

Weekly Events

Sunday, March 5

- 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, March 6

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:00 PM Mission Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, March 7

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 204**
4:00 PM Handbells, **Handbell Room**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**
6:30 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**

Wednesday, March 8

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
12:00 PM SAM Council Meeting, **Parlor**
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**

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

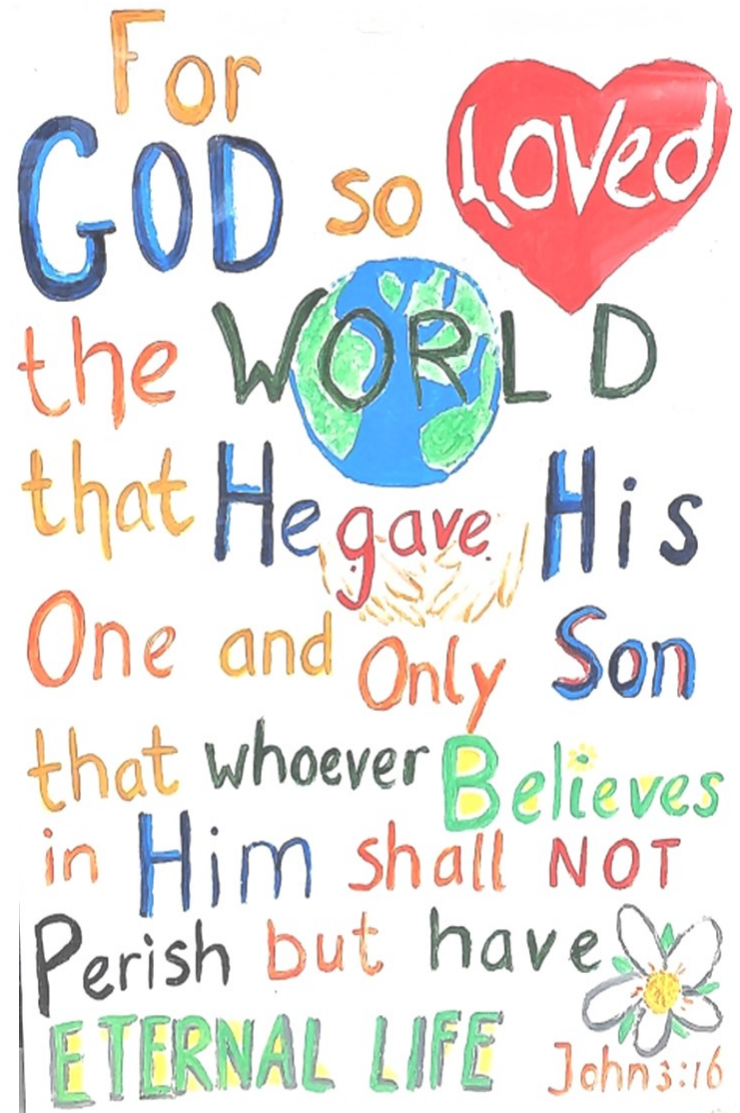
- 8:00 AM Serve Saturday Breakfast and Devotional, **Thorpe Building**
8:45 AM Serve Saturday Teams depart, **Various Volunteer Locations**

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 This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 5, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

My Jesus

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

King of Kings

CCLI #7127647
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MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

Fresh Wind

CCLI #7166857
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MORNING MESSAGE

It's Possible!

John 3:1-17
Rev. Tom Jones

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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INVITATION

How Can I Keep From Singing

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

MARCH 5, 2023

SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Kevin Lamb
arr. Dan Miller

* HYMN #159

Lift High The Cross

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Richard Soper

SILENT PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life:
Hear our prayer.**

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us
From one another and from You.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
For fear of admitting our part in the separation,
For fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships,
To a wholeness with each other and with You.**

**Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations
Through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.**

PARDON

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #393

Spirit of the Living God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

* HYMN #292

What Wondrous Love Is This

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

Sondra Anderson
arr. Randy Smith

RESPONSE #95

Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

By Our Love

Chancel Choir
By: Mary McDonald

MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones

It's Possible!

John 3:1-17

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION #389

Freely, Freely

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Understanding Prayer

Prayer is simple. We talk. God listens. God talks. We listen. Prayer is not unlike a conversation we have with others. It is a means of communicating that helps build a strong and lasting relationship with God.

There was a person who was determined to become more disciplined in prayer. He decided to put the word “prayer” on his calendar for each day of the week starting at 7:00am. He realized that it was easy to neglect the time of prayer and move on to doing other things. So, he decided to change the word on his calendar to “God.” He discovered it was more difficult to skip or ignore an appointment with God.

