

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 29

- 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
5:00 PM Children & Youth- Pumpkin Patch Set Up & Dinner

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, October 2

- 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, October 3

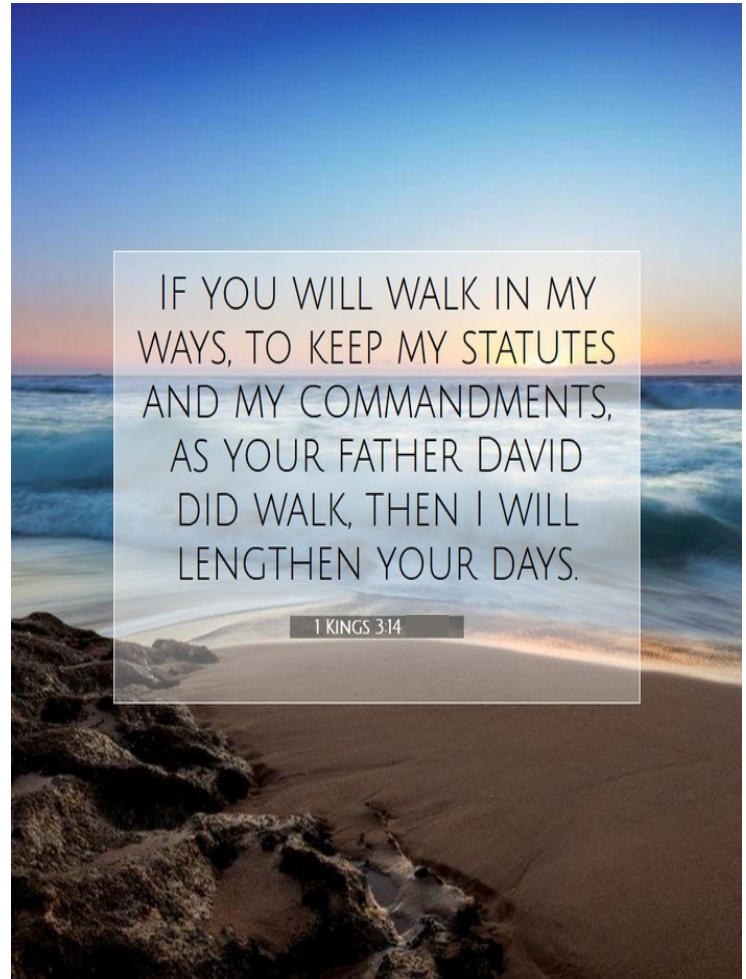
- 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study, **Room 201**
1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee, **Parlor**

Friday, October 4

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

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

I Thank God

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WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

MISSION MOMENT

Rev. Lynn Meadows-White

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

He Reigns

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Same God

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Holy Forever

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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Benji Varnell

MORNING MESSAGE

Stand Out Christians

TODAYS MESSAGE
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
1 Kings 3:3-14

INVITATION

The Blessing

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The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE

Steal Away

Kevin Lamb
by Raymond Haan

* HYMN #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Benji Varnell

The Apostles Creed

* RESPONSE

Gloria Patri

GREATOREX

MISSION MOMENT

The Methodist Home

Rev. Lynn Meadows-White

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

He is Lord

by Tom Fetteke
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Celia Eisentraeger

MORNING PRAYER

Benji Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
verses 1, 3 & 4

PROMISES

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benji Varnell

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson

* RESPONSE

The Doxology

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*Guide Me,
O Thou
Great Jehovah*

Chancel Choir
arr. Mark Hayes
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MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones

Stand Out Christians

TODAYS MESSAGE
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
1 Kings 3:3-14

* INVITATION #189

Fairest Lord Jesus
verses 1 & 4

ST. ELIZABETH

* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

Sondra Anderson

* PLEASE STAND AS COMFORTABLE

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What Is It You Want?

This week we come to the end of the sermon series, "Stand Out Christians." Our attention will turn to 1 Kings 3 when God comes to Solomon in a dream and tells him he can have anything he wants. Imagine that – anything!

We hear this and our minds begin to race as we consider what our answer would be if given the same opportunity as Solomon. It is probably safe to say that wisdom would not be near the top of our list. But not Solomon; when given the opportunity to have anything, wisdom is what he wants.

Wisdom is a gift from God. In Proverbs 3 we read that wisdom is more precious than rubies. We are reminded of the immense value of wisdom. It brings happiness, peace, and a long life. But how do we pursue this priceless gift?

Seeking God's guidance is the perfect place to start. Spend time in prayer and ask God to fill you with his wisdom.

Wisdom also comes from studying the Scriptures. The Bible is a treasure trove of wisdom. Regularly reading and meditating on God's Word helps us understand God's will and apply it to our lives.

