

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

APRIL 28, 2024
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

THE GIDEONS INTERNATIONAL

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Hallelujah

CCLI #3091812
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Fellowship Time

Counting My Blessings

CCLI #7202276
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Indescribable

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Prayer Time

Richard Soper

Reckless Love

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MORNING MESSAGE

The Rules of the Game Changed

1 JOHN 4:7-11, 20-21
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

CCLI #1043199
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

April Memory Verse

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

Numbers 6:26

The Worship of God

APRIL 28, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #384 *Love Divine All Love Excelling* BEECHER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Apostles Creed**

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

The Gideons International

FELLOWSHIP TIME #2108

O How He Loves You and Me

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER

Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #170 *O How I Love Jesus*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *They'll Know We Are
Christians By Our Love* Chancel Choir

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

The Rules of the Game Changed

1 JOHN 4:7-11, 20-21

* HYMN #408 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

* BENECTION

POSTLUDE

** Worshipers stand as able*

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Twisted Truth

Do you remember the game, "Twister." A plastic sheet with different colored dots was spread across the floor. A spinner with the same colors as the dots was used to determine where a person placed his or her hands and feet. When several players were involved it soon became a twisted mess until eventually a player fell and was out of the game.

We live in a day when it seems more than ever that things can get easily twisted. The "truth" can be literally sent around the world in seconds through the numerous means of social media. Even though we know the "truth" can easily be altered, we often jump on the bandwagon of whatever is trending only later to find how far off course it was from the truth.

What is a person of faith to believe in this untrustworthy world of twisted truths? One truth that cannot be altered is this: "God is love." There are those who question this truth because of what they may see happening around them or because of their personal trials. The world can seem so twisted we feel like its impossible to stand. Not only are we falling, but everything around us seems to be on the verge of collapse as well. In times like these we often ask, "Why?" The thought of a loving God who could allow terrible things to happen doesn't provide the answer we are searching for.

But try to understand that "God is love" is an affirmation of our faith. It is not intended to be the answer to all of our "why" question when evil surrounds us and the pain we are experiencing is to the point of being overwhelming.

God loves by dwelling with us, living within us whether we are in the throes of agony or in the sublime joys of all that is meaningful. Yes, much of what happens may not seem to make much sense. But when we affirm in those moments that God is love, the peace of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit will enable us to stand strong and not fall.

God is love! As twisted as it sounds in this crazy world – it's the ultimate truth!

Blessings,

Tom

Staff Parish Relations Announcement

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Celia Eisentraeger has joined our church staff as the Family Ministry Director. She will provide oversight to the student ministry program as well as work to develop programs and ministries for young adults and their families. She has a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Seminary and is currently a candidate to become an ordained deacon in the South Georgia Conference. Celia, her husband, Toby, and their daughter, Lore, have been members of the church for the past year and a half. Please pray for Celia and extend a personal word of welcome to her as she begins her ministry among us. You may welcome her by emailing her at celia@stsimonsumc.com

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, April 21

Caroline and Garrett Brandon

Dylan Brandon

Join us in welcoming Caroline, Garrett and Dylan to our Church family!

Financial Report

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

April 21, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,950.00

Received YTD | \$460,494.29

Expenses YTD | \$347,200.61

Difference YTD | \$113,293.68

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$400,317.48

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$4,084.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,619.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- April 21, 2024

8:30am : **94**

Online Worship Views: **411**

9:45am : **77**

Sunday School/Small Group: **136**

11:00am: **248**

Total In Person: **419**

Members in Ministry- April 28, 2024

Ushers:

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

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Rick Denman

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Kay Holmes, Cherie DeMarco, Linda Smith

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Ketch & Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Pete Culver, Lee Norton, Ken Norwood, Cindy Simpson, Waite Thomas, Diane Turner

New Prayer Concerns- Others: **Judy Alexander, Wanda Bond,** Jerimey Burch, **Family & Friends of Dr. Marsha Certain, Frank Costablie,** Joy Cowart, **Jeanne, Joe Kelly, Nicole, Chris, & Lauren Lagoeiro,** Mary & Don McCoy, Mike McDonald, Gail McGregor, Carl McManamy, **Evan Nicholson,** Brian Simmons, **Robin Strickland, Jane & Billy Wolfe, Family & Friends of Woody Woodside**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Jim Baldwin, 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, Kevin Dean, 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 Mastro-matteo, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Carol Meeks, Priscilla Mercer, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Nancy Pickren, Dick Pipe, Alan Proctor, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Mike Stiles, Gena Paige Tolleson, Rhonda Van Liew, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

UMC General Conference

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

How will our local church be different after the General Conference?

