

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 30

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
5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

Monday, July 31

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

Tuesday, August 1

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, August 2

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, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

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/>

Exciting News!

DON'T MISS THE BISHOP

Bishop David Graves will be here on
Sunday, August 6, 2023 at all three services

Please plan to attend your regular church service

ST. SIMONS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Why Are We Sitting Here?
II Kings 7:3-9 NKJV



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*Where Love is Unconditional,
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

JULY 30, 2023

SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Good God Almighty

CCLI #716860
© 2021 9t One Songs

Fellowship Time

My Jesus

CCLI #7174531
© 2021 Brendhood Music

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

CCLI #7200544
© Be Essential Songs

Sanctuary

CCLI #24140
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MORNING MESSAGE

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INVITATION

I Could Sing of Your Love

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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

The Worship of God

JULY 30, 2023

8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN

Praise Him! Praise Him

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

The Family of God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Backpack Blessing

Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER

Betty Sharp

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN

Love Lifted Me

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Richard Soper

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*Down By The
Riverside*

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Richard Soper

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* INVITATION #368

My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

Verse 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



Listening for God

In his book, "When You're All Out of Noodles", Ken Jones writes about a lesson he learned one day at the office. When I walked into my office, I noticed something I have never seen before. It was round, about the size of a dessert plate, and plugged into the wall, giving out a constant noise. It wasn't a loud noise, just constant. "What in the world is that thing"? I thought as I stopped to stare. I finally asked the receptionist about it. She said, "It's an ambient noise generator. If it's too quiet in here, we can distinguish the voices in the counseling offices, and we want to protect their privacy. So we bought the noise generator to cover the voices."

"Her explanation made perfect sense to me, but didn't it have to be louder to mask the conversations"? I asked. "No", she said. "The constancy of the sound tricks the ear so that what is being said can't be distinguished." Interesting, I thought. Very interesting. One kind of noise to cover the sound of another. It made me think and pray.

No wonder, Lord. No wonder I strain to hear what you have to say to me... the constancy of sound-little noises, soft, inward, ambient thoughts and fears and attitudes-tricks the ears of my inner self and masks your still, small voice. God isn't silent, but let me ask you, do you hear that still, small voice?

I appreciate every one of you!

Richard

Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, July 23:

Peyton and Dane Gilje

Join us in welcoming these new members to our church family. Also, congratulations to the Gilje family on the baptism of their daughter, **Truvy Eleanor Gilje** who was baptized on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at the 11:00 service in our Sanctuary.

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Susan & Lee Watkins
Nita J. Breadwell
Tina & Bill Kirby
L. Patrick Auld

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TERRI DUNKLE BY:

His Marine Corps Friends
Claudia & Jim Royal
The Beacon Sunday School Class

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

Tina & Bill Kirby

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

Tina & Bill Kirby

Financial Report

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

July 23, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$10,238.00

Received YTD | \$668,534.87

Expenses YTD | \$667,105.14

Difference YTD | 1,429.73

Budgeted Amount YTD \$688,607.24

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$10,843.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$250,322.15

thank you

Attendance~ July 23, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **75** Sunday School/Small Groups: **117**

9:45 Worship Service: **76** Online Worship Views: **392**

11:00 Worship Service: **157**

In Person Worship Total: **308**

Members in Ministry~ July 30, 2023

Ushers:

8:30 TBD

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins

Greeters:

8:30 Barbrea Whitney

9:45 Judy Wright, JR Wright

11:00 Marlis Kiser, Bob Kiser

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Elizabeth Daniel

11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

8:30 Eliana Moncus

11:00 Harlow & Stiles Robinson

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 - Church Members:

Ryan Comer, Faye George, Anne & Larry Rogers

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

June Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Nancy Coleman, Betty & Jim Daher & Family, Jillian Daly, Bobby Fuller, Lori Huntley, Larry Kimmel, Molly Mason & parents, Rev. Bill Reinchild & Family, Allan Watkins, Gerri Williams, Pat Zankman

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, **Sam Bodine**, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallowses, Elwanda Hopkins, **Merideth Houseman**, Tom Humphries, **Barbara Jensen**, Jim Jensen, Ellie Leroux, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Louise Mofield, Spence Mullis, Phil Needham, 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

Senior Care Center: Jerry Winsness

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.

Senior Adult Ministry 2023-24 Brochure



Our new brochure is available starting this Sunday. You can make reservations online or call the church office during office hours. We are excited about our activities this year! Our August 13 event is already sold out. Check out the Jacksonville Symphonic Movie Night scheduled for September 22. You will experience the masterpiece movie E.T. on a giant screen above the Jacksonville Symphony playing the award winning musical score written by masterful writing of John Williams.

Kid's Clubhouse Opening Soon!

On August 13, our refreshed and enhanced Kids Clubhouse will make its debut alongside our two new Kids services—Clubhouse Jam (9:45am) and the Action Lab (11:00am). This treehouse-themed space will give our Kindergarten through 5th graders a place to celebrate God's goodness, experience His love, and learn His amazing plan for their lives. And you... yes YOU... can be a part of this! The hands-on leadership of our faith family will be crucial to its success and effectiveness. Can you guide kids through questions about their life and faith? You'd be a great small group leader! Are you a kid at heart? Then jump in and lead our games. Is the stage where you belong? Come lead songs or act in skits. Is the background more your style? Help us prepare for Sunday during weekdays. Do you want to help us with resources? I can show you our Amazon wish list!

We all want to see this generation come to know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 13:14). Will you be a part of this mission?

Look out for photos and more details as we continue to press on in this new season of Kid's Ministry! Keep us in your prayers.

Contact Chris Moncus for more info or to help—
chris@stsimonsumc.com



Stock the Pre School!

You can now help support our school, our students and our teachers by using our new QR code attached here! The QR code will automatically take you to our preschool webpage. Scroll down to the bottom and select to stock the school with supplies needed from our Amazon or Walmart wish list! Thank you in advance for your continued support and if you have any questions contact Tanja Oliver via email at tanja@stsimonsumc.com.



Thank you

The family of Tim Vinson wishes to express our gratitude to the ministers, church staff, and members of St Simons United Methodist Church for your visits, calls, texts, and prayers during Tim's illness and death. Thank you for being a loving and supportive church family.

Eddie, Marc, Scott and Family



Blessing of the Backpacks

Bring your backpack on Sunday, July 30 to our morning worship services as we pray for our students and teachers returning to school.



BBQ & Bingo Bash!

Join us on Wednesday, August 16 to kick off the fall programming at SSUMC with a fun evening of BBQ and Bingo! We will gather in the Thorpe Building for dinner

at 5:30 pm and then enjoy a fun few rounds of bingo! There will be prizes for the winners!! All of our church family is welcome to attend! Please RSVP by Monday, August 14 on Realm or by emailing Ashley at ashley@stsimonsumc.com or by calling the church office!

Congratulations to Our Preschool!

We are beyond proud and excited that our preschool has received the highest honor from the state of GA!

The school received a

3 Star Quality Rated Child

Care ranking! If you see Tanja or our preschool teachers please congratulate them for their hard work! **WAY TO GO!!!!**



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**



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