

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Traditional Easter Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
9:30 AM Traditional Easter Worship Service, **Sanctuary**
9:30 AM Contemporary Easter Worship Service, **Chapel***
11:00 AM Traditional Easter Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
All Services Streamed Live

Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed for Easter Observance
SSUMC Preschool—Closed for Spring Break
9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, April 2

SSUMC Preschool—Closed for Spring Break
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, April 3

SSUMC Preschool—Off for Spring Break
8:00 AM Prayer Hedge, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

Thursday, April 4

SSUMC Preschool—Closed for Spring Break
12:30 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, April 5

SSUMC Preschool—Closed for Spring Break
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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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 31, 2024
CHAPEL • 9:30 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

House of the Lord

CCLI #7168995
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Fellowship Time

Holy Forever

CCLI #7201044
©2022 Brian and Jenn Publishing

Living Hope

CCLI #7106807
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Morning Prayer

Thank You Jesus For the Blood

CCLI #7172456
©2021 Centricity Music Publishing

MORNING MESSAGE

The Promise of Hope

MARK 16: 1-8
Rev. Richard Soper

INVITATION

Happy Day

CCLI #4847027
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

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 31, 2024
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE *Fanfare on EASTER HYMN*

Call to Worship *On The Third Day* Chancel Choir
by Allen Pote

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper (8:00 & 11:00)
Rev. Tom Jones (9:30)

* HYMN #302 EASTER HYMN
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *Because He Lives*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYER Richard Soper (8:00 & 11:00)
Rev. Jay Hodges (9:30)

* HYMN #303 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *The Lord Almighty Reigns* Chancel Choir
by Mary McDonald

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

A Brief Detour

JOHN 20:1-18

* HYMN #327 *Crown Him With Many Crowns* NEAR THE CROSS
Verses 1, 2 & 4

* BENEDICTION *Hallelujah Chorus* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers stand as able*

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I Am the Resurrection

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." Jesus did not say "he was" or "he will be." Jesus said, "I am."

We can often get stuck between the "was" and the "will be" of what it means to experience the resurrection power of Jesus. For most of us there was a day when we accepted Christ and the promise of a new life. And now, through our belief in Christ we know there will be a day when our physical death becomes our passageway to eternal life.

What we often miss or fail to remember is that in two, simple words, "I am", Jesus gives us the assurance that he is with us every day. He offers us resurrection from difficult circumstances; he offers resurrection from dying relationships; he offers resurrection from broken dreams; and he offers us resurrection from lost hope.

The truth of Easter is not that we are to live newly only after death, but that we're to live newly in the moment. As a people of faith we claim this truth because of the transforming, life-giving, death-defeating power of the resurrection.

Today we remember and celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave and his promise of life. Because he lives, we also will live – today and for all eternity!

I hope you have a joyful and meaningful celebration of Easter!

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, March 24

Terri & Rabun Matthews

Deidre, Megan, & Kate Matthews

Join us in welcoming the Matthews family to our Church family!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CAREY BROCK BY:

Debbie & Clif Pease

Holy Week Luncheon~ Thank you!

Thank you for all of the wonderful food that was prepared and served at our Holy Week Community luncheon! Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped set-up, serve and clean-up! It was a wonderful service and luncheon for all who attended!

Many Thanks,

SSUMC Church Staff

The Louis and Millie Gholson Scholarship

The Louis and Millie Gholson Scholarship Fund was created to award a graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Simons United Methodist Church. The Pastor, Youth Director and Church Administrator were appointed to determine who would receive the scholarship. Please contact Anne Frazier for an application at anne@stsimonsumc.com. Application and letters of recommendation must be received by Wednesday, May 8 2024. The scholarship will be presented on Sunday, May 19 during the Graduate Recognition in the 11:00am service!

