

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, September 10

8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
 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, **Chapel\***  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary\***  
 \*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services  
 All Services Streamed Live  
 4:00 PM Confirmation Journey, **Youth Room**  
 5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

## Monday, September 11

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

## Tuesday, September 12

9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**  
 10:00 AM Magnolia Manor Healthcare Coalition, **Thorpe Building**  
 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**  
 6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

## Wednesday, September 13

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 14

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**  
 10:00 AM Half Truths Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**  
 5:00 PM UMW Circle 5, **Parlor**

## Friday, September 15

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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# ST. SIMONS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOR WHERE TWO OR  
 THREE GATHER TOGETHER  
 IN MY NAME, THERE AM I  
 WITH THEM."  
 - MATTHEW 18:20

*Where Love is Unconditional,  
 Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,  
 &  
 The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *I Thank God*

CCLI #7169680

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Fellowship Time

### *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

CCLI #26997

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## MORNING PRAYER

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Come Alive*

CCLI #6573588

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### *Fresh Wind*

CCLI #7166857

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## MORNING MESSAGE

### Us and Us

Matthew 18:15-20 NRSV

Rev. Tom Jones

## INVITATION

### *Brother*

CCLI #7029230

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## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

# The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

8:30 AM • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

Prelude

Sondra Anderson

*There Shall Be Showers  
Of Blessing*

arr. Raney

\* HYMN #73

*O Worship the King*

LYONS

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Richard Soper

\* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #2226

*Bind Us Together*

KID'S MESSAGE

Chris Moncus

Acolyte Recognition

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

\* HYMN #558

*We Are the Church*

PORT JERVIS

Verses 1, 2 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Raney

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*They'll Know We Are  
Christians by our Love*

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

### Us and Us

Matthew 18:15-20 NRSV

\* INVITATION #408

*The Gift of Love*

GIFT OF LOVE

\* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## Champions

I had the pleasure of joining 92,000 of my closest friends in Sanford Stadium last Saturday! What an amazing day it was as I had the opportunity to share with my daughter, Croft, in her first game day experience at the University of Georgia. From tailgating with Bojangles chicken on the menu, to participating in the "Dawg Walk," we absorbed all the flavors and atmosphere that makes Athens a special place to be when the Bulldogs play football.

The highlight of the day was welcoming the back-to-back national champions to Dooley Field. The energy in the stadium was palpable! The Bulldogs were playing a lesser opponent in Tennessee-Martin, but the crowd noise was reminiscent of some of the biggest games ever played. We were ready to see the champs lay a thumping on the team from Tennessee.

There was only one problem. Once the game began it was obvious that the reigning champs did not show up to play. They acted like they had already won the game and the guys from Tennessee had other ideas. It wasn't until after halftime that the real bulldogs decided to show up and ultimately built a big lead in the game.

I imagine the coach's message to the team at halftime was clear. It was a message that had been communicated on the scoreboard numerous times during the game: "It takes a lot to become a champion, but it takes a lot more to stay a champion." Every team that plays the champion is going to give it their best shot; to do anything they can to defeat them.

We are champions in Jesus Christ. But being a champion and staying a champion is not a one and done deal. Some days it seems like it takes a lot more to remain a champ. There are going to be individuals and circumstances that challenge your faith and even give you reasons to doubt God. There will be times you feel like you're off your game and could possibly lose. Remember that you are a champion! Recall the words of Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

I look forward to being with you on Sunday as once again we gather in worship for yet another halftime pep talk; to cheer each other on and encourage one another as together we are equipped to go into the world unafraid; to play like the champions God has created us and called us to be.

Blessings,

Tom

## IMPORTANT INFO!

### 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Financial Report

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

September 3, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,515.05

Received YTD | \$805,388.23

Expenses YTD | \$848,198.74

Difference YTD | -\$42,810.51

Budgeted Amount YTD \$827,317.10

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,520.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$253,052.15

*thank you*

## Attendance~ September 3, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **90** Sunday School/Small Groups: **137**

9:45 Worship Service: **61** Online Worship Views: **395**

11:00 Worship Service: **192**

In Person Worship Total: **343**

## Members in Ministry~ September 10

### Ushers:

**8:30** Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

**11:00** Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker, Phil Shinall, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams

### Greeters:

**8:30** Edie Vinson, Sharon Blount

**9:45** Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

**11:00** Greer Shinall, Fran Jones, Nancy Jenkins

### Projection:

**8:30** Robin Parmelee

**9:45** Ashley Swann

**11:00** Elizabeth Daniel

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Adeline Watson

### Welcome Desk:

**9:30** Barbara Foster

**10:30** Rosemary Longmire

**12:00** Laura Weldy

## Prayer Requests

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

### New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Barbara Orr, **Vicki McKenzie**, **SSUMC ERT Team**, Family & friends of Jerry Winsness

### New Prayer Concerns- Others:

**Jean Cardin**, **Karla Fishman**, **Jimmy Langford**, Ellen Long, **Dede McCullough**, Jim Medbery, Kim Rodgers, Howard Seymour, Andy Sloan, Merry Stubbs, 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, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Connie Hallowes, 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.*



## Symphonic Movie Night

Join us on Friday, September 22, for director Steven Spielberg's heartwarming masterpiece, E.T. This movie is one of the brightest stars in motion picture history, captivating audiences around the world. Experience it with John Williams' Academy Award-winning score performed live by a full symphony orchestra, synchronized to the film projected on a huge HD screen!

### Event Details:

- **Date:** Friday, September 22
- **Time:** Bus departs the church at 3:30pm
- **Dinner:** We will stop for an early dinner (Dutch treat)
- **Return:** We will return to St. Simons by 11:00pm

If you haven't experienced a Symphonic Movie Night before, it's definitely worth staying up late for! The cost is \$65, and reservations are due by September 7. You can make reservations on Realm or submit your payment.



## 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!

## UMW Circle 5

UMW Circle 5 will meet at a new time on Thursdays, starting on Thursday, September 14 at 5:00pm in the Parlor! Please join us!

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

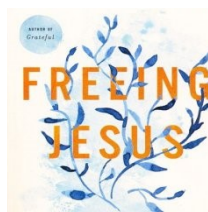
## KidzQuest Children's Retreat – September 22-24, 2023

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](mailto:chris@stsimonsumc.com).

## Early Response Team Members Serve in Valdosta



The members of our newly formed Early Response Team were trained on Saturday, August 26. Within a week the call came from the South Georgia Conference that help was needed in the relief efforts from Hurricane Idalia. Several members of our team including Toby Eisentraeger, Bob Swinehart, Joe Brown, Neva Kaye, Glenna Humphries and Neil Sampson have served this past week in the Valdosta areas. We are grateful for these individuals who have helped extend the love of Christ and the mission of SSUMC to those impacted by the hurricane. Please keep the Early Response Team members in your prayers as they continue to serve.



## 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, October 5th (NEW START DATE)** 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!

## Birth Announcement

Congratulations to Lydia and J.P. Thornton on the birth of their son Manning Patrick who was born on Wednesday, August 30, weighing 7lbs 3oz and 20 Inches. Congratulations also to proud big sister McKaye and grandmother Jody McCollum!



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



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