

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 29

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Chapel***
 8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, **Room 202***
9:00 AM Pumpkin Patch Open to 5:00 PM
 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
 12:00 PM Rise Against Hunger Lunch and Packing, **Thorpe Building**
 5:30 PM Youth Group, **Thorpe Building**

Monday, October 30

- 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 to 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 31

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Pumpkin Patch Open to 7:00 PM
 6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, November 1

- 8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
 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, November 2

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**
 10:00 AM Freeing Jesus- Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
 12:45 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**
 5:00 PM Campus Ministry Committee Meeting, **Gholson Room**
 5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, November 3

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 6:00 PM Hope 1312 Replanted Conference, **Thorpe Building**

Saturday, November 4

- 8:00 AM Hope 1312 Replanted Conference, **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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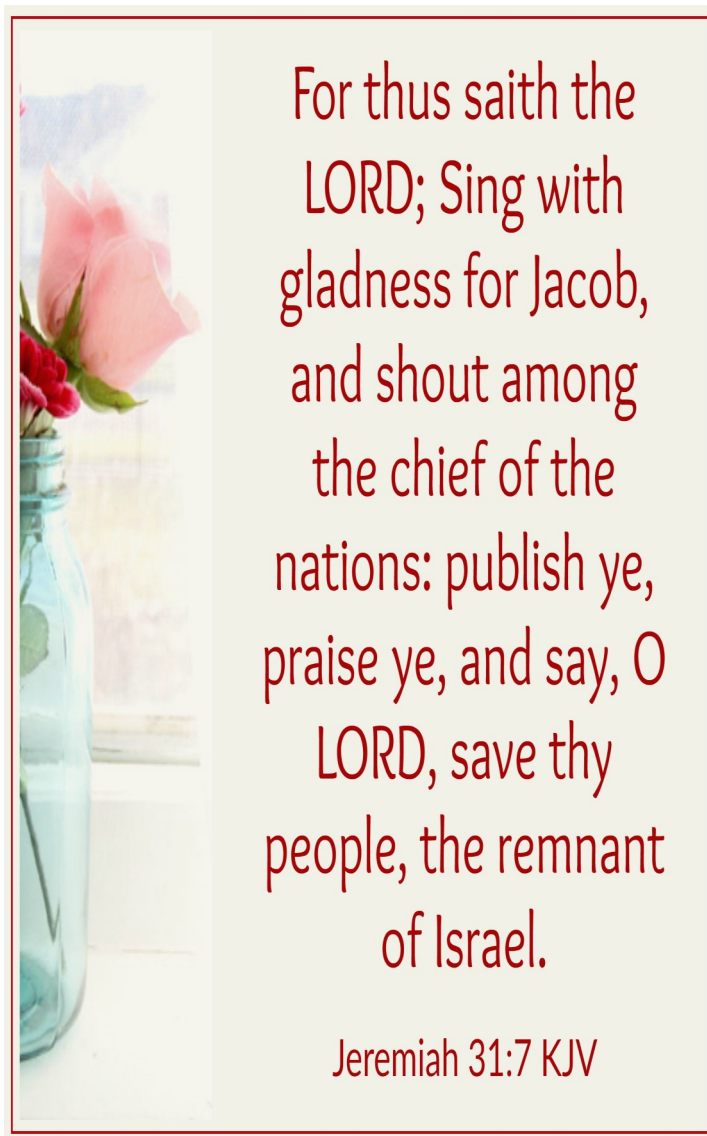
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For thus saith the
 LORD; Sing with
 gladness for Jacob,
 and shout among
 the chief of the
 nations: publish ye,
 praise ye, and say, O
 LORD, save thy
 people, the remnant
 of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:7 KJV

*Where Love is Unconditional,
 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

OCTOBER 29, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

The Worship of God

OCTOBER 29, 2023

8:30 AM • 11:00 AM SANCTUARY

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Here I Am to Worship

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Fellowship Time

Amazing Grace

My Chains Are Gone

CCLI #4768151

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Prayer Time

Richard Soper

Evidence

CCLI #7147432

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* HYMN #101

*From All That Dwell
Below the Skies*

DUKE STREET

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Richard Soper

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS #186

Alleluia

Verses 1 & 3

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN #66

*Praise, My Soul,
the King of Heaven*

Verses 1, 2 & 4

LAUDA ANIMA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Emri Comer

THE DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Shout to the Lord

Chancel Choir
arr. Mark Hayes

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Trash or Treasure?

Jeremiah 31:7-10 (NLT)

* INVITATION #365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Verses 1 & 4

MOODY

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

**Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones



X Marks the Spot

Whenever you see a treasure map, X typically marks the spot where the treasure is located. If you were fortunate enough to have a treasure map in your possession you would probably waste little time in beginning a search for the spot.

In our lives we often sense that there is “More” to the map of our life than what we are being shown. Who has the key to the treasure box of “More”? Where is the secret hidden? Where is the X on the map? People seem willing to look all over the place for this treasure. But the last place most people look for “More” is right under their feet, in the everyday activities, circumstances, and encounters of their lives.

