

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 14– Happy Mother's Day!

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
 8:30 AM "The Class" New Sunday School, **Room 202**
 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. for above worship services
 All Services Streamed Live
 5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

Monday, May 15

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 4:00 PM Stephen Ministry, **Room 207**

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 AM Biscuit Eaters Reunion Group, **Parlor**
 10:00 AM UMW Reading 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**
 6:30 PM UMW Circle 1, **Parlor**

Wednesday, May 17

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 12:00 PM Senior Adult Ministry Meeting, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
 6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Friday, May 19

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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 Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
 &
 The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 14, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45am

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Friend of God

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Honey In the Rock

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CCLI #7089641

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No Matter What

CCLI 7105904

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MORNING MESSAGE

Holding the String

John 15:9-17

Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Lord Reign In Me

CCLI #2490706

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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

MAY 14, 2023

SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Emri Comer

* HYMN #158

*Come Christians
Join to Sing*

SPANISH HYMN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Rev. Richard Soper

BABY RECOGNITION (11:00AM)

Pat Carmichael

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #2224

Make Us One

MAKE US ONE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

Morning Prayer

Richard Soper

* HYMN #469

*Jesus Is All
The World to Me*
Verses 1 & 3

ELIZABETH

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

* RESPONSE #95

Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Here I Am

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

**Holding the
String**
John 15:9-17

Rev. Tom Jones

* INVITATION #526

*What a Friend
We Have in Jesus*
Verses 1 & 3

CONVERSE

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Mother's Day

The idea for Mother's Day was first thought of by Ann Reese Jarvis. She believed such an observance would help reunite families which had been torn apart by the Civil War. She died, however, before her dream could be realized.

But her daughter, Anna, kept the dream alive. She too believed that a special day set aside to honor our mothers would strengthen the home and give needed exposure to the importance of family.

At her request, a special service was organized at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna donated hundreds of white carnations, her mother's favorite flower, for the service, which was held on May 10, 1908. On May 9, 1914, President Wilson proclaimed that the second Sunday in May would be observed as Mother's Day.

I am grateful for Anna's persistence and for what she did to help make this special day possible. My prayer is that this Mother's Day will be a time to focus on the ways we can strengthen our homes by putting Christ at the center of our households. Have a joyful Mother's Day as we celebrate God's wonderful gift of motherhood and the blessings of home and family.

Blessings,

Tom



New Member Gathering

Join us on Sunday, May 21 at 5:00pm in the Thorpe Bldg. for our New Member Gathering with refreshments and snacks. If you have joined in the last year, we welcome you to come and meet other new members and visit with the Pastors. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, May 7:

Kristie Crow

Janet and Chip Higginbotham

Christina and Bob Pinkerton

Ron and Connie Williams

Jane Rynder

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

Memorials & Honorariums

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

Elizabeth and Dick Pipe

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF FRED ALEXANDER BY:

Claudia and Jim Royal

The Alexander Family

Francine Liles

Lynn Alexander Quarles

Anne & Zack Fowler

Joyce and Kermit Neesmith

Elizabeth and Dick Pipe

Kathy and Martin Moses

Libby and Ward Sweat

Sarah and Tony Kreimborg

Wynell and Robert Walczak

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com

May 7, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,064.50

Received YTD | \$463,749.56

Expenses YTD | \$400,192.62

Difference YTD | \$63,556.94

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$431,615.04

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$5,344.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$240,112.15

thank you

Attendance- May 7, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **94** Sunday School/Small Groups: **133**

9:45 Worship Service: **78** Online Worship Views: **426**

11:00 Worship Service: **214**

In Person Worship Total: **386**

Members in Ministry- May 14, 2023

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Carolyn Vann, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Greer Shinall, Fran Jones, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Ashley Swann

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

8:30 Pete Irby, Scarlett Irby

11:00 Adeline Watson, Thomas Giles

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster

10:30 Rosemary Longmire

12:00 Laura Weldy

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns:

