

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 28

- 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 Youth Return from Rock the Universe- No Youth Group

Monday, January 29

- 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 Meeting, **Room 203**

Tuesday, January 30

- 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**
 4:30 PM Baby Baptism, **Chapel**
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troup 248, **Thorpe Building**
 6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, January 31

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
 4:45 PM Handbell Practice, **Handbell Room**
 5:00 PM Way Forward Parlor Talk, **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, February 1

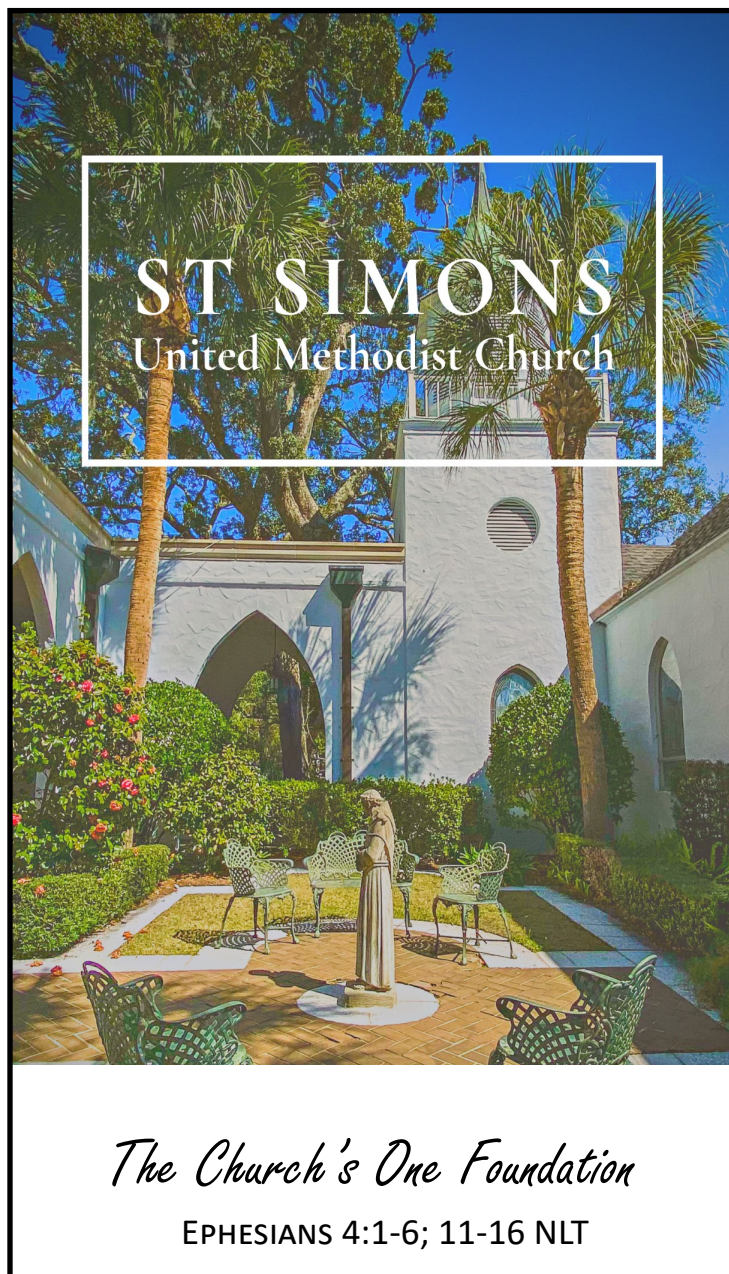
- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**
 11:00 AM Way Forward Parlor Talk, **Parlor**
 1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, February 2

- 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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 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

JANUARY 28, 2024

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

MISSION MOMENT

Early Response Team

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

House of The Lord

CCLI #7168995
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Fellowship Time

What a Beautiful Name

CCLI #7068424
©2016 Hillsong Music Publishing

Morning Prayer

Rev. Richard Soper

Step By Step

CCLI #696994
©1991 Kid Brothers of St. Frank Publishing

Way Maker

CCLI #7115744
©2016 Integrity Music

MORNING MESSAGE

The Church's One Foundation

Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-16 NLT
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

A House United

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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

The Worship of God

JANUARY 28, 2024

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson

* HYMN #545 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELLIA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostle's Creed

MISSION MOMENT Early Response Team

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *Make Us One*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jennifer Meyers

MORNING PRAYER Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #547 *O Church of God, United* ELLACOMBE
Verses 1, 3 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY Kevin Lamb

RESPONSE #95 *Doxology* OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Lift High The Cross* Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

The Church's One Foundation

EPHESIANS 4:1-6; 11-16 NLT

* HYMN #555 *Forward Through the Ages* ST. GERTRUDE
Verses 1

* BENEDICTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers, please stand as able*



Practice Integrity

Is there any value to integrity? Some would say there is far less value to being truthful and honest. Lies and deceit have become normalized. We almost expect others to be dishonest in their dealing with us. Our own actions if examined closely can sometimes be questionable. But does it matter. Is living with integrity even relevant today?

I have heard it said that there is little value in being truthful. I beg to differ. Being truthful has actually become more valuable, to the point of being priceless. Integrity put into practice stands out as being golden in a day when we have learned to expect and even accept the worst in one another.

