

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 20

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Chapel***
8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, **Kid's Clubhouse**
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, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, August 21

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Room 207**
5:30 PM Finance Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, August 22

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
11:00 AM Lay Leader Way Forward Meeting, **Youth Room**
5:30 PM Nominations Meeting, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, August 23

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Financial Peace, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM Kids WOW- Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**
6:15 PM Chancel Choir Christmas Preview, **Choir Room**

Thursday, August 24

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
10:00 AM Half Truths Bible Study, **Room 201**

Friday, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

- 8:00 AM ERT Team Training, **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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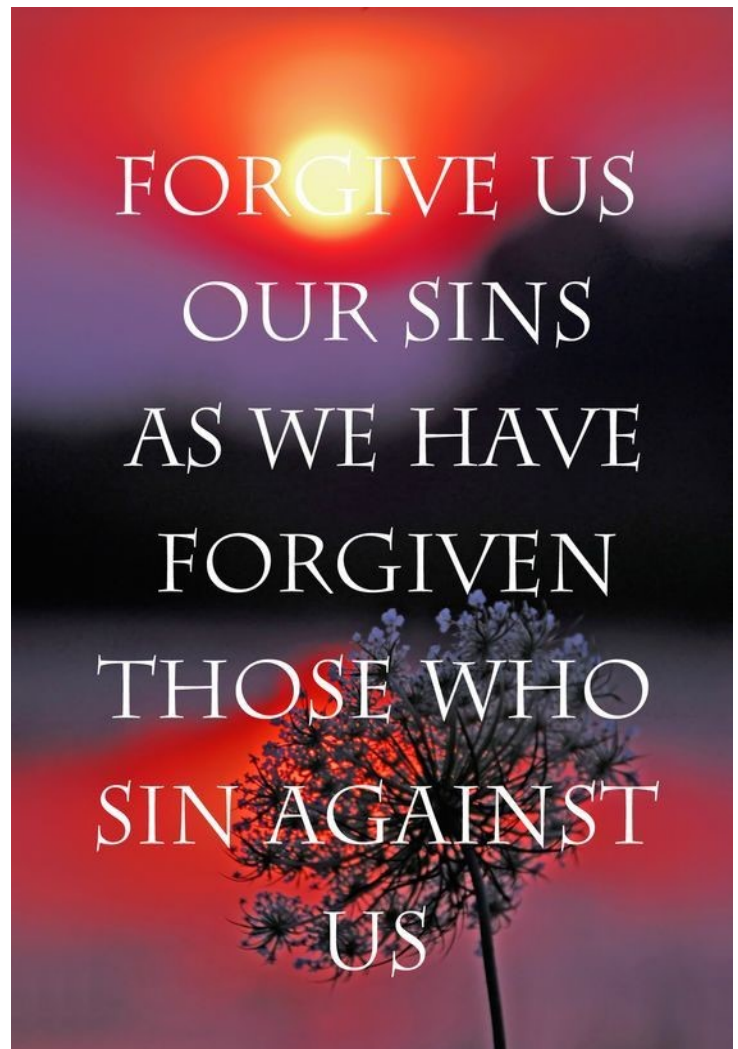
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 This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 20, 2023

SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

The Worship of God

AUGUST 20, 2023

8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

MISSION MOMENT

Rise Against Hunger

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

We Welcome You

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Fellowship Time

Days of Elijah

CCLI #1537904
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Morning Prayer

God So Loved

CCLI #7138599
© 2019 Angie Feel Good Songs

Word of God Speak

CCLI #3912788
© 2002 Songs From the Indigo Room

MORNING MESSAGE

Let It Go!

Genesis 45:1-15
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Shout to The Lord

CCLI #1406918
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

Prelude

Kevin Lamb

* HYMN #369

Blessed Assurance

ASSURANCE

Mission Moment

Rise Against Hunger

Tom Jones

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #2244

People Need The Lord

KID'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER

Jim Lee

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

BEGINNINGS

Verses 1, 3 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*My Jesus,
I Love Thee*

Rev. Tom Jones

arr. McDonald

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Even In The Valley

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Let It Go!

Genesis 45:1-15

* INVITATION #357

*Just as I am,
Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

Verse 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Come Closer

The first step. It seems to be the most difficult one to take. What often makes it difficult is uncertainty, fear, or simply procrastination. In my life I remember many "first steps" but a few that stand out were; the first step up the ladder to dive off the high dive; the first step off the cliff to rappel down the side of a mountain; the first step towards fulltime ministry knowing it was going to change my life forever. It's a proven fact that you are not going to get anywhere unless you make the first step.

This is especially true when it comes to forgiveness. Most of us know someone we should take a step toward to offer or seek forgiveness. But we can't. We convince ourselves that the other person needs to be the one to make the first move. Ultimately nothing happens and you grow further apart in the relationship.

In the sermon this Sunday we will take a closer look at the story of Joseph. There are several overriding themes in the story that include family, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Joseph was sold into slavery; Joseph trusted God to care for him as he worked his way into a position of power; and then some 20 years later Joseph offered forgiveness to his brothers as they sought food from him during a famine.

When his brothers recognized Joseph they were dismayed. They knew that payback was in order for what they had done to him. Joseph was in a position to make life hard for them, even take their lives if he chose to do so. But Joseph said, "Come closer to me." Or in other words, make that first step and you are forgiven. The brothers and the family were reconciled in one of the most beautiful stories about forgiveness in the Bible.

