

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

MAINTAINING THE MISSION UPDATE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

God of Brilliant Lights

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

No Matter What

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MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

All My Hope

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Fairest Lord Jesus

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MORNING MESSAGE

Dealing With the Devil

Matthew 4: 1-11
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

O, I Need You

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

Greeting Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude

* Hymn #422 *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love* AZMON

* Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed Richard Soper

Response *Gloria Patri*

Maintaining the Mission Update

* Fellowship Chorus
Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Children's Message Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn #377 *It Is Well With My Soul* VILLE DU HAVRE
Verses 1, 2 & 3

Offertory Prayer Rev. Tom Jones

Offertory

Response #95 *Doxology*

Message in Music *Only God* Chancel Choir

Morning Message Tom Jones

Dealing With the Devil

Matthew 4: 1-11

* Invitation #397 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED
Verses 1, 2 & 5

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Giving and the Season of Lent

Lent began this week with Ash Wednesday. It extends through the forty days (not including Sundays) that lead up to Easter.

Lent is a season of reflection. A time to remember the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness in a battle with evil and temptation. We are reminded of our need to stand up against the forces of evil, to confess our weakness in the face of temptation, and to repent of our sins.

It has become a traditional part of the Lenten Season for people to choose to give up or sacrifice something that they will miss. I want to challenge you to a new way of "giving-up" during Lent – try giving!

Give more time to prayer as we focus this year on praying for our denomination and our church.

Give an extra portion of your finances to Maintaining the Mission.

Give a part of your day on Saturday, March 11, to participate in Serve Saturday.

Give a few minutes of your social media time to invite your friends who have been missing in worship to join you.

Give your highest priority to being in worship on Sundays as each week we move closer to the celebration of Easter.

My prayer is that this season of Lent will be a meaningful time of spiritual growth for you, your family, and our church. Humble yourself before the Lord by giving more - more of your time, more of your gifts, more of your heart to serving God and others sacrificially.

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, February 19, 2023:

Bobbie and Jim Peterson
Al Stasko

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

Love Offering & Retirement Well Wishes!

Please join us in honoring Mary Brittain with a love offering honoring her 10+ years faithfully serving as our Preschool Director here at SSUMC. Mary's last day is March 16. Checks and cards may be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sundays.

Thank you in advance for your part in appreciating Mary, we will certainly miss her smile, her energy and her wonderful commitment to our Preschool children, families and teachers.

Wishing you much joy & happiness as you begin a new chapter in your life.

Memorial

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BILL PICKARD BY:
JOYCE BANKSTON

Join the Pilot Sunday School Class

On March 5 the Pilot Class will begin a 12-week study on the Lord's Prayer. This is based on *The Great House of God*. Books will be provided. Contact Betty Sharp, (912) 222-3803 or betty_sharp1@aol.com.

Financial Report

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

February 19, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,557.00
Received YTD | \$206,021.56
Expenses YTD | \$140,616.59
Difference YTD | \$65,404.97
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$171,445.71
Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1,009.00
Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$221,205.15

Thank you

Attendance- February 19, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **106** Sunday School/Small Groups: **147**
9:45 Worship Service: **64** Online Worship Views: **342**
11:00 Worship Service: **266**
In Person Worship Total: **436**

Members in Ministry- February 26

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tom Smith
11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Clif Pease

Greeters:

8:30 Tina Kirby, Cathie & Dick Wilton
9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg
11:00 Kay Holmes, Marguerite Suthard, Susan Kaufmann

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Carol Conner
11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby 11:00 Evie Stephenson

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster 10:30 Laura Weldy
12:00 David Paulk

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

The Family & Friends of Rita Barford, Billy Byington, Don Chapman, Jean Deal, **Grady Gardner**, **Jim Granade**, Debbie Hudlow, The Family and Friends of Brooks McDonald, Madge McKenzie, **Barbara Meadows**, **Barbara Milliken**, **Peggy Mills**, **Friends & Family of Chris O'Quinn**, Jeannine Patrick, **Heath Rozier**, **Grady Sanders**, Brenda Sharp, **Brian Trainer**, Family & Friends of Dave Wright, Jennifer Welch

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Ed Clark, Vicki Certain, Lanier Dobrenic, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Sharon Mitchell, Louise Mofield, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Don Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, 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.

· SATURDAY ·

MARCH 11



SERVE SATURDAY
ST SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Join us on Saturday, March 11 for our first annual Serve Saturday! Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:00am for

breakfast and a devotional. You will be given Serve Saturday t-shirt by submitting your size when you register. Volunteers will depart at 8:45am wearing our matching Serve Saturday t-shirts to go out and serve in our community!

You may sign up through the Sign-Up Genius link or call the church office at (912) 638-3317 to choose your area to serve! **Monday, February 27** is the last day to sign up! Please sign up NOW! If you are unable to attend you may also make a donation to Serve Saturday!

Pictorial Directory- Photo Make Up!

If you were unable to schedule your pictorial directory photo here at the church in January or February please call The Darkroom and make an appointment and you can stop by their studio and they will take a few quick photos.

The Darkroom Photography
3600 Frederica Road, #5
St. Simons Island, GA 31522
912-638-7077

Preschool Fundraiser- Domino's Pizza

The fundraiser purpose is to continue developing and updating our playground for our little scholars. Each card is \$15: It allows you to buy 1 large Domino's Pizza and Get one free. If you buy 5 you get 5 free etc. Every \$15 you spend the Preschool gets \$7.50. Our goal is \$6,000. Share it with everyone you know. Please register for the fundraiser with the link below and help us update our playground.