Sam Bodine, Kevin Dean, Fay Gowen, Janice Henck, Crissy Hicks, Stephanie Jones, **Millie Moore**, Emily Anne Morris & Jordan Morris, **Denise Ogeltree**, Family & friends of **Adam Paone**, Janie Plummer, Donald Rewis, Family & friends of Michael Ring, Mel Rozier, Nancy Rozier, Family & friends of **Robert Smullen**, Charles Taylor, Asher Thorpe, Jackie Turbidity

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Don Brewer, Beth Carey, Ed Clark, Vicki Certain, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Dianna Giannotti, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Barbara & 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 & Mary Vice, Judy Whelan, Bobbié Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Larry Varnadoc

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.

Worship Location Switch

Beginning Sunday, June 4, the worship locations for the 8:30 traditional service and the 9:45 contemporary worship service will switch. The traditional service will be held in the Chapel and the contemporary service will be held in the Sanctuary. The contemporary worship service has excellent potential for growth. Holding the service in the Sanctuary will provide the room needed to grow as well as adequate space in the chancel area for our Worship Team to lead worship. It will also give us the capability of more creative lighting and enhanced audio/visual opportunities that are important elements of contemporary worship. The 8:30 traditional service will be relocated to the Chapel, which is the original Sanctuary of our church. This beautiful space is adequate to comfortably accommodate our 8:30 worshippers and will help bring us closer together. The service will provide what has come to be expected in our traditional worship settings with music that includes organ, piano, and our chancel choir participating in most of the services. May God's blessings be with us in this season of change.



Stellar Vacation Bible School

CALLING ALL KIDS AND VOLUNTEERS— NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER!



Shine a light on Jesus' love! Take off on a cosmic quest where you'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets you off on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Each day at Stellar VBS, kids launch to rotating stations that reinforce amazing Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. Register kids and leaders at www.stsimonsumc.com/childrens-ministry

The VBS Supply Ship Has Landed

We are going to give these kids an epic adventure and could use your help stocking the ship. Stop by the Rocket Ship in the Gholson Room and pick up a space item or two and return to the collection box below by May 28. We are in need of the following items:

- ♦ Small and Large Paper Plates
- ♦ Paper Bowls
- ♦ Goldfish Crackers
- ♦ "Chewy" Brand Granola Bars
- ♦ Mini Pretzel Rings
- ♦ Mini Brownie Bites
- ♦ Napkins/Paper Towel Rolls
- ♦ 8oz. Disposable Cups

Thank you for your support for Stellar VBS!



Graduate Recognition Sunday- 5/21

If you are a High School or College senior graduating this spring, or the parent of one, please email to let us know! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, May 21! Please email chris@stsimonsumc.com for details and to be included.

UMW Baby Recognition

The United Methodist Women are honoring the following babies born in our church since last Mother's Day today in honor of Mother's Day. Each baby will receive a bible as a gift today.



Campbell Lee Kennedy,
daughter of Christina and Chris Kennedy

Bramlett "Bram" Taylor Barron,
son of Laura and Taylor Barron

James Ouzts,
son of Cate and Steven Ouzts

Happy 15 Year Anniversary to Kevin Lamb!



Join us as we honor Kevin with a Love Offering to celebrate his 15 years of Ministry at SSUMC on Sunday, June 18! If you would like to express your love and appreciation, please mail or bring your gift by the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays between now and June 18! Thank you for being a part of this special celebration in gratitude for Kevin's ministry and service at St. Simons UMC!

The Class- New at 8:30!

A new Sunday School Class started on May 7, 8:30am in Room 202. It is called, "The Class." The invitation is open to all to participate in the class, especially those who attend the 9:45 service. It got off to an excellent start last week with 15 people! The initial session of classes will be an Andy Stanley video series, "Better Decisions, Fewer Regrets." It will be facilitated by Don Dooley.



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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 Bldg.
- 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