

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 16

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

*Happy
Father's
Day!*

Monday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 18

8:00 AM Gathering Place Group, **Thorpe Building**
 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**
 5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203/ Zoom**
 6:00 PM Listening Session, **Sanctuary**

Wednesday, June 19

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

Thursday, June 20

11:00 AM Listening Session, **Sanctuary**

Friday, June 21

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 5:00 PM Seeman/ Lewis Wedding Rehearsal, **Sanctuary**

Saturday, June 22

5:00 PM Seeman/ Lewis Wedding, **Sanctuary**

No Gathering Place Main Event

This Sunday, June 16, there will **not** be a Gathering Place main event. They will resume as usual on Sunday, June 23.

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given today by the Giles Family in memory of Terry West on his first Father's Day in Heaven.



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JUNE 16, 2024
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Tom Jones

LAY DELEGATE REPORT

From Annual Conference
Lawrence Bridges

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Greater

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Fellowship Time

Build A Boat

CCLI #7196310
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Holy Water

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Prayer Time

Goodness of God

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MORNING MESSAGE

Eat Together

MATTHEW 9:9-13
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

I Give You My Heart

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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 16, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Tom Jones

PRELUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Chancel Bells
Arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
©2005 Choristers

* HYMN #370

Victory In Jesus

Verses 1 & 2

HARTFORD

LAY DELEGATE REPORT

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* FELLOWSHIP TIME

My Tribute

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

SPECIAL MUSIC

Were Marching to Zion

Chancel Bells
Arr. Mary Kay Parrish
©2016 Celebrating Grace Music

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Jay Hodges

* HYMN #591

I'll Fly Away

I'LL FLY AWAY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Chancel Bells
arr. Bruce Greer
©1989 Ringing Word Pub.

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Sweet Beulah Land

Chancel Choir
Bob Bowers, Solo
By Squire Parsons, Jr.
©The Benson Company

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Eat Together

MATTHEW 9:9-13

* HYMN #474

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

verse 1

PRECIOUS LORD

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers stand as able*

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

Father's Day

Father's Day has never captured the same attention as that of a similar day in May when we celebrate our mothers. Coming from a father with five children that may sound like a complaint, but it's not. It's simply a known fact. Without question our mother's deserve the attention they receive and more. It's like the young boy who was once asked to define Father's Day. He responded, "It's just like Mother's Day, only you don't spend so much."

While Father's Day may not include all the fanfare as other special days on the calendar let's not neglect the opportunity it provides us to express our love and appreciation to our dads; those men who have gone before us as well as the fathers who are still with us. Dad's may not receive a ton of gifts, but I think I can speak for most fathers in saying that a simple word of gratitude goes a long way.

Those of us who are fathers are encouraged to renew our commitments to being the best dads we can possibly be. To be a dad who offers our children spiritual guidance. To be intentional about setting aside quality time to be with our families. To attend yet another dance recital or to coach your child's ball team. To help with homework even when we don't understand the new ways of doing math. To offer guidance and discipline consistently, knowing when to say "no" and when to say "yes." Ultimately, being a father means preparing our children and giving them the best opportunities possible to be comfortably independent and in love with God when they leave us to begin lives on their own.

Jesus once said that we are to approach God as "Our Father." It is in God that we find our hope, strength, and security. His love for us is unconditional and unending. He is constantly encouraging us to become more than we could have ever hoped of being on our own. He is always there to catch us should we stumble or pick us up should we fall.

While our often-imperfect relationships can often make life challenging, God's example as our heavenly father provides a perfect model to build, maintain, and restore our relationships with our families and others.

Have a wonderful Father's Day weekend!

Blessings,

Tom

THANK YOU!

What a FINTASTIC week! Because of your faithfulness to pray, your generosity to provide, and your selflessness to serve, we saw around 70 kids from our community meet God in a real way! Thank you for every donation, prayer, volunteer, and all the encouragement. Together as a church we were able to show these kids the greatness of God!



