

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 2

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**
****Family Ministries meet for Balcony Church at 11:00AM**
All Services Streamed Live
12:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
2:00 PM United Women in Faith Board Meeting, **Room 201**
6:30 PM South Georgia Annual Conference, **Tifton, GA**

Monday, June 3– South GA Annual Conference

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, June 4– South GA Annual Conference

8:00 AM Gathering Place, **Thorpe Building**
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**

Wednesday, June 5

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

Thursday, June 6

11:00 AM Way Forward- Lay Leadership Meeting, **Room 203**
12:45 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Meeting, **Parlor**

Friday, June 7

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

Church Council Meeting

Monday, June 10, 5:30pm, Thorpe Building

This is the regular meeting of the Church Council. No decisions regarding the Way Forward will be made at this meeting for our church. All church members are always welcome to attend!

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Everyday Ways
To Love Your
Neighbor

Begin with prayer

Listen with care

Eat together

Serve in love

Share your story

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&*

The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JUNE 2, 2024

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thrive

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The Father's House

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Prayer Time

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MORNING MESSAGE

Sermon Series: B.L.E.S.S.

Begin with Prayer

LUKE 6:12-13
Rev. Tom Jones

HOLY COMMUNION

The Table

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INVITATION

Bind Us Together

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CLOSING PRAYER

Tom Jones

June Memory Verse

Now may the Lord of PEACE himself give you PEACE at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you.

II Thessalonians 3:16

The Worship of God

JUNE 2, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CONFESSION & PARDON

Richard Soper

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Celia Eisentraeger

* HYMN #496 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* SWEET HOUR
verses 1 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Wade in the Water

Sondra Anderson
Kevin Lamb
Arr. by Victor Labenske
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RESPONSE #95

Doxology

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray

Chancel Choir
Arr. by Sheldon Curry
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CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Sermon Series: B.L.E.S.S.

Begin with Prayer

LUKE 6:12-13

* HYMN #454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* OPEN MY EYES
verse 1

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Sondra Anderson

* *Worshippers stand as able*

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B.L.E.S.S.

How do we share our experience of God's love, grace, and forgiveness without scaring people away or offending them? For most of us, "evangelism" is an intimidating word that suggests handing out tracts to strangers or doing other awkward things. But what if there was a more natural, more authentic way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers?

On Sunday, June 2, we will start a five-week sermon series called **B.L.E.S.S.** which is based on a book of the same name by Dave and Ron Ferguson. Together, we are going to learn how to **B.L.E.S.S.** our community in response to God's call to love our neighbors. It includes five practices that help us introduce people to Jesus. We are to:

Begin with prayer

Listen with care

Eat together (my personal favorite)

Serve in love

Share our stories

We already participate in one or more of these practices every day with our family and friends. When we direct the practices towards people who may be far from God, or those who have never been in or have left the church, it becomes much less intimidating to share the message of God's grace and love. Not only will we bless people we will comfortably open the door for them to experience new life in Christ.

This Sunday the sermon series begins with a focus on prayer. We will consider what it means to ask God how he wants us to bless people in the everyday places he sends us. If you haven't already started, please pray for this sermon series as we learn together about the different and engaging ways we can bless our neighbors when we apply the five practices of **B.L.E.S.S.** to our lives.

I also ask that you pray for the South Georgia Annual Conference as it convenes in Tifton on Sunday afternoon. The conference runs through Tuesday, June 4. Live streaming of the worship services and all business sessions will be available at sgaumc.org. Your delegates to the Annual Conference are Tom Jones, Richard Soper, Lawrence Bridges, Becky Bridges, and Celia Eisentraeger. Kevin Lamb is on the conference worship committee and will be using his talents to assist in the worship services.

Blessings,

Tom

Honorariums & Memorials

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

Phillis & Max Harrell

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

Lida & Jim Coyne

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF SANDY & BOB REWIS BY:

The Rewis Memorial Fund

Sparrows Nest-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!

