

Weekly Events

Sunday, March 19

- 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 20

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, March 21

- 8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
10:00 AM UMW Reading Group, **Parlor**
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**
6:30 PM UMW Circle 1, **Parlor**

Wednesday, March 22

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
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**
6:00 PM Kids WOW- Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Children's Room**
6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, March 23

- 8:30 AM Depart for the Coastal Botanical Gardens, **Savannah, GA**

Friday, March 24

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

FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES

Check out our **Online Calendar of Events** on our website at
<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/calendar/>

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&
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The Worship of God

MARCH 19, 2023

SANCTUARY • 8:30am

PRELUDE	Let the Song Go Round!	Kevin Lamb
GREETING		Rev. Richard Soper
SERVE SATURDAY WRAP-UP		Anna Wilson
* HYMN #73	O Worship the King Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4	LYONS
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Apostle's Creed	
* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #328	Surely the Presence	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Chris Moncus
MORNING PRAYER		
* HYMN #68	When In Our Music God Is Glorified	ENGELBERG
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Tom Jones
OFFERTORY		Kevin Lamb
RESPONSE #94	Doxology	
MORNING MESSAGE		Tom Jones
	Everything Happens So Much Psalm 23	
* INVITATION #75	All People That On Earth Do Dwell Verses 1 & 3	OLD 100 TH
* BENEDICTION		Tom Jones
POSTLUDE		

** Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

The Worship of God

MARCH 19, 2023

SANCTUARY • 11:00am

PRELUDE	The Prayer	Sondra Anderson Mary McDonald arr. McDonald
GREETING		Rev. Richard Soper
CALL TO WORSHIP	Down By the Riverside	Chancel Choir arr. McDonald
* HYMN #73	O Worship the King Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4	LYONS
* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #328	Surely The Presence	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Chris Moncus
SERVE SATURDAY WRAP-UP		Anna Wilson
* SPECIAL MUSIC	By Our Love	Mary McDonald arr. McDonald
A WORD FROM HEART AND HANDS		Mary McDonald
* HYMN #68	When In Our Music God Is Glorified	ENGELBERG
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Tom Jones
OFFERTORY	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Mary McDonald arr. McDonald
RESPONSE #94	Doxology	
MESSAGE IN MUSIC	How Marvelous, How Wonderful	Chancel Choir By: Mary McDonald
MORNING MESSAGE		Rev. Tom Jones
	Everything Happens So Much Psalm 23	
INVITATION	Only God	Chancel Choir arr. McDonald
* BENEDICTION		Tom Jones
POSTLUDE	Gaudeamus Pariter	Mary McDonald arr. Biery

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Sacred Songs

Psalms is a book of the Old Testament composed of sacred songs and poems. Many of the Psalms were written by King David. They comprised the ancient hymnal of God’s people as they were often set to music. The book of Psalms expresses worship. Throughout its many pages, Psalms encourages its readers to praise God for who he is and what he has done. They illuminate the greatness of our God and affirm his faithfulness to us in times of trouble.

At the dedication of Solomon’s temple, music was the centerpiece of worship. We read in 2 Chronicles 5:13-14 that, “It was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord, ‘For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.’” In those moments “the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.”

Music has played a key role in worship since the earliest of times. There is nothing that soothes or sends our souls soaring like music. It can bring joy to our hearts or tears to our eyes. It can create a special moment in the present or remind us of poignant moments from our past. It can move us to clap our hands or to bow our heads in prayer. It can serve as a means of praising the Lord or reassure us when we are troubled that his steadfast love endures forever.

The music at our church is a powerful expression of worship. The congregational hymns, the instrumental and vocal presentations, the ministry of the chancel choir, worship team, and the handbell players all come together as an offering of praise. Music inspires us; motivates us; and calms us. It is often the highlight and most memorable part of our worship together.

This weekend will include two special musical opportunities. The first is on Saturday afternoon at 4:00pm when a 70-voice choir will perform in our Sanctuary under the direction of Composer Mary McDonald. She will also join us in the 11:00 worship service on Sunday as she leads our Chancel Choir. Come anticipating a blessing as we open our hearts to the power and peace of sacred songs.

