

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, April 7

- 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**

## Monday, April 8

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
9:00 AM Preschool Mini Motions, **Children's Room**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
5:30 PM Trustees Meeting, **Room 203**

## Tuesday, April 9

- 7:00 AM Men's Ministry Breakfast, **Thorpe Building**  
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**  
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**  
1:30 PM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**  
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

## Wednesday, April 10

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
5:00 PM Handbells, **Handbell Room**  
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, April 11

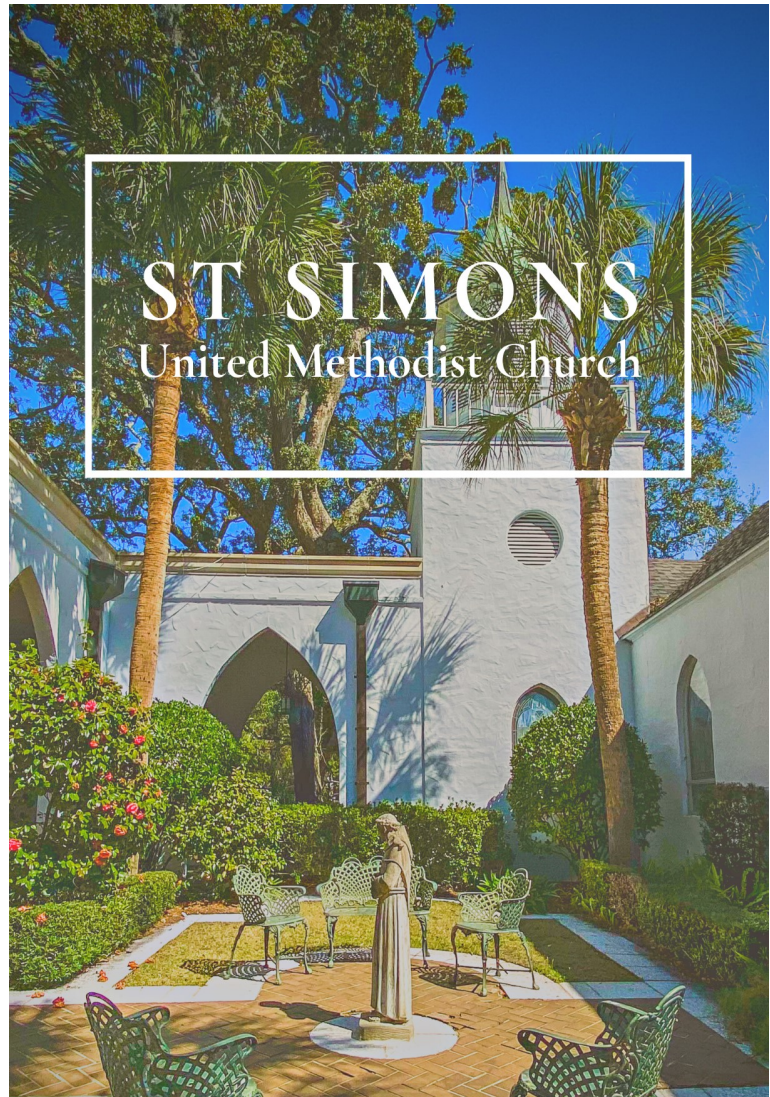
- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini Motions, **Gholson Room**  
9:30 AM SAM Trip to Savannah Riverboat  
4:00 PM UMW Circle 5, **Parlor**

## Friday, April 12

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

# ST. SIMONS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### Sparrows Nest—Collection Reminder

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!

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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

APRIL 7, 2024  
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Let It Rise*

CCLI #2240858  
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Welcome

Fellowship Time

### *Lion and The Lamb*

CCLI #7038281  
©2015 Meaux Mercy

Sacrament Holy Communion\*\*

### *Even So Come*

CCLI #7036288  
©2015 SDG Publishing

### *Even If*

CCLI #7079513  
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## MORNING MESSAGE

### *Seeing Isn't Believing*

JOHN 20:24-31 NRSV  
Rev. Richard Soper

## INVITATION

### *Yet Not I But Christ In Me*

CCLI #7121852  
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## CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

### \*\* Today's Communion

*This is not a United Methodist table. It is the Lord's Table, so communion is open to all. Today, we will be taking communion by intinction. We offer the option of gluten-free bread and packaged communion cups. Please inform today's communion servers if you would like either of these options. There are individuals to pray with you at the altar, if you desire.*

### *April Memory Verse*

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you Peace.

Numbers 6:26

# The Worship of God

APRIL 7, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE Emri Comer

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper

\* HYMN #322 CHRIST AROSE  
*Up from the Grave He Arose*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION\*\*  
The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord's Prayer  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME *I Sing Praises to Your Name*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer

\* HYMN #310 *He Lives* ACKLEY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Holy Ground* Sondra Anderson  
TIM CONYERS

MESSAGE MUSIC *At the Name of Jesus* Chancel Choir  
By Cindy Berry

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Richard Soper

### *Seeing Isn't Believing*

JOHN 20:24-31 NRSV

\* HYMN #451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE  
Verse 1 & 3

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* *Worshippers stand as able*

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## Before...

Today, before you say an unkind word, think of someone who can't speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food, think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife, think of someone who is crying out to God for a companion.

Today, before you complain about life, think of someone who went to heaven too early.

Before whining about the distance you drive, think of someone who has to walk the same distance.