We can also gain wisdom from others. Proverbs 13:20 says, "Walk with the wise and become wise." Surround yourself with godly mentors and friends who can offer wise counsel. Wisdom requires acknowledging that we don't have all the answers. Be open to learning and growing. Be willing to admit when you're wrong.

And finally, if in fact we are to be stand out Christians, God's call upon our lives is to apply what we have learned. Wisdom is not just about knowledge; it's about putting what we have learned into practice; making decisions that reflect God's principles and values.

What is it you want?

Blessings,

Tom

Thank You for your Faithfulness!

As of September 26, 2024:

Number of Cards Received to date | **135**

Number of New Cards this year | **30**

Total Amount | **\$678,698.00**

Please remember, you may continue to return your Estimate of Giving cards. Cards can be returned via **mail**, brought to the **church office**, placed in the **offering plates** on Sundays or submitted on our **website**! Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to our church!



Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, September 22, 2024.

- Ashley Sitz
- Merrill Templeman

Join us in welcoming our newest members to our church family!

Church Council-Charge Conference Meeting

Monday, September 30, 5:30pm, Thorpe Bldg.

We will have a Church Council-Charge Conference meeting to approve the business items of the church. All church members are welcome to attend.

Financial Report

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

September 22, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,466.21

Received YTD | \$946,925.53

Expenses YTD | \$903,505.86

Difference YTD | \$43,419.67

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$944,894.11

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$30,061.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$275,030.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- September 22

8:30am : **85**

Online Worship Views: **477**

9:45am : **65**

Sunday School/Small Group: **120**

11:00am: **192**

Total In Person: **342**

Members in Ministry- September 29

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Tom Smith

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

Greeters:

8:30 Tricia Boatright, Thornton Willingham

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Marlis Kiser, Bob Kiser

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Smith Graffis

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Jean Bryan, Suzette Fincher, **Marsha & Boomer Hendrix**, Family & friends of Marlin Hoffer, Laura Johnson, Holly Lamb, **Charlie Morrison, Barbara Smith**, Family & friends of Carolyn Vann

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: **Melanie Brown, Lucy Grace Fortunato, Herb Hutson, Susan James, Barrett Merrill, Lee Neel, Cindy Peppers, Joe Ray, Major Hollie Ruthberg, Joel Sarrett, Catherine & Howard Seymour, Michael Sonnenthal & Family, Tanis Towns, Hadley Webster**

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 Draughon, Eddie Echols, Gil Erbsch, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Ken Graffis, Mary McCreary George, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, **Barbara Jensen and the Jensen Family**, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, 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, Linda & Steve Smith, Mike Stiles, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Gena Paige Tolleson, Brion Trainor, 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! 10/2

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on Wednesday, October 2! The dinner will include **Pepper Steak Over Rice, Egg Rolls 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 reservation!** We hope to see you there!

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!

Paid Nursery Workers– Needed!

We are also hiring paid nursery workers to work Sunday mornings during all services! Contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com

The Chosen Class

Join us for our *The Chosen* Sunday school class which will begin meeting again on **Sunday October 6** with facilitator Jeff Zoul from 9:35am to 10:45 am in The Parlor. Each Sunday, one episode of *The Chosen*, a TV drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, will be viewed together followed by brief discussion. It's not too late to join!



Saints and Sinners Lunch!

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 12:00-1:00 pm

Join us in the Thorpe Building for an engaging and inspiring lunch as Dave Snyder, owner of Halyard Restaurant Group and

Charter Captain for Hook & Knife Charters, takes us on a fascinating journey from his days at UGA to the fast-paced world of New York City and back to the shores of SSI. Hear firsthand about his exciting adventures and insights from the restaurant industry. Cost is \$5. Please bring a side dish to share!

United Methodist Women in Faith– UMW

Please join us for our Call to prayer General Meeting on Sunday, October 6 after the 11:00am Service. All women in the church are invited to join us in the Thorpe Building for a light lunch. We will hear from Kathy Brooks from Makers Brunswick who will tell us about her mission and her heart for the people of Haiti.

*** IMPORTANT PUMPKIN PATCH DATES ***



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!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEAN BRYAN TO

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY:

Kim & Bob Joiner, Kirk A. House, Libby & Ward Sweat

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JEAN BRYAN BY:

Elizabeth Thornton, James Brown, Janie Alexander, Pam Lewis, Anne & Larry Rogers

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

Janie Alexander, Beacon Sunday School Class, June Smith

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARLIN HOFFER BY:

Beacon Sunday School Class, Pam Lewis, June Smith

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF DAVID HOCH BY:

Anne & Larry Rogers

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF RONDA HANSEN BY:

Anne & Larry Rogers

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

Anne & Larry Rogers

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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