Richard's Retirement

Please don't miss out on the opportunity to send Richard a short, heartfelt message on how much he has meant to SSUMC before he retires in early August. His email address is richard@stsimonsumc.com and his mailing address 624 Ocean Blvd. St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
June 9, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$11,102.00

Received YTD | \$608,021.54

Expenses YTD | \$525,215.88

Difference YTD | \$82,805.66

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$573,427.93

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$16,851.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,855.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- June 9, 2024

8:30am : 90

Online Worship Views: 256

9:45am : 67

Sunday School/Small Group: 93

11:00am: 215

Total In Person: 372

Members in Ministry- June 16, 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 Claudia Royal, Linda Smith

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel

9:45 Neva Kaye

11:00 Carol Conner

Acolytes:

11:00 Ketch & Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Larry Allen, Traci Carmichael, Larry Daugherty, Christina Pinkerton, Cindy Simpson, Merry Stubbs, BJ Whitaker, Linda Wright

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Katie Attabury, Family and Friends of Jason Bennett, Jim Canter, Family and friends of Jeanne Davidson, Diane Lindsey, Emily Morris, Ann Nermoe, Family & friends of Jeannine Patrick, Beth Ann Perimutter, Deborah Reinheld, Claire Saragon, Family and friends of Jackie Simmons, Janet Storch, Family and friends of Tim Smith, Don Woods

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, 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, Mary McCreary George, Chris Gonzalez, Kristin Gonzalez, Savannah Gonzalez, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, 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.

The Way Forward FAQ: What are the final steps in the discernment process regarding the way forward for our church?

LISTENING SESSIONS

Tuesday, June 18, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, June 20, 11:00am, Sanctuary

The Listening Sessions will provide you with an opportunity to hear from our Lay Leadership Group on the outcomes of General Conference. There will be a survey available for those who attend. The purpose of the survey is to give everyone in attendance an opportunity to express your feelings on this matter to the Lay Leadership Group. There will also be a time in each of the sessions for individuals to speak for or against remaining United Methodist. These speeches will be limited to two-minutes per individual. Additional guidelines for the individual speeches and for maintaining a spirit of Christian conferencing will be provided at the sessions. The before mentioned survey will also include a section to write your questions. All questions will be addressed by the District Superintendent at the June 26 Information Meeting. There will not be a question/answer time at the Listening Sessions. If you are not able to attend, a link will be provided for individuals to participate online.

CHURCHWIDE INFORMATION MEETING WITH THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Wednesday, June 26, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

Our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan, will join us to facilitate an informal information meeting. He will discuss the implications of possible options, the advantages of remaining in the United Methodist Church and the departure process should our church choose to depart. He will also take time to answer questions that have been submitted online or in writing by [Sunday, June 23](#).

CALLED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 8, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

At this called meeting of the Church Council the Lay Leadership Group will make its recommendation on whether to stay with the UMC or to hold a Church Conference for the purpose of voting on departure. The Church Council will vote on the recommendation. A simple majority is required for the recommendation to pass. Non-members of the Church Council will have voice at this meeting at the discretion of the Church Council Chair, but they will not have a vote.

Church Conference (if necessary)

Tuesday, July 23, 6:00pm, Sanctuary

If the Church Council votes to remain connected to the United Methodist Church, this meeting will not be necessary. If the Church Council votes to hold a Church Conference for the purpose of voting on departure, only members of St. Simons UMC who are present at the Church Conference will have a vote. A two-thirds vote to depart is required for approval. Proxy voting is not allowed by The Book of Discipline.

This will be the last of the FAQ columns in the Worship Guide. For further information you are encouraged to visit the South Georgia Conference website at [sgaumc.org](#).

2024 Annual Conference Focuses on “One Matters”

Held June 2-4 in the UGA Tifton Convention Center in Tifton, Ga, one overriding theme prevailed during the 160th session of the South Georgia Annual Conference: “One Matters.” