

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 14

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
5:30 PM No Youth Group

Monday, January 15—CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—MLK HOLIDAY

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Thorpe Building**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry, **Parlor**

Tuesday, January 16

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
10:00 AM Women of Faith Book Group, **Parlor**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Trustees Orientation, **Parlor**
5:30 PM Trustees Meeting, **Parlor**
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troup 248, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**
6:30 PM South GA & Alabama/West Florida Cabinets, **Room 201 & 203**

Wednesday, January 17

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Lay Leadership Team Meeting, **Parlor**
5:30 PM The Chosen Bible Study, **Thorpe Building**
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, January 18

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**

Friday, January 19

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Saturday, January 20

11:00 AM Ronda Hansen Memorial Service, **Sanctuary**

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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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 14, 2024

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

CCLI #7200544
©2006 CCLI Sheet Music

Fellowship Time

Rescue Story

CCLI #7133142
©2019 Anthems of Hope

Morning Prayer

Rev. Richard Soper

I Love You Lord

CCLI #25266
©1978 House of Mercy Music

Rise Up (Lazarus)

CCLI #7146618
©All Essential Music

MORNING MESSAGE

*Slow Down,
Listen Up,
Speak Out*

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

O Come to the Altar

CCLI #7051511
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

JANUARY 14, 2024

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful

Sondra Anderson
Kevin Lamb

* HYMN #400

*Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

Open Our Eyes, Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

Morning Prayer

Richard Soper

The Lord's Prayer

* HYMN #2031

The Summons
Verse 1, 2, 4 & 5

THE SUMMONS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

RESPONSE #95

Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

*Slow Down,
Listen Up,
Speak Out*

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

* HYMN #348

*Softly and Tenderly
Jesus Is Calling*
Verses 1 & 2

THOMPSON

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE



The Reason We Serve

One of my favorite stories is one told by the evangelist Tony Campolo. There was an alcoholic who was miraculously converted at a mission worship service. Prior to his conversion, Joe had gained the reputation of being a person whose only hope was to live a miserable existence in the ghetto.

But after asking Christ into his life everything changed. Joe became the most caring person that anyone associated with the mission had ever known. He spent his days at the mission doing whatever task needed to be done. There was no job that was too lowly for Joe. He did everything with a smile on his face. He could be counted on to clean the bathrooms, which tended to become extremely filthy. He was willing to feed feeble men who wandered off the street into the mission. He could be counted on to tuck men into bed who were too out of it to take care of themselves.

One evening, during a worship service one of the men in the mission came forward to kneel and pray. He cried out for God to help him to change. The repentant man kept shouting, "Oh God, make me like Joe! Make me like Joe!" The director of the mission leaned over and said to the man, "I think it would be better if you prayed, 'Make me like Jesus!'" The man looked up at the director with a puzzled expression on his face and asked, "Is he like Joe?"

This story reminds us of an important truth. That the first real communication of anything spiritual usually comes through people like us who demonstrate loving humility in the routine of our daily events. When you share the humble spirit of Christ in the workplace, at school, at home, or wherever you are, always keep in mind and in your prayers that you may in that moment have become the catalyst for change in a person's heart.

Let your life be an accurate reflection of Jesus, who "being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant..." Philippians 2:6-7

Maybe someday someone will want to be like you. You will have helped that person discover the source of unconditional love and acceptance found only in Jesus Christ – the one who is the reason we serve.

Blessings,

Tom

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Sister & Steve Tucker

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

Nancy Jenkins
Mr. & Mrs. Kiamil Shanbacker
Brittany Hoover

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

Sister & Steve Tucker
Joy Coleman



THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays
- Starting January 17, 2024
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM Thorpe Building
- No prior participation needed.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
January 7, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$37,621.00

Received YTD | \$37,621.00

Expenses YTD | \$14,030.00

Difference YTD | \$23,591.00

Budgeted Amount YTD \$24,400.79

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$675.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$273,699.64

Thank you

Worship Attendance- January 7, 2024

8:30am : 90

Online Worship Views: 505

9:45am : 80

Sunday School/Small Group Attendance: 116

11:00am: 266

Total In Person: 436

Members in Ministry- January 14, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Robert Jenkins, Jeff Parker,
Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams, Phil Shinall

Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Greer Shinall, Fran Jones, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee 9:45 Ashley Swann 11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Evie Stephenson & Adeline Watson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Betty Daher, Gerry Egger, Jordi Graffis, **Friends & Family of Sam Friedman**, Jim Fuller, Ed Gossage, **Lauren Nobles**, Chuck Wilson

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Trent Cohen, **Ashley Fredrick**, Richard Greene, **Lexie McRae**, **Jamice Meschke**, **Cherie Pierce**, **Friends & Family of Joanie Roper**, Diane Sharp, Ray Waters, **Linda Yohn**

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, 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, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, 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 ash-ley@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!

Visitation Team/ Special Touch

Join our Visitation/Special Touch Committee in the New Year! We're seeking compassionate members to visit those unable to attend services and families with new babies. Make a difference in our church community. Reach out to Christa Thompson at 202-445-4073 or Christa.Crawford.Thompson@gmail.com for additional information.



Every Wednesday

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

SSUMC Men's Ministry Kick Off Event:

Gentlemen, mark your calendars for an evening of camaraderie, connection, and flavor at the SSUMC Men's Ministry Kick Off Event! Join us for a delicious Low Country Boil on Thursday, February 8, at 6 PM.

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#/ 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!



Event Details: Titanic

Date: Sunday, January 28

Movie Ticket: \$8.00

Showtime: Anticipated at 1:00 PM

Immerse yourself in the epic tale of love and tragedy aboard the majestic Titanic. Relive the magic on the big screen and experience the nostalgia of this iconic film. Stay tuned for the official showtime announcement.

Don't miss this opportunity to relive the magic of "Titanic" and share a delicious dinner with fellow movie enthusiasts! Grab your tickets, mark your calendar, and make it a Sunday to remember!



Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:00 pm ** RESCHEDULED

It's Time to gather for Saints and Sinners Luncheon. Our entertainment is the Golden Isles Strummers is a group of amateur musicians from SSI, Brunswick, and surrounding communities who play a variety of ukuleles and other stringed instruments. Join us for entertainment from these talented musicians as well as lunch on January 30 at noon. Entree will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$5.00. Reservations due by January 29 at 9:00 AM.

Join us for a spectacular Music Ministry Party!

Date: February 2

Time: 6:00 PM



Calling all Adult Choir, Christmas Singers, Handbells, Worship Team, and Tech Crew members! Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music and camaraderie.

Bring your favorite dish to share as we indulge in a potluck feast. Let's create a harmonious blend of flavors to match the melodies we create together. Don't miss out on the chance to strengthen our musical bonds and share in the joy of making music together. Save the date for February 2nd at 6:00 PM at the Home of Carol Norton!

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 (adult only) & 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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