

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, January 7

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 Youth Group Polar Plunge, **Thorpe Building**

## Monday, January 8

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM Men's Ministry Visioning Group, **Room 203**

## Tuesday, January 9

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
12:00 PM Saints and Sinners Luncheon, **Thorpe Building**  
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**  
5:00 PM Campus Ministry Committee Meeting, **Gholson Room**  
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troup 248, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

## Wednesday, January 10

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**  
5:30 PM Church Council Orientation, **Room 203**  
6:00 PM Kids WOW- Bible, Pizza & Fun, **Kid's Clubhouse**  
6:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, January 11

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**  
4:00 PM UMW Circle 5, **Parlor**  
5:15 PM Youth Committee Meeting, **Wake Up Coffee**

## Friday, January 12

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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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 7, 2024  
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Thrive*

CCLI #70062282  
©2014 Be Essential Songs

### Fellowship Time

### *Trust in You*

CCLI #7025522  
©2014 CentricSongs

### Morning Prayer

Celia Eisentraeger

### *King of Kings*

CCLI #7127647  
©2019 Hillsong Music

## MORNING MESSAGE



Matthew 2:1-12  
Rev. Tom Jones

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### *Lamb of God*

CCLI #16787  
©1985 Jubilee Communications Inc

## INVITATION

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

CCLI #2456623  
©1996 worshiptogether.com songs

## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

# The Worship of God

JANUARY 7, 2024  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

\* HYMN #127

*Guide Me,  
O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

*The Family of God*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

\* HYMN #254

*We Three Kings*  
Verse 1, 2 & 5

KINGS OR ORIENT

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

RESPONSE #95

*Doxology*

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*Beautiful Star  
of Bethlehem*

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

*Get 'Er Done*

MATTHEW 2:1-12

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Celia Eisentraeger

Confession and Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving of the Bread and Cup

\* HYMN #405

*Seek Ye First*

SEEK YE FIRST

\* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE



## "Get 'Er Done"

There's a comedian who goes by the name of Larry the Cable Guy. His catchphrase has become, "Get 'Er Done."

Someone once said that New Year's resolutions were made to be broken. There is much truth to the statement. Sometimes it only takes a matter of a few days to return to our old habits or to stop doing the things we had such good intentions of doing. We always seem to start strong, but then so often we finish poorly.

My challenge to each of us this year is to "Get 'Er Done." It seems to cover any resolutions we could possibly make. Too often we overthink things. If there is something you know you need to do to help make you a better person this year, then stop thinking about it – "get 'er done."

Have you ever read through the Bible? I know many of you have. But there are those of us who respond to the question by saying something like, "Well, I haven't sat down and read it through cover to cover, but I'm certain I have read through it by now - I think."

There are numerous guides online to help you accomplish the task. I have found it interesting to read through the Bible chronologically. In that version of the Bible, scholars have arranged the scriptures in the order the events actually happened. It offers a fresh and innovative way to read God's Word.

Let's join together in a journey through the Bible together in 2024. Accept the challenge to be grounded in scripture in the coming year, not just as a church but as individuals. Experience the amazing feeling of accomplishment in reading the Bible through and the countless blessings God has in store as you dig deeper into the scriptures.

Don't just think about – let's "get 'er done!"

Blessings,

Tom

## Welcome New Member!

Welcome to our newest member who joined Sunday, December 24, 2023: **Mary Jo Davis**

Join us in welcoming Mary Jo to our church family!

## Honorariums & Memorials

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

Tina & Bill Kirby

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RONDA HANSEN BY:

Diane Bailey  
Tina & Bill Kirby

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF PAT GOSSAGE BY:

Joyce Bankston



## Sparrows Nest–Collection

Thank you for those who are bringing Sparrows Nest food for our first Sunday collection. The food bank has seen an increased demand and your donation is needed and appreciated.

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)  
**December 31, 2023**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$30,006.75

Received YTD | \$1,260,174.29

Expenses YTD | \$1,215,722.11

Difference YTD | \$44,402.18

Budgeted Amount YTD \$1,225,655.00

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$21,425.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$273,599.64

