

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 25

- 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
12:00 PM Missions Meeting, **Room 203**
2:00 PM United Women in Faith Board Meeting, **Room 201**

Monday, August 26

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Christmas Choir Preview, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, August 29

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

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF KAREN A. PEASE BY:

Stephanie & Gregory Pease

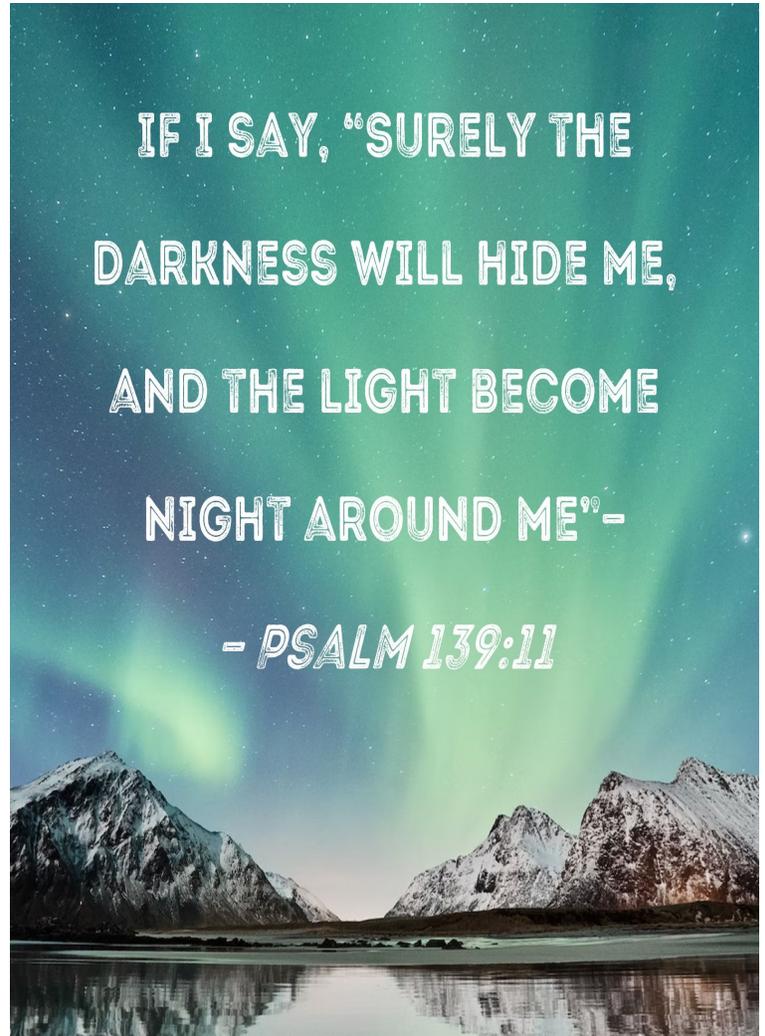
A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BRIAN SMITH BY:

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

AUGUST 25, 2024
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I Thank God

CCLI #7169680
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Fellowship Time

King of Kings

CCLI #7127647
©2019 Hillsong Music Publishing

Build My Life

CCLI #7070345
©6 Kaple Music

Prayer Time

Tom Jones

Rescue Story

CCLI #7133142
©2019 Anthems of Hope

MORNING MESSAGE

All the Light

We Cannot See

Psalm 139:11-12; Isaiah 45:3
Rev. Dr. John Stephens

INVITATION

Glorious Day

CCLI #5638022
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SENDING FORTH

August Memory Verse

You will _____ him in _____,
whose _____ is _____ on you,
_____ he _____ you.
Isaiah 26:3

The Worship of God

AUGUST 25, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Kevin Lamb
arr. Gordon Young

GREETING Rev. Tom Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP *At the Name of Jesus* Chancel Choir
by Cindy Berry

* HYMN #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy!* NICAEA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle's Creed Tom Jones

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *I Sing Praises* by Martin Nystrom
©1984 Maranatha Praise

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MORNING PRAYER Tom Jones

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMNS #144 *This Is My Father's World* TERRA BEATA

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Jones

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Goodness of God* Chancel Choir
arr. Mary McDonald
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MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Dr. John Stephens

All the Light

We Cannot See

Psalm 139:11-12; Isaiah 45:3

* INVITATION HYMN *Send The Light* SENT THE LIGHT

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

August Memory Verse

You will _____ him in _____,
whose _____ is _____ on you,
_____ he _____ you.
Isaiah 26:3



Keep Your Light Burning

Anyone else experiencing Olympic withdrawal? I don't watch much on TV unless it is sports related. So, I was pretty much glued to the TV over the last four weeks. I couldn't stop watching and it didn't matter what type of sport it was. I am sure I have met my quota for watching ping-pong until four years from now. And who knew there was a thing called seven-person rugby? What a great game! Rough, tough, and fast – less than 30 minutes to complete a game. I was hooked!

But to me, while many sports and so-called sports, like break dancing (give me a break!) have landed on the Olympic agenda, track and field will always be my go-to sport to watch. Track and field events are symbolic of the Olympics dating back to the original ancient games in Greece. Today, it continues to shine as one of the modern games' premier events.

I learned something interesting recently about the early games. The Greeks included in their competition a race that was unique. In the race, each of the runners carried torches. The winner was not the runner who was necessarily the fastest or most skilled of the competitors. The winner was the runner who finished first - with his torch still lit.

