

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, November 19

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**  
2:00 PM Memorial Service for Robert Jenkins, **Sanctuary**  
3:00 PM Reception for Robert Jenkins, **Thorpe Building**  
5:30 PM Youth Group, **Thorpe Building and Youth Room**

## Monday, November 20

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, November 21

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**  
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

## Wednesday, November 22

**Church Office and Preschool Closed**

11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

## Thursday, November 23— Thanksgiving Day

**Church Office and Preschool Closed**

12:00 PM Church Family Thanksgiving Lunch, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, November 24

**Church Office and Preschool Closed**

11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga

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

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

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *I Thank God*

CCLI #7169680  
©2021 Bethel Music

### Fellowship

### *Cornerstone*

CCLI #6158927  
©2011 Hillsong

### Prayer

### *No Matter What*

CCLI #7105904  
©Songs of Emack

### *Sanctuary*

CCLI #24140  
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## MORNING MESSAGE

### Thanks be to God

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
New Revised Standard Version  
Rev. Benjy Varnell

## INVITATION

### *Worthy is The Lamb*

CCLI #3217555  
©2000 Wondrous Worship

## SENDING

Rev. Tom Jones

# The Worship of God

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE

***Come, Thou Fount  
of Every Blessing***

Sondra Anderson

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00 only)

***Great Things***

Young Musicians

\* HYMN #694

***Come, Ye Thankful  
People Come***  
Verse 1, 3 & 4

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 AM only)

**Manning Patrick Thornton**

Rev. Tom Jones

Richard Soper

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30 AM only)

**Apostle's Creed**

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

***Give Thanks***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

\* HYMN #92

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

DIX

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

RESPONSE

**Doxology**

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

***In The Spirit  
of Thanksgiving***

Chancel Choir  
arr. Martin

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

### Thanks be to God

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18  
New Revised Standard Version

\* HYMN #664

***Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

THE ASH GROVE

\* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE



## The Best Thanksgiving Day Ever

I have said it before, and I will say it again - Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays! Beyond the obvious warm feelings that come from our being grateful are the opportunities to be with family, enjoy some of our favorite foods, and to take a nap as we claim to be watching football on television. Best of all – no one expects any gifts!

Thanksgiving also provides us with special memories. At many of our tables there will be an empty chair or two. Take a moment to smile at those chairs and those who are not with us, trusting that they in turn are smiling back at you. Above all, Thanksgiving is a time to recall the words of an old hymn: “Count your blessings, name them one by one. And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.”

I received an article this week written by Rev. Shane Bishop, the Senior Pastor of Christ Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois. He offers several suggestions to help us have the best Thanksgiving Day ever. Make everyone stay at the table for a full thirty-minutes. Set a timer. No one leaves, except for seconds. No one. “Are you done eating? Who cares? Sit down.” And not a bit of dessert or a sip of coffee for at least thirty-five minutes.

No phones at the table. None. If you look at your phone, it goes in the turkey carcass with the remaining stuffing. If your phone rings, you are doing dishes. No exceptions. Late violations can carry over to next year.

Say grace. Old fashioned. Heads bowed, eyes closed, holding hands. Have the patriarch or matriarch do it. Kids are cute. Let old people say grace. One person can keep their eyes open to monitor.

Tell your favorite Thanksgiving stories. The year of the huge Thanksgiving blizzard. The big family football game of 2012. The sweet potato casserole debacle of 2022. When the dog ate the turkey. Get out the old photos. The kind you don't have on your phone.

Laugh. A lot. Tell your funniest family stories. Make them better than last year. Don't talk politics!

Tell the people around your table just how much you love them and why they are special to you. There are no guarantees they will be here next Thanksgiving. Or you either, for that matter.

Help clean up and stick around. Clear the table. Watch some football. Take a nap. Go on a walk. Drink coffee. Eat a second piece of pie with your turkey sandwich. Drink more coffee.

Give thanks. Find a moment to get away, drop to your knees and personally tell God thank you.

My family and I are thankful for you and our amazing church. May this be for you, your family, and friends the best Thanksgiving Day ever!

Blessings,

**Tom**

## Honorariums & Memorial

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JENKINS BY:

Lynn Moses, Libby and Ward Sweat, Debbie and Cliff Pease  
Barbara and Chuck Milliken, Becky and Lawrence Bridges  
John Lindgren

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

Joy Coleman

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

Joy Coleman

## Financial Report

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

**November 12, 2023**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$27,587.28

Received YTD | \$1,030,420.62

Expenses YTD | \$1,041,302.54

Difference YTD | -\$10,881.92

Budgeted Amount YTD \$1,062,234.32

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$14,365.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$263,144.64

