

# Weekly Events

## Sunday, January 15

- 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
- 5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

## Monday, January 16

- Church Office Closed—MLK Observance**
- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, January 17

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 4:00 PM Handbells, **Handbell Room**
- 6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**
- 6:30 PM UMW Circle 1, **Parlor**
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

## Wednesday, January 18

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 5:30 PM The Chosen, **Thorpe Building**
- 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 Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, January 19

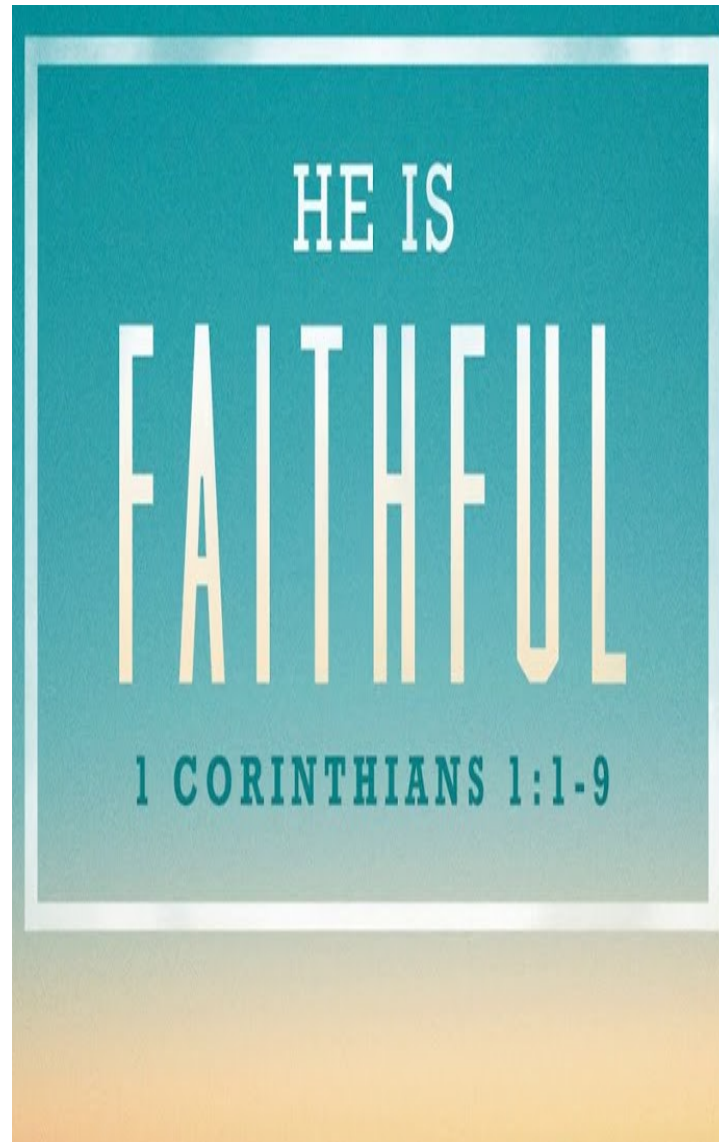
- 12:00 PM Saints & Sinners Lunch, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, January 20

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

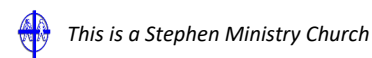
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*Where Love is Unconditional,  
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&  
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## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 15, 2023  
CHAPEL • 9:45am

### WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

CCLI #2298355  
©1997 Integrity

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

*A House United*

CCLI #7059005  
©2019 Riddle Music

### MORNING PRAYER

Kim Belt

*I Speak Jesus*

CCLI #7136201  
©2019 Integrity

*Build My Life*

CCLI #7070345  
©Capital CMG

### MORNING MESSAGE

**Church Selfie**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*  
Rev. Tom Jones

### INVITATION

*Touching Heaven, Changing Earth*

CCLI #2317779  
©1997 Hillsong

### CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

## The Worship of God

JANUARY 15, 2023  
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Prelude Sondra Anerson