The same can be said for our journey of faith, this race we run throughout our lives. Along the way we will come across those who appear to be more gifted and stronger in their faith than others. It can be somewhat intimidating, even discouraging, when we start trying to compare ourselves to those who seem like saints. But through the grace of God, we are all given the opportunity to be winners – we simply need to finish the race with our torch still lit – faithfully letting our light shine before God and others along the way.

Whenever you feel discouraged, remember that nothing has the power to extinguish the light of Christ that glows in our hearts. We are encouraged in Philippians 3 to forget the past and look forward to what lies ahead; that we are to press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Keep your light burning! Victory is yours for the taking!

Blessings,

Tom

Staff Parish Relations Committee Announcement

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Reverend Benjy Varnell will become our Assistant Pastor effective Sunday, September 1. As a former Senior Pastor of our church, Benjy and his wife, Mary, are already well loved and much appreciated by many. Benjy has a pastor's heart and will serve our church well in the areas of congregational care and worship leadership. Please extend your welcome and encouragement to Benjy and keep him in your prayers as he assumes this new position. We thank God for Benjy's willingness to serve and ask God's blessing upon him as he becomes a part of our incredible church staff.

Financial Report

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

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,022.00

Received YTD | \$849,216.32

Expenses YTD | \$766,194.80

Difference YTD | \$83,021.52

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$820,180.25

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$28,721.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,720.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- August 18, 2024

8:30am : 68

Online Worship Views: 412

9:45am : 79

Sunday School/Small Group: 116

11:00am: 195

Total In Person: 408

Members in Ministry- August 25, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Chip Higginbotham, Bob Swinehart, Jeff Zoul

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

Greeters:

8:30 Pat Carmichael, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Kay Holmes, Cherie DeMarco, Susan Kaufmann

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Smith Graffis

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Cindy Bostick, Family & friends of David Hoch, John Lindgren, Neil Sampson, Carolyn Sanders, Cathie Wilton

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Walter Cash, Tammi Denmark, Caroline Dowdy, Suzette Fincher, Dottie Gardner, Ken Graffis, Barbara Henderson, Family & friends of Mark Hegeman, Dustin Horne, Family & friends of Norma Higbee, Family & friends of David Hoch, Gary Larkinis, Family & friends of Mary McCoy, Dede McCullough, Cindy Miller, Tom Milwee, Alberto Montufar, Jonathan Raulerson, Bill Reincheld, Family & friends of Brian Smith, Michelle Sullivan, Tyler

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, Larry Daugherty, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Ken Graffis, Mary McCreary George, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, Bob Mastromatteo, Jason May & family, Whitney McCarthy, Don McCoy, 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, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Gena Paige Tolleson, Rhonda Van Liew, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer- Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford, John Lindgren

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinners!

We're thrilled to announce that our Wednesday night dinners will be returning on September 4! Our first dinner will include chicken tenders, baked beans and potato salad. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. You can register by calling the Church office, or through Realm. We hope to see you there!

Christmas PREVIEW

Wednesday, August 28 at 5:00 PM

Join us for a delightful evening of dinner and a special preview of all the enchanting Christmas music we have in store this season! Indulge in a sumptuous meal while being the first to experience holiday melodies that will warm your heart and lift your spirits. Whether you're a fan of classic carols or modern festive tunes, this night promises to be a magical celebration of the season ahead. Don't miss out on this festive feast for the senses! Mark your calendars and bring your holiday cheer!

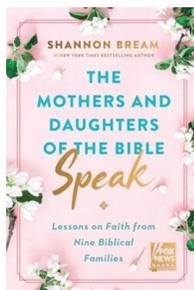
Register on Realm or Call the Church office!

Thank you to our SSUMC Family

Dear St. Simons UMC Family,
We are truly grateful for the very generous love gift you presented to us on August 11, during the Morning Worship Service. Serving this wonderful congregation over the past eight years has been an honor, and your kindness and support have made our time here most meaningful. This gift will serve as a cherished reminder of our journey with you, and the many blessings we have received through you. Again, thank you for the wonderful and countless ways you have enriched our lives and ministry. May God continue to bless you all, and may St. Simons UMC continue to be a beacon of love and faith in the community.
With heartfelt gratitude,
Richard and Patsy Soper

Fall Women's Study

Join us for a women's Bible study facilitated by Becky Bridges on Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am in Room 201. This study will begin September 5, 12, 19 and October 3, 10, 17 *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families* by Shannon Bream. Sign up and pay on Realm or come by the church office with payment and pick up your book. The Books are here and are \$15.00.



Children's Wednesday Afterschool!!!



Starting on September 4, we will shift our WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) programming for children to an after-school model. We will meet weekly for 12 weeks offering school pickup, snack, play, programming (Simply Loved from Group Publishing the same publishing house as our VBS curriculum)

and activities. We will conclude with choir with Mrs. Holly Lamb and Mrs. Sondra Anderson at 4:30pm in our Choir Room. Church Family Night Suppers will also begin September 4 at 5:00pm in Thorpe Building so please plan to stay to eat in fellowship with us! Contact celia@stsimonsumc.com or victoria@stsimonsumc.com for more information or register on Realm or scan the QR Code.



Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Come join the Saints and Sinners lunch group for a lively afternoon of Bingo in the Thorpe Building! We'll provide the entrée—just bring a side dish to share and your lucky charm for Bingo.

Date: Tuesday, September 17 at noon Cost: \$5 for the entrée
Don't miss the fun—see you there!



Family Ministries August Event- Beach Bash

THIS Sunday, August 25 at Dunn Workin' Beach House! Join us down the street from our church campus (731 Oglethorpe Ave SSI) at noon for fun in the sun. Lunch will be provided. Bring your beach gear to church!



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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