

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 4

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
 5:00 PM Way Forward- Parlor Talk, **Parlor**
 5:30 PM Youth Group, **Thorpe and Youth Room**

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
 11:00 AM Way Forward Parlor Talk, **Parlor**
 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troup 248, **Thorpe Building**
 6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, February 7

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
 4:45 PM Handbell Practice, **Handbell Room**
 5:30 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 8

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**
 4:00 PM UMW Circle 5 **Thorpe Building**
 4:00 PM Visitation Team Meeting, **Room 203**
 6:00 PM Men's Ministry Low Country Boil, **Pumpkin Patch**

Friday, February 9

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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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Jesus Can

MARK 1:29-39 NRSV

*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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

This is Amazing Grace

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Fellowship Time

Jesus

CCLI #7067249
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Morning Prayer

Rev. Richard Soper

I Am

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I Speak Jesus

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MORNING MESSAGE

Jesus Can

Mark 1:29-39 NRSV
Rev. Tom Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

Untitled Hymn

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INVITATION

CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

* HYMN #57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *People Need the Lord*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

* HYMN #526 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* CONVERSE
Verses 1 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

RESPONSE #95 *Doxology* OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *How Can I Keep from Singing*
Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones

Jesus Can

MARK 1:29-39 NRSV

HOLY COMMUNION

Confession & Pardon

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

* HYMN #375 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD
Refrain, Verse 1, Verse 2, Refrain

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers, please stand as able*

The Year of Peace

MEMORY
VERSE
CHALLENGE

FEBRUARY VERSE

Therefore, since we are justified
by faith, we have PEACE with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

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How Are You Praying?

How is your prayer life? Are you praying? I'm not talking about a quick blessing over a meal. I'm talking about spending time with God on a consistent basis.

There was a man whose friend was going through a difficult time in his life. The man said to his hurting friend: "The least I can do is pray for you." His friend responded, "No, that's the best thing you can do."

Prayer is the best thing we can do during our day. Avoid falling into the trap that our prayers are not important, and they are not being heard. Choose to reclaim the power of prayer and its ability to strengthen our lives and the lives of others.

I hope you will take time this week to examine the importance of your prayer life; to consider how your communication with God will only serve to strengthen your relationship with Christ and equip you to live each day in the awareness of his presence.

The following prayer may help us put our lives and our prayers into proper perspective:

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health that I might do greater things.
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy.
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of others.
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

How are you praying?

Blessings,

Tom

God gave us two ears and one mouth!

Are we fully "exercising" those ears? Would you like to become a better listener? Perhaps you understand that God has given you the gift of CARING, and you may be looking for a way to use this gift. Stephen Ministry is a way for you to do that and to begin serving others. A series of classes to become a Stephen Minister is scheduled to begin in early March.

If you would like more information.
Call the church office at 912-638-3317



Welcome to our Newest Members!

Welcome to our new members who joined on Sunday, January 28

Donna and Phil Keagy

Join us in welcoming Donna and Phil to our Church family!

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
January 28, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,642.63

Received YTD | \$117,569.91

Expenses YTD | \$53,985.97

Difference YTD | \$63,583.94

Budgeted Amount YTD \$97,723.16

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1,143.00

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

thank you

Worship Attendance- January 28, 2024

8:30am : 122

Online Worship Views: 501

9:45am : 102

Sunday School/Small Group: 162

11:00am: 251

Total In Person: 475

Members in Ministry- February 4, 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 Barbara Smith, Linda Smith

Projection:

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

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson & Adeline Watson

Communion Servers:

8:30 Becky & Lawrence Bridges

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Yvonne & Ron Flowers

Communion Prayers:

Charles Milliken, John Lindgren

Toni Metz, Shari Luken

Edie Payne, Mike Martin

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Judy Merrick

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Barton Bowers, **Able Cavin**, Joy Cowart, Ken Cox, **Dale Davis**, Larry Edmondson, **Teresa Edwards**, Family & friends of James "Hack" Hackendale, Alice Hicks, **Janie Hotze**, JB James, Paul Minadeo, Mary Smith, Lindsay Strickland, **Brion Trainor**, **Antoine Tyson**, **Ron Varey**, Madge Watson, Pastor Joe Winter

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, **Russell Cohen**, 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, Lois Winsness, 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.



Sparrows Nest—Collection

Items Needed: **Macaroni and Cheese, Canned Tuna and Chicken, Vienna Sausage, Baked Beans, Pork n' Beans, Ravioli or SpaghettiOs, Canned Fruit, Oatmeal Packets, Instant Mashed**

Potatoes, Rice (Plain or Flavored packets), Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Jelly, Soup, Kid Snacks, Cereal, Toilet paper, Bath Soap or Body Wash, Diapers (sizes 3 and up to pull-ups), Baby Wipes

Thank you for your generous donations to Sparrows Nest food for our first Sunday collection. The food bank has seen an increased demand and your donation is needed and appreciated.

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!**



Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 12:00 pm

Join us at noon for lunch and a presentation given by Lowell Crawford about the hymn writer, Fanny Crosby. Fanny Crosby wrote more hymn lyrics than any other Christian during her 94 years. This program looks at her life as well as the background of the best known hymns we sing today such as "Blessed Assurance," and "To God Be the Glory." Bring a dish to share and make a reservation with the church office or online so we know how much entree to provide. Cost is \$5. Reservations are due by Tuesday, February 6.

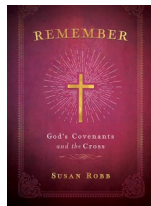
Seasonal Guest Reception

A reception in appreciation of our seasonal guests will be held on Sunday, February 18, in the Thorpe Building. The reception will be held at 5:00pm, immediately following the Gainesville Brass Concert. If you are one of our snowbirds we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to visit with our pastors and staff and to help us all get to know each other better before you head back home! Please RSVP for the reception by registering on Realm or by contacting the church office by Wednesday, February 14.

Lenten Bible Study

Remember by Susan Robb

God's covenants throughout the Old Testament show the character of God's promises to the people of Israel. In this book, Susan Robb leads readers through the covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, followed by the new covenant established on Maundy Thursday. The Lenten story culminates with an examination of the cross as another example of God's promise for a new world. This six-week group study will be lead by Richard Soper and will begin on **Tuesday, February 20** at 10:00am in Room 201 and will end on Tuesday, March 26. Please register and purchase your books at the church office for \$15.00.



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!

February

**ST. SIMONS UMC
MUSICAL ARTS**

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14 • Noon & 6:00 PM

*Nursery provided at 6:00 PM

GAINESVILLE BRASS QUINTET

Sunday, February 18 • 4:00 PM

Brass Lovers don't miss this concert. Music from the Baroque to the modern eras.

*Nursery provided

THE UNIVERSITY SINGERS

WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Monday, February 26 • 7:00 PM

The premiere choral ensemble at Washington and Lee University, continues to be recognized as one of the finest *a cappella* choirs in the region. Directed by award-winning conductor Shane M. Lynch

*Nursery provided

MARCH SAVE THE DATES

March 10 • Pianist Cameron Cody (Houston, TX)

March 28 • Maundy Thursday Darkening Service

March 24 • Palm Sunday Worship

March 31 • Easter Sunday Worship

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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