

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 3

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
 12:15PM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
 2:00 PM Youth Bike Ride Adventure, **Meet at the Thorpe Building**
 5:00 PM Way Forward- Parlor Talk, **Parlor**

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
 10:00 AM Remember Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**
 12:00 PM SAM Committee Meeting, **Parlor**
 1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 248, **Thorpe Building**
 6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, March 6

8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
 5:00 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, March 7

9:00 AM Preschool Mini-Motions, **Gholson Room**
 11:00 AM Way Forward- Parlor Talk, **Parlor**
 12:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**
 1:30 PM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
 4:00 PM UMW Circle 5, **St. Ignatius on Demere**

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

8:00 AM Serve Saturday Breakfast & Devotional, **Thorpe Building**
 8:45 AM Serve Saturday Depart for Service, **Various Locations**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. PUT GOD FIRST

2. Praise & worship him only

3. KEEP GOD'S NAME HOLY

4. KEEP THE LORD'S DAY SPECIAL

5. OBEY YOUR PARENTS

6. DO NOT HARM ANYONE

7. Love the one you marry

8. DON'T TAKE ANYTHING THAT IS NOT YOURS

9. TELL THE TRUTH

10. DON'T BE JEALOUS
OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE

When is a Lie a Lie?

EXODUS 20:1-8, 12-17

*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

MARCH 3, 2024
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Made to Worship

CCLI #4794118
©2006 New Spring

Fellowship Time

Fresh Wind

CCLI #7166857
©2020 Hillsong Music Publishing Australia

Morning Prayer

Richard Soper

Honey In the Rock

CCLI #7191257
©2022 Brandon Lake Music

MORNING MESSAGE

When is a Lie a Lie?

EXODUS 20:1-8, 12-17
Rev. Tom Jones

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb

CCLI #5003372
©2007 Thankyou Music

INVITATION

How Can I Keep From Singing

CCLI #4822372
©2006 Sixsteps Music

CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

March Memory Verse

And the PEACE of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7

The Worship of God

MARCH 3, 2024
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

* CONFESSION & PARDON

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

Change My Heart O God

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

* HYMN #467

Trust and Obey
Verses 1 & 2

TRUST AND OBEY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

RESPONSE #95

Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Written In Red

Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones

When is a Lie a Lie?

EXODUS 20:1-8, 12-17

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

* HYMN #156

I Love to Tell the Story
Verses 1, 3 & Chorus

DENNIS

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

** Worshipers, please stand as able*

March Memory Verse

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You Can't Handle the Truth!

"You can't handle the truth!" This statement is a widely popular and memorable line from the 1992 movie, "A Few Good Men." For those who remember the movie we have found that the line can be useful in our everyday conversation – more often used tongue in cheek, but still sometimes used as a talking point in more serious discussions.

It is an interesting statement to consider especially in the light of today's world. My impression is that most of us are begging for the truth. Lies and innuendo pervade our culture. Who can we trust? What can we trust? In a day when untruth runs rampant, you may feel like me – please, someone tell me the truth; tell me where to find the truth. It has been so long since I've heard the truth I would like to see if I can handle it!

While many of us would like to see the truth become more a part of the everyday norm, there are still those times when we can't handle the truth. Sometimes the truth spoken in love can be hurtful. In some instances, the truth could possibly put another person in harm's way. There are other times when the truth creates conflict and divide. And there are those moments, when in the interest of keeping the peace, we may choose to say something that's less than the absolute truth.

What then can we believe? The question becomes more difficult to answer when we realize how often we can't even trust ourselves or those closest to us to be truthful.

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We have work to do to turn the trends of our society towards a more positive outlook and our trust in one another. But one place you are guaranteed to find the truth is through your faith in Jesus Christ.

Can you handle the truth? If so, then hear the Good News! God loves you. Jesus will show you the way. In him there is new life. In him there is the truth!

Blessings,

Tom

Serve Saturday!

Join us on **Saturday, March 9** for our Second Annual Serve Saturday!