Has someone hurt you? Has someone made you angry? Has someone chosen to move further and further away in a relationship. Make the first step. Move closer to them as you invite them to come closer to you. Remember the words of 2 Corinthians 5:18: "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

Blessings,

Tom

Out Deepest Sympathy

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to Barbara Smith, whose son, **Kenneth Smith** passed away on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Please keep Barbara and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members who joined Sunday, August 13:

Cherie and Bob DeMarco

Mary Glen and Michael Giery

Libby Evans

We welcome you all to our church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Alton L. Strickland Fund

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

Marian & Raymond Pelts

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF KENNETH SMITH BY:

Diane & Jim Bailey

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF KAREN PEASE BY:

Stephanie & Greg Pease

Financial Report

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

August 13, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$36,694.28

Received YTD | \$750,682.71

Expenses YTD | \$744,237.99

Difference YTD | \$6,444.72

Budgeted Amount YTD \$757,797.25

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,295.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$251,152.15

thank you

Attendance- August 13, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **93** Sunday School/Small Groups: **121**

9:45 Worship Service: **63** Online Worship Views: **303**

11:00 Worship Service: **263**

In Person Worship Total: **419**

Members in Ministry- August 20, 2023

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 Susan Watkins, Faith McConnell

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel **9:45** Neva Kaye

11:00 Carol Conner

Acolytes:

8:30 Eliana Moncus **11:00** Thomas Giles

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:

Family & friends of Kenneth Smith, Keith Stephenson

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Family & friends of Bill Boyne, Lamont Craft, Betsy Draughon, Brian Finlay, Tyler Hairston, Cheryl & Bob Haws, Adam Hobbs, Patrick Hoey, Family of Les Jackson, Lawton Jordan, Kevin Josey, Ellen Long, Colette Mason, Silas Mcoy, Phil Needham, Oliver, Chris Oliver, Shyrell Oliver, Anne Spelts, Dr. Frank Spelts, Donna Taylor, Alexander Tipton, Pat Wallace, Hadley Anne Webster, John Wilton

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Billy June Boyd, June Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallows, Ronda Hansen, Bill Hansen, 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, Mike Stiles, 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.

Financial Peace University at SSUMC

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join our Financial Peace University class at SSUMC starting on **Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. The class is \$99 per couple. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/46BC6F> or sign up on Realm or call the church office for more info!



ERT for Disaster Relief

Our church will host an **Early Response Team Training** event on Saturday, August 26, 8:00am-3:00pm, in the Thorpe Building. The cost for the training is \$30. Lunch is provided. Early Response Team (ERT) Training equips individuals and teams to respond in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. At the training, participants will receive an ERT Training Manual and upon completing the course will receive an UMCOR ID Badge and a conference ERT T-shirt. You must be 18 years or older to get the UMCOR badge and have completed Safe Sanctuary Training by watching the video at <https://sgaumc-reg.brtaapp.com/ERTChainsawStSimons>. Participants will also be required to complete an UMCOR background check via www.tinyurl.com/umcorv at no cost. Please contact David Clark, Missions Chair, at dfclark929@gmail.com or at 770-639-0346 for more info. about the class and for assistance with registration.

UMCOR responds to wildfires on Maui

Wind-driven wildfires on Maui have prompted evacuations and caused significant loss of life and widespread damage. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is coordinating with the California-Pacific Annual Conference to process an initial grant for emergency supplies such as shelf-stable food, water, hygiene items, and tools to help survivors recover belongings.

Gifts can be made in the following ways: Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>

- By toll-free telephone call: 1-888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo line and mailed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087
- By check made out to SSUMC-with UMCOR with "Advance #901670-Hawaii" written on the memo or notated

Kid's Clubhouse Exciting Debut!

Thank you to all who have supported the enhancement of the Kid's Clubhouse! Clubhouse Jam and Action Lab debuted with unique ways to worship God, learn His Word, and live our lives for Him. The kids were led by youth and adults who might have had an even better time than the kids! We'd love to show you some of the fun! Visit our Children's Ministry page of our website to see a short video of all the excitement! <https://www.stsimonsumc.com/childrens-ministry/>



Confirmation Begins in September

Confirmation is a continuation of the faith journey of our 5th-12th grade students. It is the beginning of a lifetime of commitment to the church and a special time set aside to learn about who God is, what United Methodist Christians believe, and what it means to be not only a member of a church, but also a disciple of Jesus Christ in our world. Sessions start on September 10 with our retreat and Confirmation Sunday in March. Register by September 3. Please contact Chris for more information at 912-223-6866 or chris@stsimonsumc.com.

Christmas Cantata 2023

Join us on Wednesday, August 23 for our annual Christmas Preview at 6:15pm in the Choir Room. If you are interested in singing in the cantata on December 10 for morning worship. This is the first introduction to the music. This is an exciting collection of songs with varied styles and genres. Once again our kid's choir will be participating and of course we will have a full orchestra.



Join us Friday, September 22, for director Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece, *E.T.*, is one of the brightest stars in motion picture history. This movie has captivated audiences around the world, complete with John Williams' Academy Award-winning score performed live by a full symphony orchestra in sync to the film projected on a huge HD screen! The bus will leave the church at 3:30pm. We will stop for early dinner (Dutch treat) and arrive at Jacoby Hall at 6:30pm. Performance begins at 7:00pm. We will return to St. Simons by 11:00pm. If you haven't experienced a Symphonic Movie Night it's worth staying up late! Cost is \$65. Reservations are due by September 7 on Realm or by your payment.

Ushers Needed!

Do you have one Sunday a month to serve or even one Sunday a quarter? We are looking for Ushers to serve at the 8:30 and 11:00 services and we are looking to create a 5th Sunday usher team for each service that will only serve 4 times a year! We have faithful ushers that have served for years and are in need of new usher to help! Please contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com if you would like to help serve in this meaningful and vital ministry!

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.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old - 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid'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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