Financial Report

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

May 26, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$13,700.12

Received YTD | \$574,492.53

Expenses YTD | \$451,657.85

Difference YTD | \$122,834.68

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$523,519.09

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$15,547.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,749.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- May 26, 2024

8:30am : 92

Online Worship Views: 441

9:45am : 108

Sunday School/Small Group: 116

11:00am: 221

Total In Person: 421

Members in Ministry- June 2, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 Pete Irby, Janice Lee, Mac McLawhorn, Tom Smith

11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker

9:45 Casey & Craig Pace

11:00 Barbara Smith, June Smith

Projection:

8:30 Neva Kaye **9:45** Elizabeth Daniel **11:00** Ashley Swann

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson

Communion Servers:

8:30 Judy Smith, Betty Sharp

9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy

11:00 David Clark, Nancy Hecko

Communion Prayers:

Chuck Buhman, John Lindgren

Toni Metz, Kim Belt

Betty Sharp, Judy Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Jim Daher, Eddie Echols, Family & friends of Carol Meeks, Kathy Sheffield

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Ann Bassett, Emily Bassett, Brian Crawford, **Jake Cunningham, Diana Giannotti**, Family & Friends of Michelle Hyman, Steve Horowitz, Linda V. Jones, Wayne Murphy, **Jeannine Patrick, Jackie Simmons, Sandy & Tom Smith**, Tashana Thomas, Family & Friends of Beth Varn, **Jessica Williamson**, Lisa Woodman, The Wyatt Family

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, **Meredith Houseman**, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Anne Jones, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Jacob Kitchen, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, 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, 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

What role does the Church Council play in determining whether we stay connected with or leave the United Methodist Church?

The Church Council is comprised of members of the church who are elected by the Charge Conference to represent the church in its administration, vision, and ministries. In matters related to The Way Forward, the Church Council is empowered to determine whether our church should remain with the UMC or if a Church Conference should be convened for the purpose of voting on departure. This decision will be made at a called Church Council Meeting on Monday, July 8, at 6:00pm. While the Church Council can vote to remain with the UMC, it cannot vote to depart the UMC because departure includes matters related to the transfer of property which can only be approved by a Church Conference. A Church Conference is open to all members and is presided over by the District Superintendent or an Ordained Elder of his choosing. Only members present at a Church Conference can vote on any matters before the conference. There is no proxy voting. Please note that the Church Council Meeting on Monday, June 10, will be its regularly scheduled meeting; no action on whether to stay connected to the UMC or to have a Church Conference will take place at this meeting. All Church Council Meetings are open meetings. Guests attending the meetings have voice, at the discretion of the Church Council Chair, but no vote.

Listening Sessions and Informational Meeting – The Way Forward

There will be several opportunities for you during the month of June to learn more about the Way Forward for our church and for you to take part in the discernment process. On Tuesday, June 18, at 6:00pm and Thursday, June 20, at 11:00am, our lay and clergy leadership will host Listening Sessions. We look forward to hearing from you during these sessions. You will also learn more about the effect the outcomes of General Conference may or may not have on our church. Both sessions will be held in the Sanctuary.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan, will join us on Wednesday, June 26, 6:00pm, in the Sanctuary, for an informational meeting. He will provide us with reasons for us to stay connected with the UMC as well as details pertaining to the voting process and departure from the UMC, depending on which direction our church chooses. He will also answer questions that have been submitted in writing. You may submit your questions by sending them to anne@stsimonsumc.com or by completing a form at the meeting that evening on June 26. Questions that are similar will be combined into a single question.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Also, continue to pray for God's wisdom and direction in your life and in the life of our church.

Volunteer Snacks for VBS!

We are so blessed to have over 30 youth and adult volunteers for VBS this year! We would love for church members to help supply snacks for these volunteers during VBS. We need drinks, snacks, dips, chips, fruit, muffins and sweets etc. Please contact Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com if you would like to bring a snack for our amazing VBS volunteers the week of June 10-13.



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, June 2. We are in need of the following items:

- ◆ SMALL AND LARGE PAPER PLATES
- ◆ PAPER BOWLS
- ◆ "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!



Gathering Place Main Event!

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

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

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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