

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 24

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
12:15 PM Student Ministry Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

Monday, September 25

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Church Council/Charge Conference, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, September 26

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
4:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal, **Handbell Room**
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, September 27

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 28

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

Friday, September 29

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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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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Open Up the Heavens

CCLI #6304702
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Fellowship Time

Open Our Eyes

CCLI #1572
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MORNING PRAYER

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Good Good Father

CCLI #7036612
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Word of God Speak

CCLI #3912788
©2002 Songs from the Indigo Room

MORNING MESSAGE

Money Talks

Matthew 22:15-22 NLT
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

You are Invited to Bring Your Commitment Card to the Altar

Evidence

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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

8:30 AM • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Awesome God

Sondra Anderson
arr. Wolaver

* HYMN #529

How Firm A Foundation
Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5

FOUNDATION

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Richard Soper

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #174

His Name Is Wonderful

Children's Message

Victoria Fryer

Special Music

Lord We Praise You

Croft Jones

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #2065

More Precious Than Silver

DESHAZO

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Kevin Lamb
arr. Lowenberg

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

We Will Be Your Church

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Money Talks

Matthew 22:15-22 NLT

TIME OF COMMITMENT

You are Invited to Bring Your Commitment Card to the Altar

* INVITATION #399

***Take My Life
And Let It Be Consecrated***
Verses 1 & 3

MESSIAH

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

Gigue

arr. Wagner

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



*The beautiful flowers on the altar today were given in memory of
Carol Watson Oslin, for her birthday on September 30,
by Clayton, Leigh Ann and Adeline Watson.*



Stewardship is...Gifts

Stewardship is more than a matter of finances. Stewardship is a matter of the heart. It is acknowledging that when our heart is turned to God we are moved to be stewards of not only our finances, but also our presence, service, prayers, and witness – willing to set aside our God given time, energy, and resources to honor and glorify God in all that we do and say.

One day Jesus entered the temple with his disciples to observe what was going on. They watched as people paraded by to give their gifts in the temple. Then Jesus saw a poor widow. She gave all that she had. Her gift caught the attention of Jesus. She had given from her heart unlike the others who had given gifts out of the abundance of what they had. There was nothing wrong with their gifts, but Jesus wondered about the motivation behind the gifts. The widow had given sacrificially expecting nothing in return; she gave out of gratitude for all that God had done for her. It was her faith in God which led her to give of her best. Jesus wanted to be sure we saw that.

Grateful living moves us towards generous giving. On this commitment Sunday it is my prayer for you and our church that you will commit to giving sacrificially, to giving of your best, as each of us respond to the call God has placed on our hearts to be faithful in our discipleship.

Please prayerfully consider what your offering to God will be in 2024. At the end of each worship service this Sunday we will have the opportunity to bring our completed cards to the altar rail and place them in one of the baskets. You may have received an estimate of giving card in the mail. If you did not receive one or you forgot to bring it with you to church, an additional card is in your worship guide. If you are not able to be here this Sunday, please mail your completed card or bring it to the church office or on our website!

Stewardship is a matter of the heart. With grateful hearts may we give and use all of our gifts in celebration of God's love for us. I look forward to sharing in this special time of worship with you this Sunday.

Blessings,

Tom

Honorariums & Memorial

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JERRY WINSNESS BY:

Becky & Lawrence Bridges
Toni Metz

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TIM VINSON TO MAINTAINING THE MISSION BY:

Kim & John Adams

Church Council-Charge Conference Meeting

Monday, September 25, 6:00pm, Thorpe Bldg.

We will have a Church Council-Charge Conference meeting to approve the business items of the church. All church members are welcome to attend.

Manna House Volunteers– Needed!

Volunteers are needed for Manna House team on the First Thursday of the month from 9:30am-1:00pm. Contact Neva Kaye to volunteer at nkaye219@gmail.com or 207-730-1915 to serve!

