

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 15

- 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
- 4:00 PM New Member Gathering, **Parlor**
- 5:00 PM Youth Pumpkin Patch Sign Up & Dinner, **Robinson's Home**

Monday, September 16

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 2:00 PM Stephen Ministry, **Parlor**
- 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting, **Room 203**
- 6:30 PM UWF Circle 1, **Parlor**

Tuesday, September 17

- 10:00 AM United Women in Faith Book Club, **Parlor**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
- 12:00 PM Saints and Sinner Luncheon, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
- 5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, September 18

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
- 3:00 PM W.A.V.E.S.~ Children's Afterschool Program, **Kid's Clubhouse**
- 4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
- 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, September 19

- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study, **Room 201**
- 12:00 PM UWF New Circle Lunch Meeting, **Echo at King & Prince**

Friday, September 20

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

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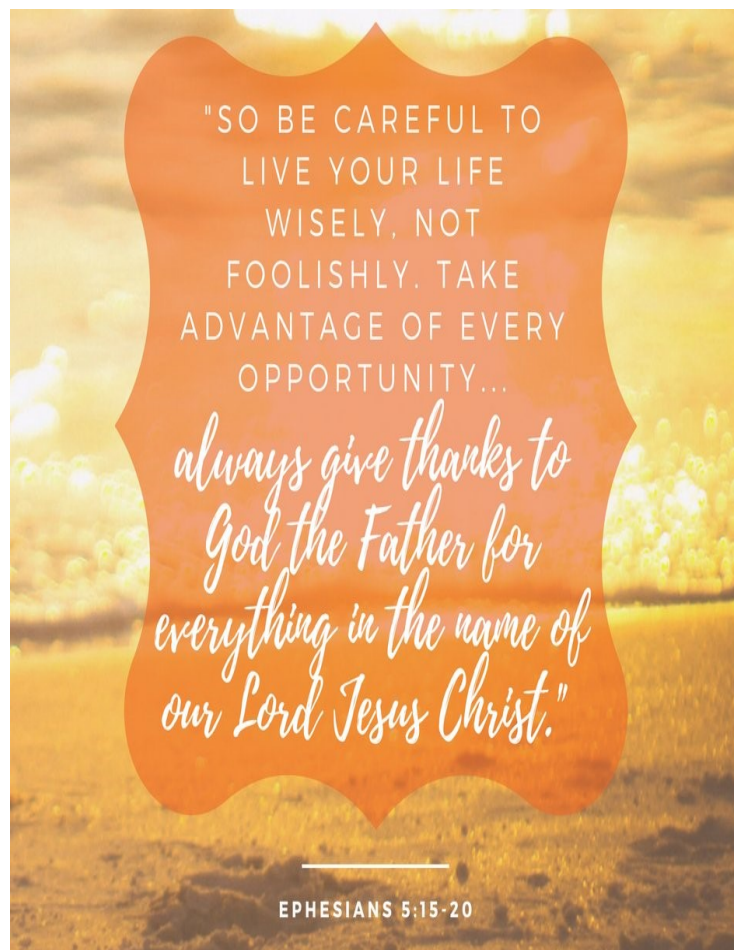
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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

Open Up the Heavens

CCLI #6304702
©2012 Curb Songs

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

I'm So Blessed

CCLI #7167000
©All Essential Music

Heart of the Father

CCLI #7179128
©All Essential Music

Word of God Speak

CCLI #3912788
©2002 Songs from the Indigo Room

PRAYER TIME

Marsha Hendrix

MORNING MESSAGE



TIME OF COMMITMENT

&

INVITATION

Evidence

CCLI #7147432
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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely The Presence

Chancel Choir
arr. Raney

* HYMN #73

O Worship the King
verses 1, 2 & 5

LYONS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Tom Jones (8:30)
Benjy Varnell (11:00)

The Apostles Creed

RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

*We Bring the
Sacrifice of Praise*

by Kirk Dearman
©1984 Brentwood-Benson

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Jay Hodges (8:30)
Benjy Varnell (11:00)

* HYMN #539

O Spirit of the Living God
verses 1 & 3

FOREST GREEN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tom Jones (8:30)
Benjy Varnell (11:00)

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

* RESPONSE

The Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*The Goodness
of God*

Holly & Hope Lamb
By Ed Cash
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MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones



* TIME OF COMMITMENT

* INVITATION HYMN

Give Thanks

By Henry Smith
©1978 Integrity's Hosanna!

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE



The beautiful flowers on the altar today are given by Watt Gregory, in loving memory of Tilman Blakely, in celebration of his birthday and in honor of Susan Blakely.



Grateful Living

One of the memorable experiences of my life was a trip I made to Orphanage Emmanuel in Honduras. While the children at the orphanage were blessed to have a place to live, each day was a struggle to have their basic needs met.

What I will always remember was the joyful and appreciative attitudes of the children even though they had little to call their own. They were quick to share a smile, give a hug, or express their gratitude for the simplest of gifts. Their thankfulness for a meal that included a hot dog, chips, and a cup of ice cream was overwhelming. You would have thought they had been given a feast. Though they had little, they appreciated much. The children knew what it meant to be grateful for anything and everything that was provided for them.

I know it can be a challenge to consider financial stewardship when there are those of us who are overwhelmed with thoughts of making ends meet. But do we still have room in our hearts to express our gratitude for what we have been given? It's gratitude that can transform a worried heart into a giving, caring, joy-filled heart.

