

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 19

- 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

Monday, May 20

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
9:00 AM Preschool Mini Motions, **Kid's Clubhouse**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**
6:30 PM Circle 1, **Parlor**

Tuesday, May 21

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
10:00 AM UMW Reading Group, **Parlor**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:30 PM Usher Training Meeting, **Sanctuary**
5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM PAL Meeting, **Room 207**

Wednesday, May 22

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:00 PM Handbells, **Handbell Room**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

Thursday, May 23

- 9:00 AM Preschool Mini Motions, **Kid's Clubhouse**

Friday, May 24

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

Current Ushers & Interested Ushers Meeting- Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30pm- Sanctuary

Join us for a meeting for all current ushers on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. Those who are interested in being an usher are encouraged to attend also! For more information please contact Tom Jones or Steve Stahl.

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&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MAY 19, 2024

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Lead On, Good Shepherd

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Fellowship Time

Fresh Wind

CCLI #7166857
©2020 Hillsong Music

Holy Spirit

CCLI #6087919
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Prayer Time

Richard Soper

Same God

CCLI #7183537
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MORNING MESSAGE

Ready for Take-Off

ACTS 2:18, 12-21
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Spirit Song

CCLI #27824
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CLOSING PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

May Memory Verse

The Lord gives strength to His people;
The Lord blesses His people with PEACE.

Psalm 29:11 NIV

The Worship of God

MAY 19, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE Emri Comer

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #89 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **Apostles Creed** Richard Soper

GRADUATE RECOGNITION (11:00 AM) Celia Eisentraeger

Jacob Adamson
Kate Matthews
Slater Vinson

* FELLOWSHIP TIME **Holy Ground** Geron Davis
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER Richard Soper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #368 **My Hope Is Built** THE SOLID ROCK
verses 1, 2 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Jones

OFFERTORY **You Raise Me Up** Kevin Lamb
arr. Jeff Bennett
©2018 Pear Music

RESPONSE #95 **Doxology**

MESSAGE IN MUSIC **Jesus Is the Living Stone** Chancel Choir
By Mary McDonald
©2023 Lorenz

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

Ready for Take-Off

ACTS 2:1-8, 12-21

* HYMN #347 **Spirit Song** SPIRIT SONG

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Emri Comer

* *Worshippers stand as able*

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Sitting Ducks

When I lived in Marietta there was a park located near our home. It provided a beautiful place to walk. There was a trail that circled the park and beside the trail there were several ponds. My walks were made more enjoyable as I watched the animals that lived in and around the ponds.

One thing I remember and enjoyed the most were the seasons of the year when the baby ducks made their appearance. It was interesting to watch the babies waddle across the park following behind their mother and then entering one of the ponds to swim. Whether on the ground or in the water, the ducks did their best to stick as close together as they could.

One of the ducks had nine ducklings. But as the days passed the number of baby ducks declined. It became apparent there were others in the park that were enjoying the ducks more than me - namely the hawks, snapping turtles, and who knows what other creatures. I remember thinking, "If these ducks don't learn how to fly soon there aren't going to be any left." Grounded they were sitting ducks; easy prey for those things that could potentially cause them harm.

There are times in our personal faith journeys and in the life of the church that we choose to stick close to one another. We become comfortable swimming in our own pond. There is nothing inherently wrong with these things until they become an end rather than a means of growing and ultimately spreading our wings to fly. When we don't prepare to fly we become nothing more than sitting ducks; vulnerable to those things that could cause us harm - things like apathy, complacency, discouragement, and a lack of trust.

When our faith is lacking we choose to predict every contingency and answer every imaginable question before we dare to step forward. We are terrified of getting caught without a rational plan for every action we take or every experience we encounter. But for us to fly we must be willing to trust the wind of the Holy Spirit to move us, sometimes even into the unknown.

This Sunday is Pentecost. We join with Christians around the world to celebrate the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through this amazing gift our faith journeys can move beyond dull and lifeless. When people trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. God "will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:30) There is no reason for us to become sitting ducks!