There was a pastor who had been shopping. After leaving the store he realized he had been given too much change. He returned to the checkout and said to the person there, "I believe you gave me too much money." The clerk said, "I know I did." "You know you did," said the pastor, "Why did you do that?" The clerk responded, "I was thinking about coming to your church on Sunday to hear you preach. I wanted to be sure you were worth listening to."

Scripture is filled with passages urging integrity in believers. Some of them are well-known commands for Christian living. Like Galatians 5:22-23: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"

Such a list is a command to live a life of the highest integrity, a life that brings goodness and blessings to all people. In short, the Christian command to integrity is a command to both talk and walk in the way of Jesus. It's a life marked by love, compassion, mercy, justice, and honoring God's call above everything else.

A church with integrity follows this command because there is nothing more important than being the undivided body of Christ in the world. People are drawn to a church that makes every effort "to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3). We cannot share the good news of Jesus Christ if we're putting all of our energy into our disagreements.

Still there are times when critical issues cannot be ignored. The apostle Paul recommends the practice of "speaking the truth in love." This means that we speak the truth that has been revealed to us by God, but we do it in love, without belittling or beating up the people who disagree with us.

Integrity practiced within our personal lives can be life-altering for us as well as have the potential to influence others for good. The same is true for a church that remains committed to humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with one another, and speaking the truth in love. To be a church that is committed to maintaining unity of the Spirit and oneness in Christ. To be a church that practices integrity.

Blessings,

Tom

Bible Memory Verse of the Month!

The word of the year is **PEACE** and we will be memorizing a different verse each month starting in February! We will share the monthly verse to memorize about **PEACE** in next weeks worship guide, so be on the look out!

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Welcome to our new members who joined on Sunday, January 21

Betty and Jim Daher

Join us in welcoming Betty and Jim to our Church family!

Financial Report

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

January 21, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$29,284.00

Received YTD | \$93,927.28

Expenses YTD | \$37,859.85

Difference YTD | \$56,067.43

Budgeted Amount YTD \$73,292.47

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1,080.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$273,964.64

Thank you

Worship Attendance- January 21, 2024

8:30am : 95

Online Worship Views: 406

9:45am : 98

Sunday School/Small Group Attendance: 154

11:00am: 237

Total In Person: 430

Members in Ministry- January 28, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Bill Kirby, Chip Higginbotham, Jeff Zoul

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Clif Pease

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Phillis & Max Harrell

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmalee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Thomas Giles & Reese Stephenson

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Heath Millians

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Larry Rogers, Lois Winsness

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Stephen Adams, **Barton Bowers**, **Ken Cox**, **Larry Edmondson**, **Alice Hicks**, **JB James**, Mary Alice Mills, **Paul Minadeo**, **Sherry Personette**, J.R. Romano, **Mary Smith**, **Lindsay Strickland**, **Madge Watson**, **Pastor Joe Winter**, Linda Yohn

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Diana Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Tilman Blakely, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Billy June Boyd, Marsha Boyette, **Carlotta Budd**, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, **Trent Cohen**, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Sandy Fitzgerald, 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, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Barbara Meadows, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, **Priscilla Mercer**, 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, Chuck Wilson, 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.

2023 Annual Report

Our church has grown and been blessed by your generous giving and faith! St. Simons UMC received **\$1,260,748.05** in contributions in 2023. Our expenses for 2023 were **\$1,221,121.81** and all apportionments and ministry commitments were met. Expenses were under budget by **\$4,533.19**. Contributions exceeded the budget by **\$35,143.17**.

We added **103** new member in 2023, and ended the year with **1193** members. The church has **181** pledges for 2024 totaling **\$883,680.00**.

Thank you for continuing your faith journey with St. Simons UMC, and for your generous giving in 2023! This generosity continues to enable us to share Christ and support the ministries and missions of St. Simons United Methodist Church.

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 \$10.00/person on **Thursday, February 8, at 6 PM. Register ASAP on Realm or by calling the church office!**





Every Wednesday

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

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 12:00 pm

Join us for entertainment from the talented Golden Isles Strummers, 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.

Music Ministry Party!

Date: Friday, 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. Save the date for February 2nd at 6:00 PM at the home of Carol Norton!



Save the Date for Serve Saturday

Saturday, March 9, 2024—is our annual Serve Saturday!

Join us on Saturday, March 9, volunteers will meet at the church at 8:00am for breakfast, and a devotional. At 8:45am we will depart to local organizations to lend a hand and serve. We hope you will join us and save the date on your calendar for this meaningful day of service in our community! More information on the organizations and how to sign up and serve will be sent out soon!

SSUMC YOUTH SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

4

5:30-7:00PM @ THORPE

11

SUPER BOWL PARTY
ROBINSON'S HOUSE 6PM

18

NO YOUTH

25

5:30-7:00PM @ THORPE

WHO'S BRINGING DINNER?
2/4 TATE

YOUTH SUNDAY
SCHOOL
EACH SUNDAY

Congratulations!

Harper Jones Giery was born Friday, January 19, 2024!

Congratulations to her parents Mary Glen and Michael Giery! She is 8lbs 13oz and 21 inches long! Mother and baby are doing well! We celebrate with the Giery family and give thanks to God for Harper and this precious gift of life!



THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

- Wednesdays
- 5:30 - 7:00 PM Thorpe Building
- No prior participation needed.

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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