There could possibly be things that change in our church following the General Conference. But the better way to answer this question is to consider what will not be different. What is not going to change is the identity of St. Simons UMC. We will continue to be a church where love is unconditional, service is celebrated enthusiastically, and the mission of Christ is advanced consistently. Many Methodists are admittedly clueless about the Book of Discipline; some can't name the bishop in their annual conference; still others have never been to an Annual Conference or met a General Conference delegate. It has been said that in this lack of concern for Methodism beyond the local church that these individuals have things in proper perspective. What the United Methodist Church does is largely irrelevant to their encounter with Christ and contributes little to their taking responsibility for the mission that Christ has assigned to their congregation. Whatever decisions are made in the weeks and months ahead, St. Simons UMC will continue to focus on being a church committed to welcoming all and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF PETE CULVER BY:

Debbie & Cliff Pease
Bill Hansen

Emmaus Gathering

There will be an Emmaus Gathering at SSUMC in the Thorpe Building on Friday, May 3 at 7:00 pm. Please bring a covered dish to share and your purple book. We will have a fourth Day Speaker and lots of good music. Please make plans to join us. Decolores!

SGAUMC | Basic ERT Trainings

Join us for ERT Training at St. Simons UMC on Saturday, May 18. Cost is \$40.00. The ERT training will begin at 8:30 am and will conclude by 4:30 pm. Lunch is included.

UMCOR background checks **are** required before receiving badges—participants must register at <https://app.verifiedvolunteers.com> (at no additional cost to participants). Verified Volunteer Good Deed Code: 9x2r4eh.

Register at: sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/ERTTrainingSSI

For more information, contact Kelly

Crane at kelcrane@gmail.com or 731-499-0491.

Part-Time Singers: Join Our Broadway Revue!

Do you find yourself humming show tunes from classics like Music Man, Guys & Dolls, Les Misérables, and Sound of Music? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you!

The music ministry is thrilled to announce our upcoming Broadway Revue, scheduled for August. We're bringing the magic of Broadway to our community, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

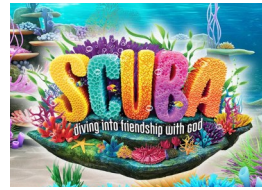
Rehearsals began Wednesday, April 24, at 6 PM but you can still join us in the Chancel Choir for an evening filled with song and camaraderie as we dive into the world of Broadway classics. Get ready to belt out your favorite tunes and maybe even tackle some choreography (YIKES, indeed!) for an unforgettable performance.

Whether you're a seasoned performer or just love to sing, we welcome singers of all levels to join us on this musical journey.



Register Now for our FAMILY KICKBALL GAME!

Everyone is invited to play or to cheer on the team on Sunday, April 28 at 5:00pm at Mallery Park. We will cookout and cheer on the teams! Don't forget to invite a friend or two! **Just Show Up if you didn't register!**



SCUBA VBS REGISTER FOR VBS KIDS & VOLUNTEERS JUNE 9-13!

CALLING ALL KIDS AND VOLUNTEERS—NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER! We will have a volunteer meeting on Sunday, May 5 after the 11:00 service in the Youth Room! Please join us!

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>

Second Harvest Volunteers Needed!

Second Harvest is looking for help over the next month. Volunteers are needed to come pack food boxes for the mobile pantry. **Tues.**

Tues. 4/30 - 1-3pm, Wed. 5/1 - 1-3pm, Wed. 5/8 - 1-3pm,

Tues. 5/14 - 1-3pm, Thurs. 5/16 - 10am-12pm

Contact Caroline Wallace, Volunteer Coordinator at Second Harvest for more information 912-261-9797.

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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