

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, July 2

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Chapel\***  
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, **Sanctuary\***  
11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
**\*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**  
**All Services Streamed Live**  
5:15 PM Youth to Dinner and Gathering Place, **Meet at SSUMC**

## Monday, July 3

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

## Tuesday, July 4- Happy 4th of July!

### **Church Office Closed**

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**  
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**



## Wednesday, July 5

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
11:45 AM Pumpkin Patch Meeting, **Sweet Mama's**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

## Thursday, July 6

- 12:45 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, July 7

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**

## Saturday, July 8

- 6:00 PM Wedding Ceremony, **Sanctuary**

### **\*\*\*FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES\*\*\***

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



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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 2, 2023  
SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

## WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Best News Ever*

CCLI #7079505  
©2017 Universal Music

Fellowship Time

### *God Bless America*

©1938 Irving Berlin

Morning Prayer

### *Evidence*

CCLI #7147432  
©2020 Capitol CMG Paragon

## MORNING MESSAGE

### Freedom to Go Crazy!

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### *As The Deer*

CCLI #1431  
©1984 Universal Music

## INVITATION

### *God Bless The USA*

CCLI #95863  
©1984 Songs of Universal, Inc.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

# The Worship of God

JULY 2, 2023  
8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

Prelude

***Battle Hymn  
of the Republic***

Chancel Choir  
arr. Willhousky

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

\* HYMN #698

***God of the Ages***  
Verses 1 & 4

NATIONAL HYMN

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

Passing the Peace

\* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

***The Family of God***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

\* HYMN

***My County, 'Tis of Thee***  
Verse 1

AMERICA

***God Bless America***

Irving Berlin

***America***

Chorus

MATERNA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

***America***

Chancel Choir  
Arr. McDonald

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Tom Jones

## Freedom to Go Crazy!

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

\* INVITATION #717

***The Battle Hymn  
of the Republic***  
Verse 1

BATTLE HYMN OF  
THE REPUBLIC

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## Indivisible

When we pledge allegiance to our nation's flag we use the word "indivisible" to describe our country. Are we?

We are a nation that has always had our differences and the freedom to express those differences. But our divisions seem to grow wider with time. We are less likely to openly discuss our differences or explore the possibility of seeking common ground with those whose backgrounds or beliefs are different from ours. Something needs to be done to address the growing divide.

In our busy, agenda-filled lives it is easy to forget one of the simpler ways to break down barriers – kindness.

There is an old saying, "you get more with honey than you do with vinegar." It can be easy to get frustrated, even angry about the way people grate on our nerves. It is appropriate when we have issues to take a stand - it is good to have and express our opinions. It is when the position we take becomes mean-spirited that our words and actions become problematic. Jesus reminds us in Mark 3:24-25, "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

It would be helpful if we chose to keep in mind the power of honey. Even when you feel you are correct in a matter of importance - try to practice being kind to those with differing opinions. When we do so, the gaps in our differences will begin to close and the ways we address our differences will become more productive.

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, one of the greatest strengths of our country is that even in our multiplicity of differences - we the people remain indivisible. Let's work toward even greater cohesiveness by practicing kindness and by being conduits of hope; let's do our part to help heal the differences that can tear us apart. Remember the pledge we have so often made - to be "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Blessings,

Tom

## Welcome to our Newest Member

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, June 25:

- Joe Baker
- Christie Weisberg

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

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE PRAYER TEAM BY:**

**Glenna & Tom Humphries**

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TIM VINSON BY:**

**Evelyn & Wayne Murphy  
John Lindgren**

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy and love are extended to the family and friends of Tim Vinson, who passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Please keep the Vinson family and friends in your prayers.

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)

June 25, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$16,448.00

Received YTD | \$583,432.04

Expenses YTD | \$569,224.78

Difference YTD | \$14,207.26

Budgeted Amount YTD \$595,804.50

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$7,214.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$247,977.15

*thank you*

## Attendance- June 25, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **82** Sunday School/Small Groups: **131**

9:45 Worship Service: **74** Online Worship Views: **387**

11:00 Worship Service: **249**

In Person Worship Total: **405**

## Members in Ministry- July 2, 2023

**Ushers:**

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

**11:00** Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Ed Reynolds

**Greeters:**

**8:30** Charlene McManamy, Helen Baker

**9:45** Casey & Craig Pace

**11:00** Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell, Diane Turner

**Projection:**

**8:30** Neva Kaye

**9:45** Carol Conner

**11:00** Ashley Swann

**Welcome Desk:**

**9:30** Barbara Foster

**10:30** Jana Comer

**12:00** Betty Sharp

**Acolytes:**

**8:30** Scarlett Irby

**11:00** Addy Thompson

**Communion Servers:**

**8:30** Tina & Bill Kirby

**Communion Prayers:**

John Lindgren, Judy Smith,

**9:45** Laura & Jim Weldy

Beverly Trainor

**11:00** Sherry & Mike Pickett

Betty Sharp, Mike Martin

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:**

**Danielle and Matt Baird & new baby Bonnie Olivia, Sharon Blount, Barbara Meadows, Anne Rogers, Family & friends of Tim Vinson**

**New Prayer Concerns- Others:**

**Dickie Anderson, Family and friends of William Callaway, Paul Chase, Family & friends of Mykal Ellis, Gil Erbish, Jones Gossett, Jan Heymann, Lori Huntley, Floyd Kiziatt, Ben Laws, Phil Needham, Beverly Riley, Cay Robertson, Kalin Rozanski, Eric Schoch, Tomee Sellers, Bobby Watson, Beau Wright, Cal Yudin, Patricia Zankman**

**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, **Terri Dunkle**, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Dianna Giannotti, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara & Jim Jensen, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Bob Rewis, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Mel Rozier, Bob Scherer, Dee Taylor, Dave Vandersall, Bo & Mary Vice, Terry West, 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

**Vitality Assisted:** Jim Jensen

**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 for those who are bringing Sparrows Nest food for our first Sunday collection. They are in need of more food every month and suggested the following items: Canned Chicken,

Vienna Sausage, Canned corn, peas or mixed vegetables, Instant mashed potatoes, Soups, Chili, Pork N Beans or Baked Beans, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli and SpaghettiOs, Mac N Cheese, Kid Snacks, Canned Fruit and Fruit Cups, Cereal and Oatmeal, Boxed Powdered or Canned Milk, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Plastic or paper grocery store bags

Thank you also to the volunteers who deliver the food and help at Sparrows Nest.

## Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the gift and recognition on Sunday, June 18. It is a joy to be in ministry with you here at SSUMC. This congregation is a special group of individuals. You make guests feel welcome each Sunday. You welcomed my family and supported us through some difficult times. We love you and look forward to many more years together.

**Kevin & Holly**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Danielle and Matthew Baird on the birth of their daughter, Bonnie Olivia, who was born on Monday, June 26, 2023 She is 7lbs 6oz. and is 21 inches long. Baby and mom are doing well. Congratulations also to her proud grandmother is Cindy Baird!



## July Jewels (those who have July Birthdays)

Lets gather together and celebrate all the July Birthdays at Sweet Mama's for a Dutch Treat Lunch on July 12 at 11:00am. Contact Margot Howard by July 11 at 912.258.1944 if attending.

## Lost Emails! Save us in Your Contacts!

Please save our emails in your contacts so that they don't go to junk! Especially, Rev. Tom Jones– [tom@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com) and Rev. Richard Soper [richard@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:richard@stsimonsumc.com) and our Info email that we use for communications from [info@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:info@stsimonsumc.com)! Let's stay in touch and out of Junk emails!

## Gathering Place Main Event

Calling all Middle School and High School Youth! Every Sunday through July 16

Join hundreds of other youth in praise and worship, play games, and hear a great speaker. Replaces Youth Group. Bring \$\$ for dinner on the way. 5:15-9:00pm.

**7/2 — Community Church St. Simons– Meet at SSUMC**

**7/9 — Community Church Brunswick– Meet at SSUMC**

**7/16 — Community Church St. Simons– Meet at SSUMC**



## 9 to 5 The Musical

The Senior Adult Ministry invites you to join them for the stage production of 9 to 5. Amelia Community Theater presents the musical version of the 1980's hit film. The church van will leave after worship on August 13. We will not stop for lunch, so bring a bagged lunch or attend one of our early services so you are ready to go around noon (immediately after worship) Cost is \$35 and currently limited to 24. Get your tickets ASAP! We only have a few spots left!



## Family Beach Night

Join us on Wednesday, July 12 at 6:00pm. Bring dinner along with a towel or chair and enjoy the beach with our Student Ministry families. We'll have games to play or simply enjoy the sand and sea. Meet at 6pm at Myrtle Street Beach. All elementary kids and younger must have a parent or guardian with them at all times. Email Chris at [chris@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:chris@stsimonsumc.com) for more info.



## 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 Bldg.

## 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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)