

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 28– Pentecost

- 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 29– Memorial Day

Church Office Closed



- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM **NO** Chair Yoga

Tuesday, May 30

- 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**

Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

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

Friday, June 2

- 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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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 28, 2023
CHAPEL • 9:45am

The Worship of God

MAY 28, 2023
SANCTUARY • 8:30am & 11:00am

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I Thank God

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Holy Spirit

CCLI #6087919
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Come Alive

CCLI #6573588
©2012 Centric Songs

Fresh Wind

CCLI #7166857
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* HYMN #545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed* Chris Moncus

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #328 WOLFE
Surely the Presence of the Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER

Jim Lee, 8:30
Jennifer Meyers, 11:00

* HYMN *Pentecostal Power* PRECIOUS NAME
Verse 1, 2 & 3

MORNING MESSAGE

Happy Birthday

Acts 2:1-4
Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson
Kevin Lamb

RESPONSE #95

Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Fill Me Now

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

**Happy
Birthday!**
Acts 2:1-4

Rev. Tom Jones

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

* INVITATION #347

Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Describe the Holy Spirit

This Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost! Pentecost commemorates the birthday of the church! It is the fulfilled promise of Jesus of the Holy Spirit, the advocate God has given us to help us and be with us forever.

Most of us have heard about the Holy Spirit, but I think most would agree that we have difficulty getting our minds wrapped around this holy mystery. Like many things we want the answers to be in black and white, clearly defined, and something we can understand. But the Spirit is something we can't capture because the Spirit moves in ever-creative ways as a beautiful and powerful part of who God is.

As a result, the Holy Spirit has often been described in many different ways. I recently read an article by Lutheran pastor, Vince Gerhardy. His list describing the Holy Spirit is a list that can never be complete, but still helps remind us of some of the ways the Spirit works and continues to work among us.

He is like a breath that blows away the dust and makes everything clean.

He is like refreshing cool water to a parched throat.

He is like a cleansing brush fire that burns away all the thick undergrowth so that something new can rise out of the ashes.

He is like a potter who starts with an odd-shaped lump and molds and shapes it into something beautiful.

He is like a renovator who uses what is already there and strengthens, refreshes and revitalizes what's there.

He is like a loving spouse whispering reassurances of love and support.

He is like a parent guiding and helping a confused child.

He is like a tour guide who points us in the right direction to see things that we would otherwise have missed.

He is that gentle tap on the shoulder that makes us realize, "Hey, that's me that needs a new beginning and new direction."

That is what the Holy Spirit does - he revitalizes, renews, refreshes, empowers, creates, he reminds, he guides, he comforts the church, those in the church and those whom he touches outside the church. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our Newest Member

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, May 21:

Patricia "PJ" Hamilton

Join us in welcoming PJ to our church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Francene & Jesse Roberson

Debbie & Cliff Pease

Jackie & J.T. Alexander

Baby Bottle Campaign



You may help support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign by picking up a bottle in the Gholson room and/or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Fill these bottles with spare change, cash or check and return the bottle by Father's Day, June 18.

Financial Report

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

May 21, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$11,269.00

Received YTD | \$494,514.84

Expenses YTD | \$441,995.68

Difference YTD | \$52,519.16

Budgeted Amount YTD \$477,741.81

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$6,489.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$240,637.15

thank you

Attendance- May 21, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **96** Sunday School/Small Groups: **130**

9:45 Worship Service: **72** Online Worship Views: **526**

11:00 Worship Service: **257**

In Person Worship Total: **425**

Members in Ministry- May 28, 2023

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Cliff Pease

Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Cathie & Dick Wilton

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Phillis Harrell, Max Harrell

Projection:

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

Acolytes:

8:30 CJ Stahl, Scarlett Kirby

11:00 Eliana Moncus, Caedmon Moncus

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 - Church Members:

Jan Carriker, Ryan Comer, Lesley Gonzalez, **Mary Charles Moulton**, **Mel Rozier**, **Nancy Rozier**, Richard Soper, Tim Vinson

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Brande Berry, **Friends & Family of Burch's and Zimmerman's**, Mary Beth Coats, **Stephanie Jones & Joe**, Eileen Morgan, Caryn Riggs, Sheila Soper and family, **Jan Tripp**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett, III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Linda Blount, **Sam Bodine**, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, 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, 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 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.

The Way Forward- A Message from Tom Jones Clarifying the Current Position of our Church

In worship this past week I shared the following comments with the congregation in response to concerns expressed about last week's article in the worship guide. The article was mostly comprised of excerpts from a letter written by Bishop David Graves.

The article was written with the intent being to make you aware of the called Annual Conference that was held on Sunday, May 21. The purpose of the called conference was to approve the local churches in South Georgia that have made the decision to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church, something you will more than likely hear about in the news.

In my effort to keep you informed ahead of the media, some interpreted the article to mean that the decision had already been made and that St. Simons United Methodist will not depart from the UMC. This is not an accurate reading of the article which said, "Following the General Conference in April 2024, we as a church family will give further consideration to the future of our church."

The Leadership Team and Church Council agreed early on that it was in the best interest of our church to wait to make any decisions. We chose to approach this time as a season of discernment and prayer. We felt there was no reason to hurry or to feel pressured into becoming a part of a fledgling denomination, another established denomination, or to take on the unique challenges that come with being an independent church.

We have until the end of 2024 to determine our next steps which may, or may not, include a vote to depart the UMC. In the meantime, there will be opportunities provided for our church family to enter into open and heartfelt discussions regarding departure.

I hope this clears up some concerns as well as helps limit the rumors that are being spread. If people choose to say negative things about our church, please remind them of how God has blessed our church as we continue to emphasize making disciples of Jesus Christ and following his command to love others as God has loved us.

In the words of Romans 15:5: May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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!



When They Prayed- Register for Prayer Time

In the weeks leading up to the South Georgia Annual Conference, laity and clergy from each district are gathering over Zoom and spending time praying through scripture, liturgy, response, and silent individual prayer. The date for the Coastal District is Thursday, June 1, at 6:30pm. Simply go to sgaumc.org, click on "District Prayer Days" found on the left side of the webpage, click on the link for the Coastal District, and fill out the registration form.

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. 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. **Thank you for your support of VBS!**

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 8:30 & 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**