

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, October 8

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**

**12:30 PM Pumpkins Arriving, Pumpkin Patch**  
5:30 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

## Monday, October 9

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
**1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Open- 7:00 PM**

## Tuesday, October 10

9:00 AM SSUMC Preschool visits the **Pumpkin Patch**  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**  
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
10:00 AM Magnolia Manor Healthcare Coalition, **Thorpe Building**  
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**  
**1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Open- 7:00 PM**  
6:00 PM Boy Scouts, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

## Wednesday, October 11

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
**1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Open- 7:00 PM**  
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, October 12

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**  
10:00 AM Freeing Jesus- Bible Study, **Room 201**  
**1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Open- 7:00 PM**  
5:00 PM UMW Circle 5, **Parlor**

## Friday, October 13

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
**1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Open- 9:00 PM**  
7:00 PM Movie Night in the Patch, **Pumpkin Patch**

## Saturday, October 14

**9:00 AM Pumpkin Patch Open- 9:00 PM**

\*\*\*FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES\*\*\*

Check out our **Online Calendar of Events** on our website at  
<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/calendar/>

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



# Matthew 22:1-14

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

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 8, 2023  
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *God So Loved*

CCLI #6304702  
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Fellowship Time

### *What a Beautiful Name*

CCLI #1572  
©1976 CCCM Music

## MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Way Maker*

CCLI #7036612  
©2014 Capital

### *The Goodness of God*

CCLI #3912788  
©2002 Songs from the Indigo Room

## MORNING MESSAGE

### Be My Guest

Matthew 22:1-14  
Rev. Tom Jones

## INVITATION

### *Build My Life*

CCLI #7147432  
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## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

# The Worship of God

OCTOBER 8, 2023  
8:30 AM • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson

*Brethren, We Have Met To Worship* arr. McDonald

\* HYMN #378

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Richard Soper

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:00)

**Oliver Reed Parmelee**

Baptism Song

Congregational Response:

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the  
example of Christ, that Ollie, surrounded by steadfast  
love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and  
strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

\* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #334

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

Children's Message

Chris Moncus

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #340

*Come Ye Sinners Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

Verses 1 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Emri Comer

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*Amazing Grace*

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

### Be My Guest

Matthew 22:1-14

\* INVITATION #396

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

Verses 1 & 4

\* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

Emri Comer

Thank you Phil Belt for leading our worship today.

\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

Thank you Emri Comer for being our organist today.



## Parables – Earthly Stories

Everyone loves a good story. Stories can transport us to a moment in time. They capture our attention and imagination. Jesus often used stories and imagery, commonly referred to as parables, to communicate a deeper message to the people. He would use examples of farming and cooking and fishing and even weddings - everyday things that the people could relate to – to illustrate ways to grow in our faith and to better understand the Kingdom of God.

I began to learn about parables when I was a child. I have a vivid memory of watching a series of filmstrips in Sunday School based on the parables of Jesus. The narration would be on a record. During the narration, each time there was a “beep”, the teacher would advance the filmstrip to the next frame of the story. While the lack of technology is something I will always remember, what I remember most is that each filmstrip began with the following words: "A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning." It was and has remained for me a perfect description of a parable.

Each one of us is a living parable. It is through our attitudes and actions in everyday moments that the stories of our faith are lived out. As people see and hear our stories of faith in action others will be provided with a glimpse of God's Kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. Does your earthly story have a heavenly meaning?

Blessings,

Tom

## Thank You for your Faithfulness!

### As of October 5, 2023:

Number of Cards Received to date | **140**

Number of New Cards for 2024 | **41**

Total Amount | **\$676.290.00**

Please remember, you may continue to return your Estimate of Giving cards. Cards can be returned via **mail**, brought to the **church office**, placed in the **offering plates** on Sundays or submitted on our **website**! Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our church!

## Welcome to our Newest Members!

Welcome to new members who joined on September 24, 2023:

**Lauren and Keeva Kase** with their children **Ketch and Claire**.

Welcome to our new members who joined on October 1, 2023:

**Tammy and Jimmy Langford**.

Join us in welcoming these newest members to the SSUMC Church family!

## Our Deepest Sympathy

Our love and sympathy are extended to Edie Vinson and the Vinson family. Edie's brother **Wallace Slater**, passed away on Monday, October 2, 2023. Please keep the Vinson family in your prayers.