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

\* Hymn #117 *O God, Our Help In Ages Past* ST. ANNE

\* Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

\* Passing the Peace

\* Fellowship Chorus #177 *He Is Lord* HE IS LORD

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Lawrence Bridges, Lay Leader

The Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn #545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA  
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

Offertory Prayer Rev. Tom Jones

Offertory

Message in Music *Voices of Praise* Chancel Choir

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

**Church Selfie**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

\* Invitation #357 *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* BEACH SPRING  
Verses 1, 3 & 6

\* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

## Don't Fence Me In

There's an old song with the title, "Don't Fence Me In." It's apparent from the words of the song that the desire of the songwriter's heart is to have plenty of room - room to grow; room to experience new things; room to do more – don't fence me in.

In our personal faith journeys and in the life of the church we often run into fences. Some of the fences are easily seen; they are fences that limit us from growing because someone else put them there. Other fences are like invisible fences that keep pets in our yards - not easy to see, but we know if we go beyond a certain point there is more than likely a price to pay. Then there are the fences we build to keep things out, or to keep us from going any further.

Fences create boundaries. Perceived or real, fences that limit growth in our faith journeys are typically of our own making. That's why our prayers often include statements like, "Lord, help me get through the day and to do the things I need to do." There's nothing wrong with that prayer, but when is the last time you asked God to give you more to do; to ask God to not simply help you through the routine of our days, but to go beyond our routines to explore unfamiliar territory in our walks of faith?

I'll be the first to confess – that's a scary prayer to pray. We are afraid of what God's response will be. So instead of seeking ways to grow we choose to stay where we are. We convince ourselves of all the reasons why we can't do any more. We are comfortable where we are and with the space that represents our current lives – we build a fence.

This Sunday we celebrate the wonderful ways God is at work in our church. My sermon will focus on how God has blessed us and our ministries in the last year. But it will also be a time for us to look forward to what God has in store for us in the new year.

Let's choose to be a church without a "fenced-in look." To be open to what God wants us to do even if it means moving beyond the status quo to explore new and challenging ways to grow in our personal faith journeys and to expand the ministries of our church.

In this year as we turn our attention to being more intentional in our prayer lives, may it be your prayer: "Lord, don't fence me in."

Blessings,

**Tom**

## Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members **Nancy and Tredway Shurling** who joined on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Join us is welcoming these new members to our church family!

## UMW Pecans

The United Methodist Women are very thankful for your support in the pecan sale in 2022! There will be extra bags available for purchase in the Gholson Room this Sunday or you may contact: Pat Carmichael at **912-270-5739** if you would like to purchase pecans.

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online by visiting our website at [www.stsimonsumc.com](http://www.stsimonsumc.com) and click on the Giving tab.

January 8, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$22,207.00

Received YTD | \$32,269.00

Expenses YTD | \$7,698.19

Difference YTD | \$24,570.81

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$26,863.68

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$50.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$204,186.15

*thank you*

## Attendance- January 8, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **108** Sunday School/Small Groups: **152**

9:45 Worship Service: **53** Online Worship Views: **401**

11:00 Worship Service: **240**

In Person Worship Total: **401**

## Members in Ministry- January 15, 2023

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Steve Stahl, Tom McConnell

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Mike Suthard, John Rentz, 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 Eliana Moncus

11:00 Stiles Robinson, Adelaide Watson

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns:**

**John Morgan Bates, Becky Blalock & family of Dr. Armand Hendee, Alice Bowlden, Katy Pickett Burge, Leonard Crawford, Mary DeLage, Kristy & John Diffley, Eddie Echols, Chip Fennell, Brenda Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Diana Giannotti, Maribel Hambric, Carolyn Ivey, Debbie Kudlow, Ellie Nunley, Blair & Blake Simpson, Jim Sloan, Beverly Trainor & the Racca & Stewart Family**

**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, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, **Barbara Jensen & Jim Jensen, Jim Lee, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Louise Mafield, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Sharon Mitchell, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Ann & Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable & Don Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Sandy Thornberry, Dave Vandersall, Bo Vice & Mary Vice, 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.**

## New Position Available

St. Simons United Methodist Church is seeking an Online Ministry Technician! This person will oversee our audio visual (AV) staff and grow our volunteer base for the AV ministry. This person will troubleshoot sound and video for worship, oversee all AV needs for our three Sunday worship services and other special events for a total of 5-6 hours per week. Experience should include working with digital sound board, multiple cameras, video matrix for multi view, live stream setup, and ProPresenter for projection. Pay is based on experience. Contact Kevin at [kevin@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:kevin@stsimonsumc.com) for more info.