***** A new opportunity has been added for those who are still looking for a spot! You may write notes of encouragement to our 12 South GA Delegates and our Bishop! These notes will be delivered at General Conference and is a wonderful opportunity to show our support and encourage our Bishop and Delegates!*****

You may sign up through the Sign-Up Genius link at:

www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-ssumc#/

or call the church office at (912) 638-3317 to choose an area to serve! **Please register ASAP!**



Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TILMAN BLAKELY BY:

John & Libby Barnes

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF SONDRANDERSON TO

MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

UMW Circle 5

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
February 25, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$40,175.39

Received YTD | \$231,762.63

Expenses YTD | \$160,950.04

Difference YTD | \$70,812.59

Budgeted Amount YTD \$201,464.26

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$1,853.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,129.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- February 25, 2024

8:30am : **115**

Online Worship Views: **470**

9:45am : **79**

Sunday School/Small Group: **147**

11:00am: **316**

Total In Person: **426**

Members in Ministry- March 3, 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:

8:30 Scarlett Irby **11:00** Addy Thompson

Communion Servers:

8:30 Linda & Jay Hodges

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Betty Sharp, TBD

Communion Prayers:

Sharon Blount, Chuck Buhman

Shari Darrith, Stan Robinson

Mike Martin, Thornton Willingham

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Carey Brock, Christina

Pinkerton, Adrienne Wiggins, Billy Wiggins

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Jim Baldwin, Paul Barber, Bob, Sandra Bryant, Caroline Campbell, Julie Childs, Jake Cunningham, Ginny Dawson, Marie Dennard, Jessica Flemming, Family & friends of Faye Gowen, Patty & Scott Harvey, Ernie Humbert, Family of Setphanie Jones, Mark, Family of Lexi McRae, Ro, Rick Siegmann, Dennis Simpson, Brauleen Wynn

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Billy June Boyd, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Joy Cowart, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Betsy Draughon, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy & Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Bill Hansen, Alice Hicks, 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, 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, Mary & Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Lois Winsness, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, 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.

The Way Forward FAQ

This week we continue to explore the question-

"Why have other United Methodist Churches made the decision to depart the denomination?"

One reason is the concern about a lack of accountability for those who work outside the parameters of our denomination's rules. In general, it is agreed that accountability within our denomination needs to be addressed and corrected. This work is currently being done through our Council of Bishops. Much attention, including media attention, has been given to a small percentage of bishops and pastors who have said and done things that are foolish. It is a critical point to remember that no one person or group of people can say or do anything that represents or speaks for the United Methodist Church; only the General Conference has that authority. It is also important to understand that The General Conference is bound to uphold the Articles of Religion that reaffirm our basic beliefs as found in the Apostles Creed. The Articles of Religion can never be debated or changed; they will always be included in The Book of Discipline. These beliefs are the cornerstone of the United Methodist Church. They cannot; they will not be changed.

Cameron Cody Concert

Sunday, March 10 • 4:00 PM

Join us for a concert by Cameron Cody who is the Director of Music Ministry and Organist at Chapelwood UMC in Houston, TX. Cameron is an internationally recognized concert artist, conductor and organist. This should be a wonderful afternoon enjoying his musical talents. Cameron was a former resident of the Golden Isles and former organist at Wesley Church. A reception will follow after this concert in the Gholson area! Complimentary to all!

*Nurser is provided

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Join us on Tuesday, March 12 for Saints and Sinners for some fellowship around the table and entertainment from our very own Fred Kopp. Fred plays the guitar and sings. Many of his songs are originals. Fred and his wife, Lynn, are members of SSUMC and sing in the Chancel Choir. Entree is provided but please bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$5.00. Reserve your spot on Realm or by calling the church office. **Reservations due by March 5.**

SSUMC Men's Ministry Lunch

Thursday, March 14 • 11:30 AM

Join us for a informative presentation on World War II by church member Chris Simmons. Explore the history of the Golden Isles in WWII and enjoy a time of fellowship with other SSUMC Men. Bring a friend or neighbor. Cost is \$8.00. Reserve your spot on Realm or by calling the church office. **Reservations due by Monday, March 11.**

Youth Events @ SSUMC

Sunday— 3/3 @ 2:00

SUNDAY BIKE ADVENTURE

Meet @church with your bike @2pm... we'll ride off on an adventure & get ice cream!



ADULT VS. STUDENTS KICKBALL!

Save the Date....

All Families Kickball Game and Cookout....

Sunday, April 28 from 5:00-7:00pm

Holy Week & Easter at SSUMC

Palm Sunday Worship-

Sunday, March 24 – We continue our preparation for Easter as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

Holy Week Community Service and Lunch-

Monday, March 25 at noon– bring a dish to share

Maundy Thursday/Darkening Service-

Thursday, March 28 at 6:00pm –We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service as Christ's disciples gathered with Him in the upper room.

Easter Sunday Worship Services-

Sunday, March 31 at 8:00am, (2) at 9:30am, & 11:00am

On Easter Sunday, there will be **FOUR** worship services to celebrate the Risen Lord. An additional Contemporary service will be added this year at 9:30 in the Chapel!

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection with beautiful music, scripture, and the Easter sermon. Come celebrate Easter with us at one of these meaningful four services!

Please note the time style changes for these 4 services!

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by March 25 | Cost \$22

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one.

Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Sunday, March 31. Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



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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