*thank you*

## Members in Ministry- January 7, 2024

### Ushers:

**8:30** Pete Irby, Janice Lee, Mac McLawhorn, Tom Smith

**11:00** Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

### Greeters:

**8:30** Faye George, Helen Baker **9:45** Casey & Craig Pace

**11:00** Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell, Diane Turner

### Projection:

**8:30** Neva Kaye **9:45** Elizabeth Daniel **11:00** Ashley Swann

### Acolytes:

**8:30** Scarlet Irby **11:00** Addy Thompson & Scarlett Kirby

### Communion Servers:

**8:30** Nancy Pickren, Judy Smith

**9:45** Laura & Jim Weldy

**11:00** Sherry Pickett, Mike Pickett

### Communion Prayers:

Sharon Blount, John Lindgren

Kim Belt, Phil Belt

Mike Martin, Judy Smith

## Attendance

### December 24, 2023

10:00AM Worship Service: **257**

Online Worship Views: **498**

4:00PM Worship Service: **477**

11:00PM Worship Service: **135**

Total In Person Worship: **869**

### December 31, 2023

10:00AM Worship Service: 267

Online Worship Views: 151

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Tilman Blakely, **Betty Daher**, Joyce Dunkle, **Gerry Egger**, **Jordi Graffis**, **Jim Fuller**, **Ed Gossage**, Family & friends of Pat Gossage, **Barbara Meadows**, **Chuck Wilson**

**New Prayer Concerns- Others:** Diane Beeler, Trent Cohen, Bob Furlong, **Richard Greene**, Dee Harvey, Nora Kosinski, Helen Lang, Jones Lindgren, Kevin Lobello, Chandini Prasad, Family & friends of Joanie Roper, **Diane Sharp**, Diane Stecker, **Ray Waters**

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Diana Bailey, Ron Bateman, Lauren Belt, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Billy June Boyd, Marsha Boyette, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Sandy Fitzgerald, Annette Flagella, Karen Flagella, Sam Friedman, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Jim Granade, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Merideth Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Anne Jones, Kevin Josey, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Sandee Lukitsch, Ken McCauley, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Alan Proctor, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, 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

**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.**



Get ready for a flavor explosion at our Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, January 21 at 5:30 pm in the Thorpe Building! Show off your culinary skills by entering your chili, and here's the twist – everyone gets to be a judge! Cast your vote for the tastiest entries.

Two options to join the fun: sign up as a contestant or a “judge”. Register in Realm or email [ashley@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:ashley@stsimonsumc.com).

We've got the fixins and beverages covered; all you need to bring is your appetite! Don't miss out on the chili showdown – see you there for a spicy good time!



Explore the transformative world of The Chosen Season 3 with us! Witness God's work in the lives of the first disciples and see Jesus through their eyes. Uncover a depth of character development unparalleled in faith-based media.

Join us Wednesdays, starting January 17, 2024, 5:30 - 7:00 PM in the Thorpe Building. No prior participation needed. Each week, we'll watch an episode from the eight-week Season 3, followed by casual table discussions. Missed a session? No worries, we'll catch you up!

Last year, we had around 50 attendees most evenings for Seasons 1 and 2. Past participants praised how it brought Bible stories to life and delved into the humanity of Jesus.

Don't miss out! Register on Realm if you can, or drop in anytime. Questions? Reach out to Jeff Zoul at [jeffzoul@gmail.com](mailto:jeffzoul@gmail.com). Join us for an enlightening journey into The Chosen Season 3!

## Begins January 10



- **Kids Choir: 5:30 PM**
- **Dinner: 6:00 PM**
- **Games & Lesson: 6:15 PM**
- **Pickup at 7:00 PM in the “Clubhouse”**

## Parlor Talks- The Way Forward

You are invited to join Tom Jones along with a member of the Lay Leadership Team in one of the upcoming Parlor Talks. The purpose of the meetings is to help bring our congregation up to date on the issue of human sexuality within the United Methodist Church, and how this issue will influence our church in the coming year. Please plan to join us for one of these important discussions.

Please review the available slots at the SignUp Genius link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-46794805-parlor#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-46794805-parlor#/) and click on the button to sign up- one session per person. Contact the church office with any questions or assistance in signing up 912-638-3317. Thank you!

# JANUARY 2024

## SSUMC YOUTH GROUP

**JAN 7**



**POLAR BEAR PLUNGE**

MEET @ THORPE  
4:00-5:30  
\*\*\* NOTE EARLIER TIME\*\*\*

**JAN 14 NO YOUTH - MLK WEEKEND**

## Saints and Sinners Luncheon

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024 12:00 pm**

Reservations due by January 8 at 9:00 am via Realm or by contacting the church office.

## Rise Against Hunger Update

In October volunteers from our church gathered to pack meals for Rise Against Hunger and its ministry to help feed people around the world.

Over 10,000 meals were packed. We have learned that these meals are headed to Haiti. This small island nation located in the Caribbean has faced many challenges related to food insecurity. The Global Hunger index categorizes Haiti as having a serious level of hunger. The meals we packaged will help ensure that people have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives. Thank you to our missions committee and to our volunteers for helping to make a difference.



## 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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