Most of us are at different places when it comes to our understanding and practice of prayer. It can be hard to comprehend that in a moment of prayer we have the attention of God almighty. But no matter how strong or weak our prayer lives may be, there have more than likely been times when we have wondered: “Does prayer do much good?” “Is God really there, really listening?”

In Mark 9 the story is told of a man who pleaded for Jesus to heal his son. Jesus asks the man if he believes this can happen. The man responds, “Lord I believe. Help my unbelief.” The man’s statement is a declaration of faith as well as an admission that his faith is far from perfect.

The same can be said about our understanding of prayer. “Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief.” It’s a confession of our belief in the power of prayer while at the same time admitting that we have much to learn in our understanding of prayer.

One key to growing in an understanding of our prayer life is to keep praying. Pray even when you don’t know what to say. Trust that the Lord can take the messages from your head and heart and translate them into prayer when you don’t have words. Be confident that God “has certainly heard and has given heed to the voice of your prayer.” (Psalm 66:19)

Our bishop, Bishop David Graves, has asked all United Methodists in the South Georgia Conference to join together in a year of prayer. I am grateful for those of you who have embraced this opportunity. The March prayer guide is included in the worship guide and is also available at sgaumc.org/year-of-prayer. Join with me in using the prayer guide to help keep our focus on our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ – trusting, understanding that God will hear and answer our prayers.

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, February 26, 2023:

Carolyn and Larry Williams

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

Memorial

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

Carole Look, Mrs. Elizabeth Hinton, Mrs. Jay Faircloth
Mrs. Ernie Curry, Carol Conner

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RITA BARFORD BY:

Kay and Tom Holmes

Financial Report

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

February 26, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,240.00

Received YTD | \$229,261.56

Expenses YTD | \$156,336.08

Difference YTD | \$72,925.48

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$196,9870.16

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1,204.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$222,330.15

Thank you

Attendance- February 26, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **88** Sunday School/Small Groups: **156**

9:45 Worship Service: **77** Online Worship Views: **372**

11:00 Worship Service: **259**

In Person Worship Total: **424**

Members in Ministry- March 5

Ushers:

8:30 Mac McLawhorn, Tom Smith, Pete Irby, Janice Lee

11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Helen Baker

9:45 Casey & Craig Pace

11:00 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell, Diane Turner

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye **9:45** Elizabeth Daniel

11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

8:30 Ava Wilson **11:00** Addy Thompson

Communion Servers:

8:30 John Goodrich, Nancy Pickren

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Yvonne & Ron Flowers

Communion Prayers:

Mike Martin, Sharon Blount

Toni Metz, JR Wright

Betty Sharp, Judy Smith

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster

10:30 Jana Comer

12:00 Betty Sharp

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Mary Allen, Marsha Boyette, Grady Gardner, Jim Granade, **Anna Green**, **Tom Macik**, **Mary McCardell**, **Spencer Meadows**, Barbara Milliken, Peggy Mills, **Debbie Moffitt**, **Tom Morris**, **Phil Needham**, Friends & Family of Chris O’Quinn, Heath Rozier, Grady Sanders, **Phil Shinall**, Brion Trainer, **Lois Vogelmann**, **Daniel Whittingslow**

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 Fuller, Jim Fuller, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Mike Martin, Ken McCauley, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, 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.

Sparrows Nest– 1st Sunday Collection

Thank you to those who are bringing Sparrows Nest food items for our first Sunday collection. They are in need of more food every month and suggested the following items:

Canned soups & chili, canned fruit and vegetables, spaghetti sauce, pasta, cereal, toilet paper, canned meats, kids snacks, Diapers sizes 4-6, Baby wipes, and other non perishable items. Thank you also to the volunteers who deliver the food and help at Sparrow Nest.

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

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 17. 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.



Join us for this amazing concert of word and song. With over 70 voices from St. Simons UMC, Frederica Baptist and Frist Baptist that will inspire and lift your soul. Composer Mary McDonald will share her faith journey through music. A prolific writer, arranger and musician. Bring a friend and share this free and meaningful opportunity with our community.

Women's Life Small Group

Please join us for our Women's Life Small Group. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00pm in Room 204. We will use the Upper Room Devotional and will have fellowship and prayer time together! All are welcome to join!

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.

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.



SATURDAY- MARCH 11

Join us in praying for our Serve Saturday teams who will be working in our community on Saturday, March 11! If you are unable to attend or did not sign up you may still make a donation to Serve Saturday!

Nutrition in Parkinson's Disease Seminar

Join us for this informational seminar on Nutrition and Parkinson's.

Date: Friday, March 24, 2023

Time: 10 AM – 1 PM

Location: Sea Palms Resort

515 N. Windward Drive St. Simons Island

Register at: [Parkinson.org/GeorgiaEdu](https://parkinson.org/GeorgiaEdu)

****Lunch will be provided. This program is free, but registration is required.**



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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