When you are tired and complain about your job, think of the unemployed and those who wish they had a job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down, put a smile on your face and think, "I'm alive."

Remember, your life is what you make it.

See you Sunday,

*Richard*

## Honorariums & Memorials

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

Tracy & Henry Mabbett  
Gloria (Gee Gee) Adams

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

Pam Lewis

### A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JOE MILLER BY:

Pam Lewis

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)

March 31, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$25,600.05

Received YTD | \$381,655.01

Expenses YTD | \$278,192.33

Difference YTD | \$103,462.68

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$324,581.64

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$3,829.00

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

*thank you*

## Worship Attendance- March 31, 2024

8:00am: 159

Online Worship Views: 572

9:30am: 301

9:30am: 99- Chapel

11:00am: 446

Total In Person: 1,005

## Members in Ministry- April 7, 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** Pat Carmichael, Helen Baker

**9:45** Casey & Craig Pace

**11:00** Barbara Smith, June Smith

### Projection:

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

### Acolytes:

**8:30** Scarlett Irby **11:00** Addy Thompson & Thomas Giles

### Communion Servers:

**8:30** Edie Vinson, Barbara Whitney Thornton Willingham, John Lindgren

**9:45** Laura & Jim Weldy Shari Darrith, Toni Metz

**11:00** Kari Cooper, Nancy Hecko Judy Smith, Chuck Buhman

### Communion Prayers:

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Bob Beane, Jim Longmire, Chris Simmons

**New Prayer Concerns- Others:** Judy Alexander, Lynn Anderson, Matthew Bryan, Andrew Cabrera, Brian Deagon, Kevin Dean, Joyce Cimera, Rob Furlong, Bubba Gilmer, Delores Harvey, Jenna Kennedy, Mike McDonald, Renee McFadden, Ed Stanley, Andy Taylor, Renee Waters, Bob Wynne

**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, **Bob Mastromatteo**, 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.**

**SSUMC Men's Ministry Breakfast**

**Sign up ASAP • Tuesday, April 9 • 7:00AM Thorpe Bldg.**  
**Sausage & Egg Biscuits/Coffee/Juice \$5.00 - Bring a Friend!**  
**Rev. Tom Jones will lead with his personal testimony!**

**MEN'S MINISTRY**



**BREAKFAST GATHERING**

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

TESTIMONY  
FELLOWSHIP  
BREAKFAST-\$5

**APRIL 9**  
**7:00 AM**  
2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY

RSVP:  
REALM  
CHURCH OFFICE

## 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](mailto: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!

# The Way Forward FAQ

**What will our church do if the language on human sexuality, which includes rules on same-sex marriage and the ordination of gays, is not changed at the 2024 General Conference?**

The current Book of Discipline states that a same sex marriage cannot be conducted in the church or by a United Methodist pastor. It also declares that practicing homosexuals cannot be ordained. These rules have been in place since 2016 and remain the current guidelines. There is a growing possibility that these rules will not change during this year's General Conference. The Lay Leadership Group of our church has determined that if the current guidelines are not changed, a recommendation will be made to our Church Council that St. Simons United Methodist Church continues its connection with the United Methodist Church. The General Conference begins on April 23. Please pray for the General Conference, our denomination, and our South Georgia delegates as final preparations begin to be made for the conference.

## 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](mailto: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*

## Announcing an Exclusive Showing of The Chosen, Season 4!

Our church will host an exclusive community-wide showing of The Chosen - Season 4 beginning, Tuesday, April 16, and running every subsequent Tuesday from 5:30-6:45 through Tuesday, June 4 in our Sanctuary. All members of the community are welcome, whether you have been a viewer of Seasons 1-3 or if you want to jump right into 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 teenagers and older viewers; nursery care will be provided for younger children. Please join us in experiencing 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](mailto:jeffzoul@gmail.com) with any questions. No need to register; just show up to our Sanctuary.

## Baby Recognition

**Sponsored by the United Methodist Women**

We will be celebrating all of the babies born in our Church Family during the past year on Mother's Day- Sunday, May 12, 2024. Please contact Anne Frazier if your baby was born after Mother's Day 2023, so we may include them in this celebration! [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com)



**April SSUMC Youth**

**April 7 2024** **No Youth**  
End of Spring Break  
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL EACH SUNDAY 9:45AM IN YOUTH ROOM

**April 14 2024** **ROPES COURSE ADVENTURE 2:00-5:00PM**  
ROPES COURSE \$50 DUE BY MARCH 31

**April 21 2024** **4:00-5:30pm @Youth Room**  
\*\*NEW TIME\*\*  
WHO'S BRINGING DINNER?  
4/14 - DINNER OUT AFTER ADVENTURE  
4/21 - ANNE JONES  
4/28 - COOK OUT & KICKBALL

**April 28 2024** **Family Kickball Game 5:00pm @ Mallory Park**  
ALL AGES INVITED FOR COOKOUT & KICKBALL GAME  
RSVP TO JENNIFER BY APRIL 7TH



**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>

**Family Kickball Game**

**Register Now for our FAMILY KICKBALL GAME!**

Everyone is invited to play or to cheer on the team on Sunday, April 28 at Mallory Park. We will cookout and cheer on the teams! Don't forget to invite a friend or two! **PLEASE Register by Monday, April 22 by calling/emailing the church office or on Realm.**

## 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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)**

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