The Reverend Barbara Brown Taylor writes, “No one longs for what he or she already has, and yet the accumulated insight of those wise about the spiritual life suggests that the reason so many of us cannot see the X that marks the spot is because we are standing on it. The treasure we seek requires no lengthy expedition, no expensive equipment, no superior aptitude or special company. All we lack is the willingness to imagine that we already have everything we need. The only thing missing is our consent to be where we are.”

In the eyes of God, you are a treasure – whoever you are, whatever you have or don’t have. When we commit our lives to serving him he promises us that our real treasure will be accumulated in heaven.

So, take a break from constantly looking for the next best thing. There’s no need to be overwhelmed by the need for “More”. Instead, take a moment to look down at the X beneath your feet. If you haven’t discovered it yet, keep looking – it’s there. It’s there because God loves you. Accept that you are the best – a child of God – created in his image – that you are a real treasure.

Blessings,

Tom

Thank You for your Faithfulness!

As of October 26, 2023:

Number of Cards Received to date | **151**

Number of New Cards for 2024 | **44**

Total Amount | **\$723,330.00**

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 our new members who joined on Sunday, October 22, 2023:

Jordi and Jordan Graffis and their children

Smith and Ellington as preparatory members.

Join us in welcoming the Graffis family to our Church family!

Honorariums & Memorial

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BUD AVRET BY:

Carole Barton

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

Carole Barton

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF WALLACE SLATER BY:

Carole Barton

Financial Report

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

October 22, 2023

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,940.00

Received YTD | \$953,266.33

Expenses YTD | \$976,244.36

Difference YTD | -\$22,978.03

Budgeted Amount YTD \$991,726.18

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,715.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$263,069.64

thank you

Attendance- October 22, 2023

Church in the Park: **257**

Members in Ministry- October 29

Ushers:

8:30 TBD

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins

Greeters:

8:30 Barbra Whitney

9:45 Judy Wright, JR Wright

11:00 Marlis Kiser, Bob Kiser

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Elizabeth Daniel

11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

11:00 Claire and Ketch Kase

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 Bud Avret, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, **Holly Lamb**, Julie Palmer, Claudia Royal

New Prayer Concerns- Others:

Kai Booth, Clarijane Bush, Kristen Carlson, **Tyler Harvey**, Judy Johnson, Cindy Koehl & family, Ryan McGahan, **Lt. Col. Anne Mikles**, Mary Alice Mills, Caroline Plyler, Chris Prine, Alan Proctor, Joanie Roper, Family & friends of BB Shelander, Barbara Sumner, Jerri Surrall, **Cora Swindle**, Family & friends of Larry Varnadoe, Amy Wallen

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 Hallowses, **Ronda Hansen**, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Merideth Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Kevin Josey, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, 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, **Reggie Rogers**, 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

The People of Israel and All affected by this crisis

Assisted Living Prayer:

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry

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.



Calling All YOUTH!

Join the SSUMC youth for a day trip to Cumberland Island on Sunday, Nov. 5. We will depart the church at 7:00am to drive to the dock. Then we will ferry over for a day of exploring, worship,

lunch and devotional. Cost is \$60. We will arrive back at the church at 7:00pm. Bring cash for a drive-thru dinner on the way home. Register on Realm or by emailing Ashley at the Church office at ashley@stsimonsumc.com

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/



Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

Our volunteer meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger is TODAY- Sunday, October 29 in the Thorpe Building. Lunch will be provided for our volunteers at noon, and the packing will follow from 1:00pm -5:00pm. For more information, contact David Clark at (770) 639-0346 or dfclark929@gmail.com.

SSUMC Pictorial Directory

Our photo directories are finally here! They are available on Sundays in between services and at the church office during the week for a suggested \$10.00 donation.



United Methodist Women's PECAN SALE

You can still order Pecans by calling Pat Carmichael at 912-638-4541 or the church

office. We are 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!

Greeters Needed for 8:30 Worship

We are in need of greeters for our 8:30 Worship Services. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome members and guest to our worship services. Greeters usually serves one Sunday a month or every other month and a schedule is emailed out! Contact Anne Frazier at the church office for more details or to volunteer.

anne@stsimonsumc.com

Saints and Sinners Lunch & BINGO!

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Are you feeling lucky? Join us at noon for fellowship, great food, and an exciting time of Bingo. The members of the Senior Adult Ministry are putting together grab bags for our lucky winners. Winners be careful and don't pick the "ZOINK" bag. Entree will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$5.00. Reservations are due by Thursday, Nov. 2.



Mighty Eighth Museum

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for a two-hour guided tour of the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler on Tuesday, November 14. Their mission is "to preserve for all Americans the stories of courage, character, and patriotism displayed by the men and women of the Eighth Air Force from World War II to the present." The church buses will leave the Thorpe Building at 8:30am and will return around 4:00pm. After the tour, we will have lunch at the museum. Cost for the tour and lunch is \$30. Limited to 39 spots, please register by November 2 in Realm or by calling 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.

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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