*thank you*

## Attendance~ November 12, 2023

8:30 Worship Service: **100** Online Worship Views: **432**

9:45 Worship Service: **63** Sunday School/Small Groups: **132**

11:00 Worship Service: **228**

Total In Person Worship: **391**

## Members in Ministry~ November 19

### Ushers:

**8:30** John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Tom McConnell, Steve Stahl

**11:00** Jamie Wiles, Mike Suthard, John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja,  
Dona Colglazier

### Greeters:

**8:30** Susan Watkins, Faith McConnell

**9:45** Pam & Randall Rehberg, Kristie Crow

**11:00** Gayle Disque, Edie Payne, Sherry Pickett

### Projection:

**8:30** Elizabeth Daniel

**9:45** Neva Kaye

**11:00** Carol Conner

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Evie Stephenson, Scarlett Kirby

### Welcome Desk:

**9:25** Michelle Stasko **10:25** Vickie Simmons **11:55** Betty Sharp

## Prayer Requests

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

### New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

Robert Jenkins family & friends, Amy Jenks, **Anne Jones**, **Laura Johnson**, Holly Lamb, Mike Martin, **Mary Charles Moulton**, Steve Tucker, Adrienne Wiggins, **Tommy Willis**

### New Prayer Concerns- Others:

**Family & friends of Ronald Bartow**, **Reese Bearden**, **Brody Bohannon**, **Patty Cole**, Betty Daher, Amy Dlugokecki, Eddie Echols, **Lee & Stephanie Everett**, **Jimmy Rigdon**, **Linda Sanders**, **Sandy Shutt**, **Emery Waddleton**, **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

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, **Rosie Koch**, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Louise Mofield, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, **Randy Payne**, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, **Alan Proctor**, 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, FaithWorks Ministry

### 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.*



## Thanksgiving Lunch

Join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Lunch! This meal will be held on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 23, at noon in the Thorpe Building. The church will provide turkey, dressing, gravy and tea. We will ask that those who are attending bring your favorite side dish/casserole or dessert. **Please RSVP to the church office by Monday, November 20!**



## 3 Week Advent Sunday School Study

Join us for an Advent Sunday School study for parents in the parlor! The study will meet at 9:45 on the following Sundays:

**11/26– Introduction**

**12/3– Advent Reflection**

**12/17– Advent Reflection Continued**

This study will be using Bless The Advent We Actually Have by Kate Bowler and The Everything Happens Project. This is a daily devotional with a Sunday component! For more information and to let us know you are planning on attending email- Celia Eisentraeger at [celiamccollum@gmail.com](mailto:celiamccollum@gmail.com)



## Outdoor Children's Christmas Pageant

Please join us on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00pm for a fun filled evening with the Children's

Choir performing a classic Christmas pageant. You will not want to miss seeing our little shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph and crew start the Advent season with wonder and joy!



## Christmas Movie Night!

There are several classic movies that are watched over and over. "Elf" is one of those movies that are on most lists. Join us on the

lawn for family movie night. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the movie *Elf* in the Thorpe Building backyard at 6pm on Dec 8. Everyone is invited! Please register in Realm or call the church office so we know how many to expect!

## Columbia Restaurant and Light Tour

Join us for a wonderful family evening in historic St. Augustine on Monday, December 18, 2023 2:00pm-11:00pm. We will visit the superb Columbia Restaurant for a Dutch treat dinner followed by a tram tour through the spectacular Nights of Lights display in the city. We will leave the church by motor coach at 2:00pm and return by 11:00pm. Reservations can be made in Realm or by calling the church office by **November 16**. The cost is \$40.00/person.



## UMW Pecan Pickup!

The pecans are here and are available for pickup Sunday between, and after the three Worship Services. The United Methodist Women are very thankful for your support! There will be some extra bags available for purchase - **Contact: Pat Carmichael | 912-270-5739**

## Thank You for your Faithfulness!

**As of November 16, 2023:**

Number of Cards Received to date | **157**

Number of New Cards for 2024 | **46**

Total Amount | **\$758,050.00**

Please remember, you may continue to return your Estimate of Giving cards. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to our church!



## Advent Mission: Giving Trees



**Hope 1312 | FaithWorks | Salvation Army**

The Advent Missions Challenge is brought to you by our SSUMC Missions Committee. This Season we will support 3 Ministries, each by an individual Christmas Giving Tree. Each tree in the Gholson Room will have either gift ornaments or gift tags representing a need. Please feel free to take as many gift ornaments or gift tags as you would like. Visit the Gholson Room Sunday mornings to find out more and select gift ornaments or gift tags. You can bring your gifts back to the appropriate tree or to the church office.

**Packing Instructions for each Ministry:**

**FaithWorks** - no packaging needed

**Hope 1312** - A gift bag or wrapping with the tag attached

**Salvation Army** - Instructions should be on the tag but if not should be unwrapped but can be put in a gift bag that would show the contents and the tag attached.

Salvation Army gifts deadline is Sunday, December 10. The deadline for FaithWorks and Hope 1312 Collective is Wednesday, December 13.

Thank you all in advance for your generosity to these local ministries during the Christmas season!

## 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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