## Honorariums & Memorial

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF REV. JIM & BARBARA JENSEN BY:

Clara & Dewey Hayes

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BOB REWIS BY:

Barbara Whitney, Libby & Ward Sweat, John Lindgren

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

Nancy Pickren, June Smith

## Financial Report

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

October 1, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,632.34

Received YTD | \$889,888.47

Expenses YTD | \$920,834.19

Difference YTD | -\$30,945.72

Budgeted Amount YTD \$922,536.01

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,240.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$260,157.15

*thank you*

## Attendance- October 1, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **100** Sunday School/Small Groups: **125**

9:45 Worship Service: **86** Online Worship Views: **392**

11:00 Worship Service: **270**

In Person Worship Total: **456**

## Members in Ministry- October 8, 2023

### 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** Susan Pope, Kari Cooper, Nancy Jenkins

### Projection:

**8:30** Robin Parmelee **9:45** Ashley Swann

**11:00** Elizabeth Daniel

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Stiles and Harlow Robinson

### Welcome Desk:

**9:25** Barbara Foster **10:25** Vickie Simmons

**11:55** Cherie DeMarco

## Prayer Requests

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

### New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

**Ron Bateman, PJ Hamilton, Vickie McKenzie, Jan Miller**, Family & Friends of Joe Miller, Family & friends of Bob Rewis, **Betty Sharp**, Christa Thompson, Thornton Willingham

### New Prayer Concerns- Others:

**Earl Benson, James Fortunato, Stacy Gowen, Bob Jarrett**, Family & friends of Marti Johnson, **Jordan & Andrew Jones, Stephanie Jones, Floyd Kiziah, Ellen Long**, Dennis O'Connor, **Mark Racckelboom**, Joanie Roper, **Family & friends of Wallace Slater**, Riley Smith, **Vicky Van Camp, Debbie Walker, Pat Zankman**

### 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, Holly Lamb, 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, Irene Rohan, Nancy Rozier, Mel Rozier, Bob Scherer, SSUMC Preschool, Mike Stiles, 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.*

## Congratulations

We are thankful to celebrate Sondra Anderson's 3rd anniversary as the church pianist. She blesses this congregation with amazing performances every week. Her sweet spirit, skilled playing, and her willingness to always go above and beyond make her a valuable member of the SSUMC team. Share a big thank you with Sondra this coming Sunday.

- Kevin

## Pumpkin Patch 2023

**October 8 — Pumpkin's are Arriving!**

**6,000 Pumpkins** will arrive by tractor trailer and we need your **HELP!** 12:15pm 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.



**ST SIMONS METHODIST**  
**PUMPKIN PATCH**



<b>MON-THU</b> 1-7PM	<b>SAT</b> 9AM-9PM
<b>FRI</b> 1-9PM	<b>SUN</b> 9AM-5PM

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**CANDY & TRUNKS NEEDED**

BRING CANDY DONATIONS & SIGN UP TO DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE BY OCTOBER 22 IN THE GHOLSON ROOM



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

[www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/](http://www.stsimonsumc.com/about-us/)

## MAP volunteers needed

For the month of October only we are meeting the **SECOND** Wednesday of the month, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Every other month we meet the first Wednesday of every month. If interested in volunteering they can email Ashley— [ashley@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:ashley@stsimonsumc.com) or call the church office.

## 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.



## United Methodist Women's PECAN SALE

Pecans can be ordered every Sunday starting October 1! We will be selling halves, pieces, salted and roasted, chocolate, and glazed pecans. Cost is \$12 with delivery before Thanksgiving. Proceeds of the sale will benefit Red Bird Mission and Local Missions! If you are unable to order in person you may call Pat Carmichael at 912-638-4541 or the church office to place your order.

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## Preschool Fall Fundraiser

St. Simons UMC Preschool is selling Charleston Wrap- wrapping paper and gifts just in time for the Gift Giving Season! Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser has kicked off! Our fundraising goal is \$3,000. With over 2,500 gift ideas there is something for everyone on your holiday gift list which means your support can really help us reach our goal! **Look for the table in the Gholson room between services, on October 8 to make your purchases! Or Scan the QR Code or visit the website below! Thank you!**

<https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=25007>



## Labyrinth at Christ Church

Join us on Tuesday, October 17 as Margaret Bosbyshell, a trained

labyrinth facilitator, who will explain the labyrinth, its history and why we might choose such a walk. 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.

## 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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