

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 3

- 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, **Youth Room**

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day Holiday

Church Office and Preschool Closed

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

Tuesday, September 5

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Nominations Committee Meeting, **Parlor**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, September 6

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **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 Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, September 7

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**
10:00 AM Half Truths Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
12:45 PM Parkinson Support Group, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM SPRC Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, September 8

- 7:30 AM Grandparents Day Celebration, **Gholson Room**
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

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
SANCTUARY • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Touching Heaven Changing Earth

CCLI #2317779
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Fellowship Time

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Remembrance

CCLI #5484616
©2009 sixsteps Music

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Famous For

CCLI #7096220
©2020 Capitol CMG Paragon

Morning Prayer

Goodness of God

CCLI #7117726
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MORNING MESSAGE

Not Paying Attention

Mark 5:35-43
New English Translation
Rev. Richard Soper

INVITATION

I Will Rise

CCLI #5183450
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023
8:30 AM CHAPEL • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #618

***Let Us Break
Bread Together***
Verses 1 & 2

LET US BREAK BREAD

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Benjy Varnell

CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PASSING THE PEACE

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #99 ***My Tribute***

KID'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

* HYMN #364

Because He Lives
Verses 1 & 3

RESSURRECTION

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Holy Is He

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Richard Soper

Not Paying Attention

Mark 5:35-43
New English Translation

* HYMN #569

***We've a Story to
Tell to the Nations***
Verse 1

MESSAGE

* BENEDICTION

Richard Soper

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

Nine Questions for Sunday

1. Do I come to worship-to strengthen my trust in God-or do I merely "come to church"?
2. Do I pray before the service that the Minister's message may be inspired, and that I may be attentive?
3. Do I pray that any who are troubled or sorrowful, may find God's answer to their need?
4. Do I listen to the Scripture reading, eager to discover a new truth about God?
5. Do I ever pray for the choir as they make a true offering of their music?
6. Do I sing the hymns with my heart, as well as my voice?
7. Is my offering both thanks-giving as well as money-giving?
8. Do I seek out at least one visitor before or after the worship service, and introduce myself?
9. How far into the week will I carry the inspiration of the worship service?

I pray that we are all delighted to be here in worship each Sunday. We gather to be renewed and empowered by God's presence, as we give Him our lives and thank Him for His countless blessings!

See you Sunday!

Richard

Early Response Team Training



Twenty-two members of our church participated in the Early Response Team Training on Saturday, August 26. These individuals are now certified as early responders and are equipped to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster anywhere in our country. This includes clearing debris, putting protective tarps on homes, preparing homes to be rebuilt, and simply being with individuals to listen and offer encouragement in times of disaster. We are grateful for these individuals who have responded to God's call to serve. You can help be a part of this ministry through your support and prayers. Congratulations to the members of our Early Response Team for completing the training.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to the family and friends of **Jerry Winsness**, who passed away on Friday, August 25, 2023. Please keep his wife, Lois and their family, in your thoughts and prayers. A memorial service will held at the church on September, 22 at 11:00am.

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to **Clayton Watson** and family on the death of his mother, **Carol Oslin**, who passed away on Monday, August 28, 2023.

Financial Report

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

August 27, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$13,593.00

Received YTD | \$781,873.18

Expenses YTD | \$800,062.67

Difference YTD | -\$18,189.49

Budgeted Amount YTD \$803,924.21

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,485.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$251,852.15

thank you

Attendance- August 27, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **75** Sunday School/Small Groups: **142**

9:45 Worship Service: **67** Online Worship Views: **349**

11:00 Worship Service: **212**

In Person Worship Total: **354**

Members in Ministry- September 3

Ushers:

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

11:00 Kevin Brandon, David Miller, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker

9:45 Casey & Craig Pace

11:00 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell, Diane Turner

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye **9:45** Elizabeth Daniel **11:00** Ashley Swann

Welcome Desk:

9:30 Barbara Foster **10:30** Jana Comer **12:00** Betty Sharp

Acolytes:

8:30 Eliana Moncus **11:00** Addy Thompson & Julia Humphries

Communion Servers:

Communion Prayers:

8:30 Nancy Pickren & Judy Smith

Charles Milliken, Judy Smith,

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

Toni Metz, Shari Luken

11:00 Sherry & Mike Pickett

Betty Sharp, Becky Bridges

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Stella & Bud Avret, **Barbara Orr**, Thornton Willingham, **Watson Family & Carol Oslin Family & friends, Family & friends of Jerry Winsness**

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Lisa Adams, Jackie Alexander, Kai Booth, Robyn Bottenus, **John Conti**, Kevin Josey, Olivia Juarez, Adam Hobbs, Family & friends of Lawton Jordan, Floyd Kiziah, **Ellen Long, Jim Medbery**, Irene Michaud, Family & friends of Phil Needham, Caryn Riggs, **Kim Rodgers, Andy Sloan, Merry Stubbs**, Marc Vinson, **Tricia Wilson**

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, **Betsy Draughton**, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallowses, 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, 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

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.

Confirmation Begins September 10

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.

KidzQuest Children's Retreat –

September 22-24, 2023

Get ready for a weekend of fun! Children from all around South Georgia come together with dozens of other church groups, learning how to worship, study God's Word, and understand what a relationship with Jesus really means. These children are given an opportunity to experience Christ in brand new ways! If you liked Camp Connect or missed going this year, you want to join us this weekend! \$199 total cost is due by September 3 to reserve your child's spot. Please contact Chris to register or for more information at 912-223-6866 or chris@stsimonsumc.com.

College Student Updates

As our college students have graduated high school and many have moved away, our Higher Education team exists to care for them and maintain that connection to their church home by sending encouraging notes and care packages throughout the school year. If you have a student off at college, please send Chris their anticipated graduation year, any special interests or food sensitivities, and an updated college address to chris@stsimonsumc.com.



Financial Peace University at SSUMC NEW DATE!!!

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, September 20, 2023**, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/46BC6F> or sign up on Realm or call the church office for more info!



Sparrows Nest—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.

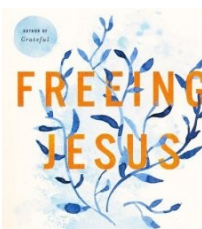
Change in Worship Locations– 9/10/23

After evaluating the worship location changes that were made at the beginning of the summer, the decision has been made to return the 8:30 traditional service to the Sanctuary and the 9:45 contemporary service to the Chapel **beginning Sunday, September 10**. This proposal was unanimously approved at the Church Council meeting on August 28th. The logistics of having the contemporary service followed immediately by the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary have proven to be challenging at best. We appreciate your understanding in this matter and look forward to continuing to offer vital worship experiences in the original locations.



Symphonic Movie Night

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.



Freeing Jesus

Join us for a 6 week Bible study that will be led by Laura Edenfield and Celia Eisentraeger, covering the book, "Freeing Jesus" by Diana Butler Pass. The study starts Thursday, September 28th at 10:00AM in Room 201. Sign up in Realm or by contacting the church office at 912-638-3317. Purchase your own books online!

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)

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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