## Sons of Jubal

Join us for an evening of music from the "Sons of Jubal". A 200 member men's choir will present a worship concert on February 16 in Waycross, GA. Jubal Ministries exists to proclaim the Gospel

of Jesus Christ through music and mission work, encouraging local churches, both large and small, in their praise and proclamation ministries. The church bus will leave the church at 4 PM. We will have dinner together (dutch treat), enjoy the concert (offering will be taken) and return to the church around 9:30 PM. The cost is \$5.00 to cover fuel and driver expenses. Signup on the church website or call the church office by Tuesday, February 14. Only 24 spots available.

## Confirmation

Confirmation is a continuation of the faith journey of our 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. It is the beginning of a lifetime of commitment to the church and a special time set aside to learn about who God is, what United Methodist Christians believe, and what it means to be not only a member of a church, but also a disciple of Jesus Christ in our world. Sessions start in February with our retreat and Confirmation Sunday in March. Pick up the Info Pack at the Welcome Desk or the Student Ministry Cart and register by January 19. Please contact Chris for more information at 912-223-6866 or [chris@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:chris@stsimonsumc.com).



## Family Devotional

One of our goals for this year is to see families sitting down together to have a family devotion time and prayer at least twice a week. This simple act is one that will bring everyone together in the midst of crazy lives and recenter focus on Jesus. Each devotional will include a verse to read, 3-5 paragraph (or 250-350 words) devotion, a prayer, and may also include a couple discussion questions. Pick up our Family Devotional—written by our church family for our church family—at the Welcome Desk or the Student Ministry Cart. We hope it will help draw your family together as you draw closer to Christ.



## Saints & Sinners

### Luncheon

Join us Thursday, January 19 at noon for lunch and entertainment by the fabulous Annie Akins. Bring a dish to

share, entree will be provided. Cost is \$5 and reservations are due Monday, January 16, 2023. Reserve your spot on Realm or by emailing or calling the church office.

## The Chosen

You are invited to join us for a group study of "The Chosen." This award-winning, first-ever multi-season series about the life of Christ and his followers will help us to experience the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who lived with and knew him.

The first session is on Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 - 7:00pm, in the Thorpe Building. There will be sixteen sessions. Each evening will consist of an episode approximately 1-hour in length followed by a brief discussion. You are invited to attend as much as you can, whenever you can during the 16-week series.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know members and guests and to grow in fellowship & faith. Please consider inviting a friend. Questions? Feel free to contact Jeff Zoul, program facilitator, at [jeffzoul@gmail.com](mailto:jeffzoul@gmail.com). Please register in Realm, or by contacting the church office.



## Pictorial Directory– Sign Up Email!

Please save the date to have your photo taken by The Dark Room photographers for our new photo directory. Photos will be taken on Sundays in January and February and a sign up will be sent out via email in the next few days. We will have time slots for you to sign up from 9:30am –12:30pm. Sessions will start on Sunday, January 22. This is a great opportunity for you or you and your loved ones to have a beautiful, professional photo taken in 2023 in our church courtyard! Photos will be available for purchase but no purchase is necessary!

Please look out for more information in an email and sign up link. Our goal is to have a new picture of everyone who attends SSUMC (members, regular attenders, snow-birds, individuals, families and all are welcome). We look forward to offering a new church directory available for all in the spring of 2023.

 **Join Our Email List or Update Your Contact Info:**  
[info@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:info@stsimonsumc.com) | 912.638.3317



## 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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)