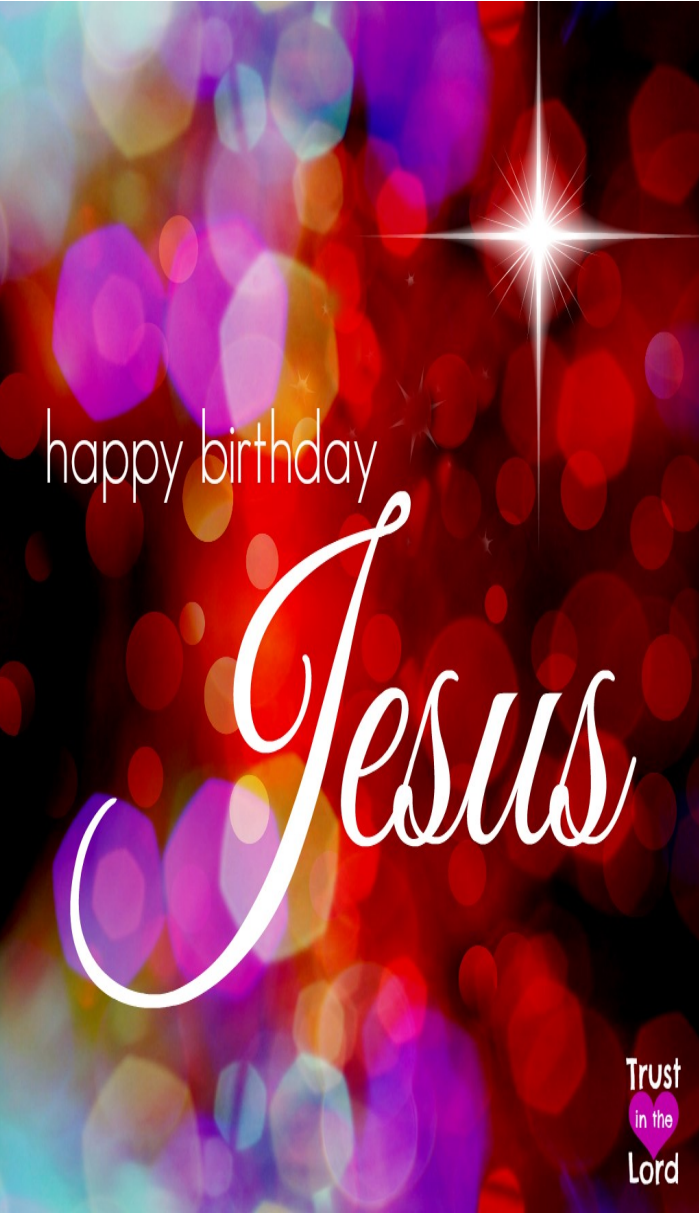
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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME
Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP
O Come, O Come Emmanuel
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE
The Candle of Hope
The Pace Family

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Angels From the Realms of Glory
CCLI #7065163
©2015 ThankYou Music

MORNING PRAYER

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)
CCLI #5601640
©2009 sixsteps

All is Well
CCLI #355008
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MORNING MESSAGE
Happy Birthday, Jesus
Pre-Party Plans
Luke 1:39-45
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION
Christmas Offering
CCLI #7005509
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CLOSING PRAYER
Tom Jones

The Worship of God
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude Sondra Anderson

Sing We Now of Christmas
Arr. by Samuel Wellman

* Hymn #196 ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** HYFORDOL

* Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed

Lighting of the Advent Candle
The Candle of Hope
(8:30) Edie & Tim Vinson
(11:00) The Meyers Family

* Passing the Peace

* Fellowship Chorus #204 ***Emmanuel***

Children’s Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

* Hymn #219 ***What Child Is This*** GREENSLEEVES

Offertory Prayer Rev. Tom Jones

Offertory Kevin Lamb

Response ***The Doxology***

Message in Music ***Gloria*** Chancel Choir
(The King Has Come)

Morning Message Tom Jones

Happy Birthday, Jesus
Pre-Party Plans
Luke 1:39-45

* Invitation #229 ***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*** W ZLOBIE LEZY

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Preparation

Advent is a season of preparation. We prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birth. We prepare for and affirm the promise that Christ will come again.

Preparations are already well underway for celebrating the Christmas season. The pier village is beautiful with its new lights. Invitations to special events and parties are being sent out. Shopping for presents for some of us is already done (I wish I were you.)

But no matter the preparations that have been made, Advent reminds us that it is time to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. We live in an unsettled time. Remember that our hope is in Christ who came to live among us and to be one of us. Our hope is in Christ because he promised to never leave us and through the presence of the Holy Spirit we receive guidance, comfort, and peace. Our unending hope is in Christ because one day he is coming back to gather the faithful, and we will live with him in the eternal joy of our heavenly home.

This week I begin a sermon series that I have titled, “Happy Birthday, Jesus.” The next four sermons will focus on preparations for Jesus’ birthday party.

The best way to prepare for the party is to choose to make Christ your priority in this season of Advent; to honor him with your presence in worship and all the special programs that celebrate his birth. Let the preparations begin!

Blessings,

Tom

Hope 1312 Collective- The FAQ Panel



Are you interested in becoming a Foster Parent but don’t know where to start? Come have a cup of coffee and bring your questions to a small panel of local foster parents.

Saturday, December 3 at 10:00am at

Murray Center of Hope

3365 Cypress Mill Road, Brunswick, GA

RSVP by Nov. 30 to sarah@hope1312co.org

Ring the Bell

For the Salvation Army - Volunteers Needed

Dates, times & locations posted on the bulletin board, and info available on the Welcome Desk. If interested, make a first and second choice from that list. Call Betty Sharp – (912) 268-4452 or (912) 222-3803.



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



Financial Report

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

November 20, 2022

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$21,324.00

Received YTD | \$1,044,706.88

Expenses YTD | \$1,015,044.35

Difference YTD | \$29,662.53

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$1,067,057.74

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$17,984.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$161,989.15

thank you

Attendance- November 20

8:30 Worship Service: 122 Online Worship Views: 209

9:45 Worship Service: 67 Sunday School/Small Groups: 70

11:00 Worship Service: 200

Total In Person Worship: 389

Members in Ministry- November 27

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, Dick & Cathy Wilton

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Phillis Harrell & Max Harrell

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby

11:00 Croft Jones

Memorial

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

Barbara & Chuck Milliken

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Family & Friends of Allen Elias, Barbara Belt, Family & Friends of Janie Heise, 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 Hallows, 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



Through your generous giving to the Maintaining the Mission we have received \$161,989.15.

This money has funded the following projects:

- New Roof on the Sanctuary, Chapel & Adult Ed. Building
- Elevator has been refurbished and is working and the line of credit is being paid off
- New Doors are being ordered for the Gholson room
- Established the Maintenance and Repair Reserve Fund in the Annual Budget

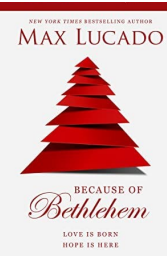
Projects still needing to be funded and completed are:

- Elastomeric Painting & Sealing of All Church Buildings
- Front Church Drainage
- Add a Catch Basin in Front of Church for Drainage
- Improve Signage

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



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.



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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