"Slice the Pie Team Card" Church Members /Friends: Please use this link Store: <http://stpcards.com/39253>. After you register, please forward your personal link or the general store link to every contact in your phone via text. You can also forward that link to all contacts in your email. If you have any questions, you may call me directly. **Tanja P. Oliver, SSUMC Preschool Director 912.634.8557 tanja@stsimonumc.com**

God Knows Your Name...But What About the Rest of Us?

God is blessing us with so many new faces! To help us better connect to one another we are taking orders for SSUMC name tags. The name tags will have our names engraved on heavy plastic with magnetic backs. Each name tag will cost \$10.00 and you will keep it in your possession to wear on Sundays and at church events. We are an incredible church that does an amazing job of offering hospitality and care to others. Let's take that to the next level. Please order your name tag today with the envelopes in the pew racks that say SSUMC Name Tags. Please print clearly the name of each person exactly how you would like the name tag to read and place your envelope with payment in the offering plate.



Maintaining the Mission Update!

In August of 2022 the capital fund-raising project, "Maintaining the Mission" was introduced to our church. It was determined that our facilities and grounds needed some love and attention for us to effectively continue our ministries and to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

A goal of **\$450,000** was established to provide funds for the initial phase of proposed projects. To reach our goal the congregation was asked to give above and beyond their normal financial support of the church. Through your generosity we have raised almost **\$221,000** to date. We had set a target date of February 28 to end the campaign, but we want to extend the opportunity for you to contribute, trusting that with the additional time we will reach our goal.

Progress can already be seen as a result of the initial funds that have been raised. This includes:

- **A new roof on the Sanctuary, Chapel & Adult Education Bldg.**
- **Paid off the line of credit that was used to repair the elevator.**
- **Established a maintenance reserve fund. In addition, a line item has been included in the operating budget that will supplement the maintenance reserve fund moving forward.**
- **New doors have been ordered for the Gholson Room.**
- **Painting in the Gholson room and Stairwells.**

We have done well, but your on going support is needed to help complete the initial phase of projects. This includes:

- **Elastomeric Painting and Sealing of All Church Buildings.**
- **Improve drainage at the front of the church**

The Maintaining the Mission campaign will continue through **August 2023**. Please consider your one-time gift, or you may choose to make a monthly gifts over the next 6 months. Please mark in the memo "Maintaining the Mission."

Thank you for your generous giving. Through your gifts our facilities and grounds will receive the attention they need now to be better equipped to maintain the mission of our church for years to come.



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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

Weekly Events

Sunday, February 26

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

Monday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, February 28

- 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 Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, March 1

- 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**
6:00 PM Kids WOW- Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Children's Room**
6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

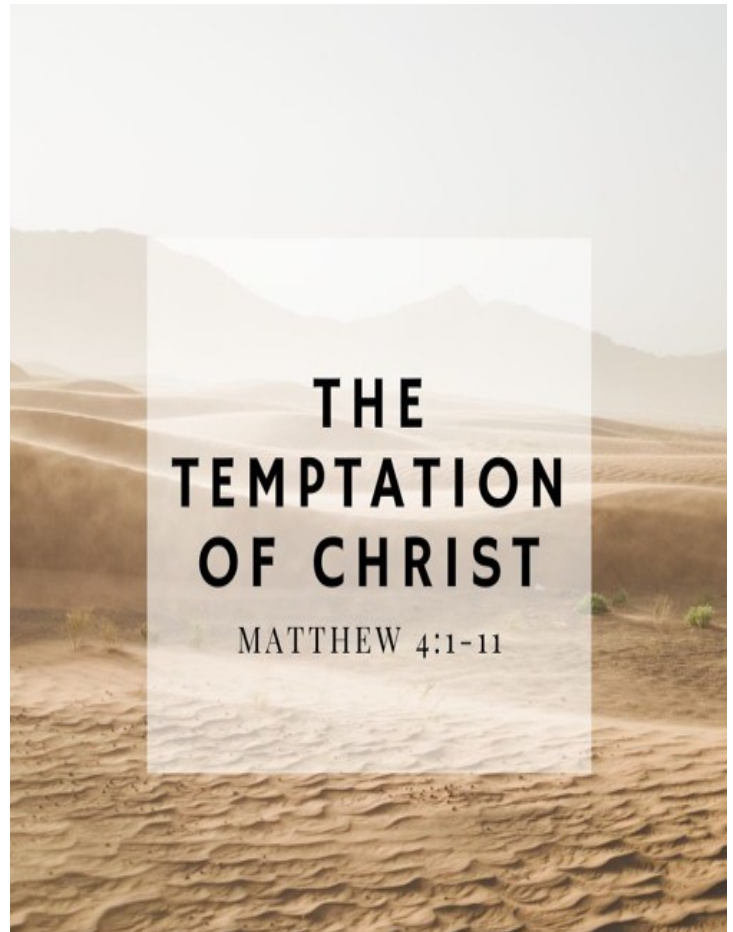
Thursday, March 2

- 1:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, March 3

- Youth Confirmation Retreat thru Sunday, 3/5, **Epworth by the Sea**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Memorial Service, **Chapel**
6:00 PM Emmaus Gathering, **Thorpe & Chapel**

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