Blessings,

Tom

A Note from Kevin

I want to personally invite you to the concert on Saturday, March 18 at 4:00 PM and to the Sunday, 11:00 AM Worship service. We will have well known composer and musician Mary McDonald with us. Mary has performed on the grand stage of Carnegie Hall and received numerous awards for ministry in church music. This is an exciting weekend for the music ministry and important to me personally, so please help us fill the sanctuary. I know you will be blessed by Mary’s gifts and talents if you attend. This is a great way to invite friends to attend church. As always I’m blessed to be in ministry with such a loving and supportive church family. - **Kevin**



Mary McDonald

Financial Report

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

March 12, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$37,781.34
 Received YTD | \$292,047.45
 Expenses YTD | \$205,601.70
 Difference YTD | \$86,445.75
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$243,812.92
 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1,319.00
 Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$232,937.15

Thank you

Attendance- March 12, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **93** Sunday School/Small Groups: **177**
 9:45 Worship Service: **83** Online Worship Views: **285**
 11:00 Worship Service: **312**
 In Person Worship Total: **488**

Members in Ministry- March 19

Ushers:

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

Greeters:

8:30 Faith McConnell, Susan Watkins
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 Stiles Robinson, Harlow Robinson **11:00** Adelaide Watson

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:

Sharon Berkenmeyer, **Liza Burke**, Karen Cope, Boyd Cope, Linda Denman, Family & Friends Mark Edwards, Kara Endsley, **Christi Gibson**, Lamar Hardwick, Joyce Harris, Bill Harris, Family & Friends of Anne Hodnett, **Tom Humphries**, Family & Friends of Dick Maly, **Bunny Marshall**, Catherine McCrary, **Eileen Mogan**, Don Proctor, **Nancy Randolph**, **Beverly Riley**, Diane Tyneski, **Kim Tyson**

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 Hollowes, 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, 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 Varnadose

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.



THANK YOU!

On Saturday, March 11, 2023 this church made a difference in our community! For our first annual Serve Saturday almost 100 SSUMC church members gave their time and talents to

10 local nonprofit organizations. In addition businesses in the Pier Village received letters of encouragement from our church and dozens of painted rocks with scriptures were hidden around our church and community for people to find. With hopes to put a smile on their face and remind them of God's love! Our own Boy Scouts Troop 248 also served in the SSUMC Preschool all morning helping Mrs. Tanja clean, organize and make improvements on the playground.

This day was possible because of all the church members who volunteered to spend their Saturday morning serving the community as well as the Serve Saturday committee that included Tom Jones, Anne Frazier, Ashley Carter, Chris Moncus, Kevin Lamb, Richard Soper and Victoria Fryer. There were also church members who weren't able to participate on Saturday but made generous contributions that helped make the day a success.

I am so thankful to each and every one of you for the positive impact you made on behalf of this church on Serve Saturday! I am already looking forward to wonderful things to come at our 2nd Annual Serve Saturday next year!

Anna Wilson- Serve Saturday Committee Member

Picnic for Mary Brittain's Retirement

Please join us for a picnic at Neptune Park on March 26, 2023 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm to celebrate her and wish Mary the best! Please bring your favorite side dish to share. Feel free to share this information with past parents and students. We are looking for volunteers for the following: setup, decorate, or cleanup. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above or considering making a monetary contribution, please email me or stop by the Preschool office. Sincerely, **Tanja Oliver, Director**

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for a Church Family Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 8**, starting at 12:00pm in the Thorpe Building and the Thorpe side yard. Invite your friends and family to join us!

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!

Donations can be left in the Gholson room!

Contact Chris for more info at chris@stsimonsumc.com



Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, March 12, 2023: **Vickie and Chris Simmons**

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

Memorial

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

Barbara Meadows

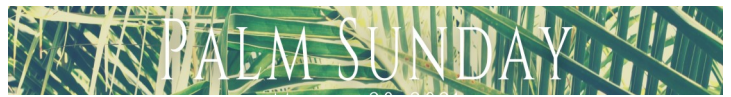
A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ANNE HODNETT TO THE MUSIC FUND BY:

Cindy and Dwight Sweat

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ANNE HODNETT BY:

Jean Bryan

John Lindgren



Palm Sunday Worship | April 2 at all 3 Services

We continue our preparation for Easter as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. All 3 services will have the Children's palm processional. Children should meet at the front of the Sanctuary or Chapel to process! The Children's choir will sing at the 11:00am worship service on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Maundy Thursday | April 6 | 6:00pm

Join us as we experience the last hours of Christ's earthly ministry. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service as Christ's disciples gathered with Him in the upper room. We complete our Lenten journey to the cross in darkness as we leave to contemplate Good Friday and anticipate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Join us Easter Sunday, April 9 - 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

On Easter Sunday, there will be three identical worship services to celebrate the Risen Lord in our Sanctuary! Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection with beautiful music, scripture, and the Easter sermon "The Stone". Come celebrate the Resurrection with us at one of these three services! Please note the time changes for the two early services.

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by April 4 | Cost \$22

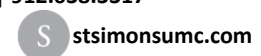
Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 9. Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by 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. Simon's 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**