Financial Report

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

March 24, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$21,393.00

Received YTD | \$356,054.96

Expenses YTD | \$244,041.07

Difference YTD | \$112,013.89

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$300,150.64

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$3,388.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,489.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- March 24, 2024

8:30am : **122**

Online Worship Views: **461**

9:45am : **96**

Sunday School/Small Group: **138**

11:00am: **382**

Total In Person: **600**

Members in Ministry- March 31, 2024

Ushers:

8:00 Tom Smith, Janice Lee, Mac McLawhorn, Pete Irby

9:30 Mike Fitzgerald, Jeff Parker, David Paulk, Cindy Simpson, Rick Denman

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

Greeters:

8:00 Gary & Debi Miller, Charlene McManamy

9:30 Susan Watkins

9:30 Pam & Randall Rehberg, Laura & Jim Weldy- **Chapel**

11:00 Marlis & Bob Kiser

Projection:

8:00 Robin Parmelee

9:30 Elizabeth Daniel- **Chapel**

9:30 Neva Kaye

11:00 Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

9:30 Ava Wilson, June Humphries, Lexcie Longacre

11:00 Ketch Kase, Evie & Reese Stephenson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Bob Beane, Jim Longmire, Nancy Pickren

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Brian Deagon, Joyce Cimera, Eddie Echols, Rob Furlong, Doug Gartrell, Bubba Gilmer, Delores Harvey, Jenna Kennedy, Renee McFadden, Laura Lynn Nichols, Ben Stasko, National Day of Prayer

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 Fuller, Jim Fuller, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Bill Hansen, Alice Hicks, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Anne Jones, Kevin Josey, Mitchel Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Ellie Leroux, John Lindgren, 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, Gena Paige Tolleson, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé 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.



Dear Saint Simons UMC Family,

We are writing to express our deepest gratitude for your incredible generosity during our recent Emergency Response Team (ERT) Tool Drive! Thanks to your overwhelming support, we raised approximately \$5,700 worth of tools!

Your contributions have filled a critical gap in our ability to respond effectively in the event of a disaster. These tools will be used by our ERT to help our community during times of need.

We were truly humbled by your willingness to open your hearts and wallets. Your support is a testament to the incredible spirit of compassion and care that defines our church family.

Looking to donate more?

Great news! You can still contribute by dropping off tools in the Gholson Room or sending a monetary donation to the church office - subject line 'ERT Tool Drive'.

Once again, thank you for your immense support. During the initial nine months of our group's existence, we have already been called out twice.

In Christ, **The Emergency Response Team**

Meals on Wheels

SSUMC was offered the opportunity to volunteer with Senior Citizens Inc, out of Savannah, in providing drivers for the Meals on Wheels program. Sandy Clark has agreed to coordinate our volunteers for this program.

The meals will be delivered to our church where the drivers will pick up, then deliver to the local clients (SSI). The routes will be on Tuesday and Thursday and should take less than an hour to complete. There is flexibility in the commitment to the number of days per month each person drives.

Volunteers will need to complete forms including a background check, at no cost to the volunteer.

Please email Sandy Clark at sandyarrington24@gmail.com to let her know if any of you would like to volunteer and for the forms and more information.

Thank you for all you do as we strive to serve in Jesus' name.

David Clark- Missions Committee Chair



SCUBA VBS
REGISTER FOR VBS
JUNE 9-13!

We are going to take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of GOD! Registration for children and volunteers scan the QR Code or sign up at the link: <https://vbspro.events/p/98ce1e>

April SSUMC Youth

April 7 2024

No Youth
End of Spring Break

ROPES COURSE ADVENTURE
2:00-5:00PM

April 21 2024

4:00-5:30pm
@ Youth Room
NEW TIME

Family Kickball Game
5:00pm @ Mallory Park

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL
EACH SUNDAY 9:45AM IN
YOUTH ROOM

April 14 2024

ROPES COURSE \$50 DUE
BY MARCH 31

WHO'S BRINGING DINNER?
4/14 - DINNER OUT AFTER
ADVENTURE
4/21 - ANNE JONES
4/28 - COOK OUT & KICKBALL

April 28 2024

ALL AGES INVITED FOR
COOKOUT & KICKBALL
GAME
RSVP TO JENNIFER BY
APRIL 7TH

Announcing an Exclusive Showing of The Chosen, Season 4!

Our church will be host an exclusive community-wide showing of *The Chosen*, Season 4 beginning **Tuesday, April 16th** and running every subsequent **Tuesday from 5:30-6:45 through Tuesday, June 4th**. All members of the community are welcome, whether you have been a viewer of Seasons 1-3 or if you want to jump right in to Season 4. This will be an eight-week series; each week we will view one episode followed by a very brief reflection time. *The Chosen* is appropriate for audiences including teenagers and older; nursery care will be provided for younger children. Please join us to experience what has been a hugely impactful video series depicting the life of Jesus and his disciples. Contact Jeff Zoul, who will be leading this series, at jeffzoul@gmail.com with any questions. No need to register; just show up!

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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