I invite you to claim these words of Paul as words to live by: "For I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:11-13)

This Sunday is Commitment Sunday! In this season of giving in our church, each of us will have the opportunity to express our gratitude for God's blessings by making a commitment to give in 2025. At the end of the worship services, you will be invited to bring your completed Estimate of Giving Cards to the altar as a sign of your desire to honor and give thanks to God with your gifts.

If you are not able to be in worship this Sunday, there are several options to return your completed card: You can mail it to the church office, place it in the drop box at the back entrance to the Sanctuary, or bring it to the church office or on Realm!

Thank you for your excellence in giving over the past year! Our church continues to be blessed by your faithfulness. As we look to next year, please join me in prayer asking God to personally, and as a church, move us towards growth in our generosity through grateful living.

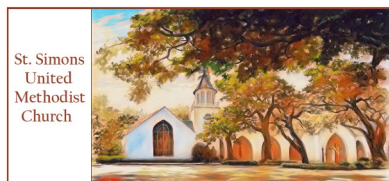
Blessings,

Tom

Stewardship Sunday

Please join us THIS Sunday, September 15, for Stewardship Sunday!

Please bring your commitment card to one of our three worship services. We will also have cards available for your convenience. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ and St. Simons UMC.



Financial Report

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

September 8, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,071.00

Received YTD | \$901,752.32

Expenses YTD | \$851,026.81

Difference YTD | \$50,725.51

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$894,403.61

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$29,101.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,820.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- September 8, 2024

8:30am : **67**

Online Worship Views: **430**

9:45am : **59**

Sunday School/Small Group: **129**

11:00am: **194**

Total In Person: **320**

Members in Ministry- September 15, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Steve Stahl

11:00 John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja, Dona Colglazier, Steve Smith

Greeters:

8:30 Debi & Gary Miller, Pat Carmichael

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Julia Humphries

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jean Bryan, Laura Johnson, Carolyn Vann

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Jeff Allen, Rev. Gay Blau, Rev. Matt Blau, Family & friends of Tom Burton, **Suzette Fincher**, Family & friends of Sandra Harper, **Hayley Jones**, Family & friends of Bob Mastromatteo, Jonathon Raulerson, **Ashley P.** Kevin Ulrich

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, 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, Nick Doster, Betsy Draughton, 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, 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, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van Liew, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbée 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!

Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on Wednesday, September 18! The dinner will include **Poppyseed Chicken Casserole, Cheesy Broccoli Casserole, Salad and Dessert**. 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. **PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your meal!** We hope to see you there!



New Member Gathering

Join us today at 4:00pm in the Parlor for our New Member Gathering with refreshments and snacks. If you have joined in the last year, we welcome you to come and meet other new members and visit with the Pastors. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

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. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.
Date: Tuesday, September 17 at noon Cost: \$5 for the entrée
Don't miss the fun—see you there!



Wormsloe Historic Site Tour

Thursday, September 26, 8:30 AM- 2:30 PM

Join us for an unforgettable bus trip to the Wormsloe Historic Site, the colonial estate of Noble Jones, nestled just outside Savannah. Travel back in time as you explore the sprawling grounds, interact with historical interpreters, and admire the fascinating tabby ruins and colonial life exhibits. Following our 1.5 to 2-hour guided walking tour, we'll enjoy a delightful Dutch treat lunch at a nearby restaurant. The bus will leave the church at 8:30 AM. Cost is \$11 per person plus the cost of lunch. We hope you join us for a fun afternoon! Register on Realm or by calling the church office.



Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies.

Our volunteer meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger is Sunday, October 20 in the Thorpe Building. Lunch will be provided for our volunteers at noon, and the packing will follow from 1:00pm–4:00pm. For more information, contact David Clark at (770) 639-0346 or dfclark929@gmail.com or sign up on Realm!

*** IMPORTANT PUMPKIN PATCH DATES ***



September 15— YOUTH & PARENTS KICK OFF PARTY & Pumpkin Patch Shift Signup!

Join us at The Robinson's Home (109 Cascades SSI) THIS Sunday evening (5:00 PM) to swim, fellowship, and discuss our upcoming Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser. This is the first opportunity to sign up for shifts. Dinner will be served. Thank you for hosting Robinson Family! [6-12 grades]

September 29 — Pumpkin Patch Setup!

Youth and parents please meet at 5:00 PM at the Pumpkin Patch. Wear work clothes! Dinner and Devotion to follow setup. [6-12 grades]

October 5 — Pumpkin Patch Delivery!

11:00 AM is the estimated arrival of the pumpkins. Lunch will be provided. Additional shift points are awarded to helpers on delivery day. Wear work clothes! [3-12 grades]

October 6 — YOUTH Praise in the Patch!

Gather at 5:00 PM in The Pumpkin Patch for praise and worship with picnic dinner to celebrate opening weekend!

Get Involved at SSUMC!

Are you ready to get involved at SSUMC? We are looking for monthly **Greeters, Ushers, Pew Care Crew** and **Nursery workers!** What a great way to be involved at our church once a month and make a difference in ministry and sharing the love of Christ! Please email Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com for more information or to signup!

New United Women in Faith Circle-

A new circle group is forming and you are invited to join us on Thursday, September 19 at noon at Echo! All women are welcome! If you are interested you may call or text Jana Comer by 9/17 to reserve your spot! Jana Comer 912.223.7521

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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