Financial Report

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

September 17, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$14,674.28

Received YTD | \$842,890.76

Expenses YTD | \$871,654.67

Difference YTD | -\$28,763.91

Budgeted Amount YTD \$874,981.46

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,650.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$259,027.15

thank you

Attendance- September 17, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **89** Sunday School/Small Groups: **142**

9:45 Worship Service: **63** Online Worship Views: **359**

11:00 Worship Service: **178**

In Person Worship Total: **330**

Members in Ministry- September 24

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Bill Kirby, Chip Higginbotham, Jeff Zoul

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Clif Pease

Greeters:

8:30 Charlene McManamy, Pat Carmichael

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Phillis Harrell, Max Harrell

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Adeline Watson, Evie Stephenson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Ron Bateman, Jay Hodges, **Holly Lamb**, **Andy Ledford**, Carl McManamy, **Joe Miller**, Cathie Wilton

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Matti Bedell, **Thomas Benefield**, Family & friends June Boyette, **Eddie Echols**, **Bob & Laura Fowler**, Gail Harris, Adam Hobbs, Marti Johnson, Dennis Poole, Donald Rewis, **Liz & Dave Sanders**, Wallace Slater, Norma Stewart, Carol Wright, **Family & friends of Buzz Yarborough**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Betsy Alexander, Diana Bailey, Lauren Belt, Jim Bennett III, **Tilman Blakely**, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Billy June Boyd, Marsha Boyette, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Betsy Draughon, 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, Kevin Josey, 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.

Student Ministry Lunch Meeting!

Please join us for a meeting for all parents, volunteers, youth, children, and any others interested in getting involved in our student ministries are invited to attend a Transition Update Meeting on **Sunday, September 24, at 12:15pm**, in the Thorpe Building. A light lunch will be served. Reservations can be made on Realm!

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding the direction, leadership, and support of our student ministries during this time of transition. The meeting will end by 1:00pm.

Thank you for your prayers for our student ministry!

Director of Student Ministries—Search!

We are seeking a **Full-Time Director of Student Ministries** to become a part of our incredible ministry team. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Anne Frazier, Church Administrator. A copy of the job description is posted on the website and click on the [About Us](#) tab or email Anne for the full description

anne@stsimonsumc.com

www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/

Pumpkins are Arriving!



6,000 Pumpkins will arrive by tractor trailer on Sunday, October 8 and we need your **HELP!** All ages are welcome to "pass the pumpkins" as we unload and place them in the Patch. Please bring a pair of gloves! Email Chris Moncus chris@stsimonsumc.com

Thank you!

Pumpkin Patch Important Dates!

October 1 — Pumpkin Patch Setup!

Parents and students meet at 2pm at the Pumpkin Patch. Those helping receive additional shift points. Messy work, bring work clothes. [3rd-12th grades]

October 8 — Pumpkin Patch Delivery!

12:30pm immediately after church. Pizza will be provided. Those helping receive additional shift points. Messy work, bring work clothes. [3rd-12th grades]

October 13 — Movie in the Patch!

It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown. Bring friends and a blanket or chair for this 7pm showing.

Small Group Dinners

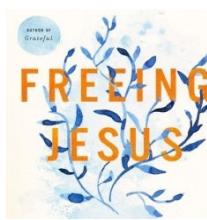
Do you like to cook and entertain? Do you like to meet people in a small setting? St. Simons UMC is forming dinner groups with 6-8 people in each group. The groups will meet once a month at a different home to enjoy a meal together. Please contact the church office or sign-up on Realm if you're interested in being in one of the groups. For more details call Michelle Stasko at 770-458-3695.

Save the Date- Church In The Park

Sunday, October 22

We will gather at Neptune Park at 10:30am for one of the congregations favorite Sundays. Bring your blanket or chair for this time of fellowship and worship. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Anne Frazier will send out an email to sign up to **help set up, serve and clean up soon!**



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!



Labyrinth at Christ Church

Join us on Tuesday, October 17 at Margaret Bosbyshell, a trained labyrinth facilitator, who will

explain the labyrinth, its history and why we might choose such a walk. We will experience walking the labyrinth. There is very little seating in the area so you may want to bring a lawn chair. The program will last one hour and 15 minutes (10:00-11:15.) We will be leaving the church at 9:30am. In case of rain, bring an umbrella. Cost is \$5.00. There will be a Dutch treat lunch at 100 Tabbystone following the walk. Reservations are due by Tuesday, October 10 on Realm or by contacting the church office.

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Come enjoy fellowship, great food and a delightful program.

Rev. Dave Hanson, retired minister and Wesley scholar, will be presenting the program on the "Wesleys in Georgia." You will not want to miss this informative and interesting presentation. There will be time for a Q & A. Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share. Meet in the Thorpe Building at 12 noon. Cost is \$5.00. Reservations are due by Thursday, 10/19 on Realm or by contacting the church office.

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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