# Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, July 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

6:00 PM Youth Meet at Gathering Place, Gather in Brunswick

#### Monday, July 8

9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
11:00 AM Lay Leadership Meeting, Room 203

5:00 PM Prayer Time for Church Council Meeting, Sanctuary

5:30 PM Called Church Council Meeting, Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, July 9

8:00 AM Gathering Place Group, Thorpe Building

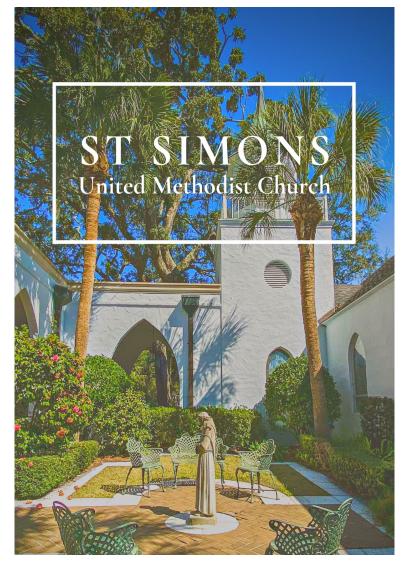
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, Room 203

#### Wednesday, July 10

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

#### Friday, July 12

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building



# Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

Where Love is Unconditional, Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,

The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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#### THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 07, 2024 CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

#### WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

#### PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Touching Heaven, Changing Earth

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**Fellowship Time** 

#### **Famous For**

CCLI #7096220 ©2020 Capitol CMG

#### Jesus

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**Prayer Time** 

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**

That Is One Big Head

Mark 6:1-13 Rev. Tom Jones

# CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Remembrance

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#### INVITATION

I Give You My Heart

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#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Tom Jones

# July Memory Verse

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart.

And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.

So don't be troubled or afraid.

John 14:27 NLT

### The Worship of God

JULY 07, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE Come, Ye Sinners, Sondra Anderson

Poor and Needy arr. Howard Helvey

\* HYMN #369 Blessed Assurance ASSURANCE

CONFESSION AND PARDON Richard Soper

FELLOWSHIP TIME To God Be The Glory

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer

\* HYMN #374 **Standing on the Promises** PROMISES

verses 1, 3 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY I Stand Redeemed Chancel Choir

arr. John Koerts ©2000 Century Music

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

That Is One Big Head

Mark 6:1-13

Celebration of Holy Communion The Great Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer Sharing of the Cup and Bread

\* HYMN #462 *'Tis So Sweet* TRUST IN JESUS *To Trust In Jesus* 

Verse 1

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Worshipers stand as able

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## Called Church Council Meeting

This Monday, July 8, our Church Council members will gather in the Sanctuary for the purpose of determining if we need a Church Conference vote on departure from the United Methodist Church. This meeting is an open meeting, and all are welcome to attend. The Sanctuary will be open at 5:00pm for prayer. The meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

The Church Council functions as the administrative agency of the church and is charged with making this decision. If the Church Council votes not to convene a Church Conference, then the decision will have been made to remain with the denomination. The Church Council cannot vote to depart. Leaving the United Methodist Church includes matters related to property which requires a Church Conference vote. Each of these steps are in adherence to the policies and procedures of The United Methodist Book of Discipline.

It would be wonderful to believe that we could be in full agreement with the decisions that are about to be made. While some pastors are not quick to admit it, the make-up of our DNA includes wanting to make everyone happy. All too soon we realize in our ministries that the reality of that happening is impossible. In this matter, I am committed to accepting the outcome of the decisions and living into what it means for our church. Still, it breaks my heart knowing that no matter the outcome there are those who will not agree with what has been done and potentially hurt.

My prayer remains that in our differences we can still find a place in our hearts to work towards staying together. No matter the outcome, we will continue to be the church we have always been. Beyond the many differences we have among us, not just over matters of human sexuality, we have found we can still be one together through the unifying power of the Holy Spirit. We are a church family; a church family that is in love with God and each other. We have faced challenges in the past and come through them together. Now, with God's help, I believe we can get through this one as well.

Please pray for the Church Council members as they prepare to guide us toward the final steps in determining the way forward. Blessings,

Tom

# Projection Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with projection during our worship service about once a month. This role is straightforward, and we offer full training. If interested, please reach out to Kevin at kevin@stsimonsumc.com for more details.



#### Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at <u>www.stimonsumc.com</u>
June 30. 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,658.12

Received YTD | \$654,855.94 Expenses YTD | \$612,901.15

Difference YTD| \$41,954.79

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$649,163.76

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$26,986.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,925.64

# Worship Attendance-June 30, 2024

8:30am : **84** Online Worship Views: **378** 9:45am : **76** Sunday School/Small Group: **87** 

11:00am: **232** Total In Person: **397** 

## Members in Ministry-July 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

8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker

9:45 Casey & Craig Pace

11:00 Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell, Diane Turner

Projection:

**Greeters:** 

8:30 Neva Kaye 9:45 Elizabeth Daniel 11:00 Neva Kaye

**Acolytes:** 

11:00 Addy Thompson

Communion Servers:

8:30 Bill & Tina Kirby 9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 Sherry & Mike Pickett

**Communion Prayers:** 

Chuck Milliken, Sharon Blount Toni Metz, Becky Bridges Betty Sharp, Mike Martin

thank you

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jean Bryan, Tammy Langford, Family & friends of Alan Proctor, Merry Stubbs

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Lois Beane, Family & friends of John Bostick, Matthew Carney, Ginny Dawson, Family & friends of June Dudrow, Diana Gianotti, Neil Glasscock, Ken Graffis, Dustin Horne, Frank Kubat, Millie Moore, Family & friends of Jackson Nuesch, Caroline Plyler, Justin R. & his wife, Joyce Reeves, Jane Shumate, John Ward, Hadley Webster

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, Linda Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Joy Cowart, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Kevin Dean, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Mary McCreary George, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Jacob Kitchen, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, John Lindgren, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, Bob Mastromatteo, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Tom Morris, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Nancy Pickren, Dick Pipe, 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

Departure and the Way Forward for SSUMC

Assisted Living Prayer

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock,

Joyce Parry

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford

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.

# Love Offering & Ice Cream Social for Rev. Richard & Patsy Soper!

Rev. Richard Soper has announced that he is retiring in August as our associate minister. His last Sunday as our Associate Pastor will be Sunday, August 11. As that time approaches, we are inviting you to please join us in

honoring Richard as he leaves our Church. We have been blessed in so many ways by Richard's dedicated and faithful service as our Associate Pastor over the past 8 years. For over 46 years Richard has served the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church. He will be missed by all.

We will be honoring Richard and Patsy on Sunday, August 11, from 3:30-5:00pm with a drop in Ice Cream Social in the Thorpe Building. All are invited to attend to enjoy the fellowship and say farewell to Richard and Patsy.

During the worship services on Sunday, August 11 we will be honoring Richard with a love offering. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail in or bring your donation to the church office. You may also place it in the offering plate at one of our worship services. Your donation should be designated for Rev. Richard Soper Gift on your checks or envelopes. Checks should be made payable to St. Simons United Methodist Church. We hope you will help make this a special event for Richard by showing your appreciation with your presence and your gifts. We thank each of you in advance for being a part of this special celebration to honor Richard and Patsy!



### Gathering Place Main Event!

Calling all Youth- we are going to meet at Gather in Brunswick each Sunday! Join us this Sunday, July 7 at 6:00-8:30pm. Contact Victoria Fryer for more info at: victoria@stsimonsumc.com





# 80th Birthday Party

Join us for Margot Howard's 80th birthday celebration on

Sunday, July 14 at 2:00pm in the Thorpe Building. Birthday cards are encouraged but please no gifts!

# July Jewels Birthday Lunch

"July Jewels" are invited to meet at Sweet Mama's for a no-host lunch and to celebrate our birthdays on Thursday, July 11 at 12:30pm. For many years it has been a tradition in our church for our lady members that were born in July to celebrate our special day together. Please RSVP no later than noon on July 8 to Debbie Pease or Cyndy Franklin:

Debbiepease@bellsouth.net or Kinikia@bellsouth.net.

# Alhambra Theatre: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Embark on a delightful journey to the Alhambra Theatre and Dining for a matinee



production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Departing from the front of the church on Ocean Blvd. at 10:45 am, our motorcoach will ensure a comfortable ride for all attendees. The \$80.00 per person cost covers lunch, the show, transportation, and tips. Hurry and secure your spot early, as we are limited to 52 people! Register on Realm or by calling the church office.

# Sparrows Nest-Sparrows 1st Sunday 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!

#### Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CAROL MEEKS BY:

**ANNE & LARRY ROGERS** 

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIM MEADOWS BY:

**ANNE & LARRY ROGERS** 

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALAN PROCTOR BY:

THE BEACON SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

#### **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