Blessings,

Tom

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Marsha Collins

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF AMY JENKS BY:

Sherry & Mike Pickett

Debbie & Clif Pease (To Children's Ministry)

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TILMAN BLAKELY BY:

Dale Moffett

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE CHOSEN CLASS SEASON 1-4 BY:

Jeff Zoul

Financial Report

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

May 12, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$23,495.00

Received YTD | \$544,218.41

Expenses YTD | \$413,979.28

Difference YTD | \$130,239.13

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$474,657.23

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$4,774.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,719.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- May 12, 2024

8:30am : 99

Online Worship Views: 292

9:45am : 72

Sunday School/Small Group: 126

11:00am: 245

Total In Person: 416

Members in Ministry- May 19, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 John Goodrich, Bill Foster, Tom McConnell, Steve Stahl,

11:00 Jamie Wiles, Mike Suthard, John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja,
Dona Colglazier, Steve Smith

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Faith McConnell

9:45 Toni Metz, Ava White

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel

9:45 Neva Kaye

11:00 Carol Conner

Acolytes:

11:00 Adelaide Watson, Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jim Daher, Family & friends of Amy Jenks, Laura Johnson, **Mike Martin, Larry Rogers, Christa Thompson**

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Pat Bedingfield, Ben, Barbara Buchanan, Craig Crawford, **Sharon Carlson, Marie Dennard**, Eddie Echols, **Mary McCreary George, Hayward Hiers, Linda V. Jones, Jacob Kitchen**, Tom Morris, **Wayne Murphy**, Lynn Nichols, Family & friends of Kay Willis, Betsy Worthy

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 Mastromatteo, **Mike McDonald**, 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

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

Has the United Methodist Church redefined marriage?

No. But the UMC did recognize the reality of marriage in differing contexts in the Social Principles. The Social Principles are not a theological or doctrinal statement about marriage, rather the acknowledgement that the reality in US, Europe, Africa, and Philippines have differing legal and cultural contexts regarding marriage. Some allow only marriage between a man and woman. Some contexts allow same-sex marriage. Even after General Conference, many UMC churches will continue as they are today by prohibiting same-sex marriages in their churches. If they make that decision, new church law was added to protect those churches and pastors. No affirmation of same-sex marriage was added to the Book of Discipline.

Reshowing of Post General Conference Webinar

If you missed the webinar with Bishop David Graves there are several opportunities in the next week to view it. You will need to register. Go to sgaumc.org and click on the tab for Post General Conference Gatherings. A Zoom link will be sent to you after you register on the afternoon prior to the reshowing. The dates are:

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00-7:30pm

Wednesday, May 22, Noon-1:30 pm

Thursday, May 23, Noon- 1:30 pm

Gathering Place Main Event!

Calling all Youth- we are going to meet at Gather in Brunswick from Sunday, June 2-July 21 6:00-8:30pm.

The Main Event is a FREE high energy non-denominational event that draws 1,000s of students throughout the summer on Sunday nights. Our theme this year is Legacy. We are of the understanding that IN CHRIST we are a part of a legacy that is unmovable, unshakeable and unstoppable. The Bible talks about great men and women of faith who have gone before us, living God-centered lives that brightly shined a light on the value and worth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Well, that legacy continues in us as believers, so we will be gathering for the Main Events to testify to this truth. This is an event put on by students for students, filled with engaging music, skits, and relevant gospel teaching. Gifted communicators share the powerful reality of a relationship with God on a weekly basis. You've got to experience it to believe it!

Contact Victoria Fryer for more info- victoria@stsimonsumc.com



Gideons International Offering

Thank you for your support of the Gideons International Ministry. \$917 was raised to support the organization's on-going mission to provide Scriptures across the country and around the world.

Baby Bottle Campaign

You may help support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign by picking up a bottle in the Gholson room and/or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Fill these bottles with spare change, cash or check and return the bottle by Father's Day, June 16.



Scuba VBS is Diving Into Friendship with GOD!



REGISTER FOR VBS KIDS & VOLUNTEERS

JUNE 9-13

This meaningful experience for our children will be FIN-tastic! Would you please help us with our tidal treats? Please stop by our Coral Reef in the Gholson Room for more info. Items need to be returned to our collection box at the Coral Reef by Sunday, May 26. We are in need of the following items:

- ◆ **SMALL AND LARGE PAPER PLATES**
- ◆ **PAPER BOWLS**
- ◆ **GOLDFISH CRACKERS**
- ◆ **"CHEWY" BRAND GRANOLA BARS**
- ◆ **MINI PRETZEL RINGS**
- ◆ **MINI BROWNIE BITES**
- ◆ **NAPKINS/PAPER TOWEL ROLLS**
- ◆ **8OZ. DISPOSABLE CUPS**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SCUBA VBS!

New Adult Sunday School Class!

On Pentecost Sunday, May 19, we will gather at 9:45am in the Church Office (Room 209) to begin a new group study on The Walk Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life by Adam Hamilton. Conversation will be facilitated by Laura Edenfield, Jennifer Lewis and JP Thornton. On the education wing with our children and youth, this is an opportunity for young adults, parents, and anyone/ everyone looking for a Sunday School class to engage in fellowship, reflection, and spiritual growth. Looking forward to this enriching time together! Please contact Celia at celia@stsimonsumc.com for more information.

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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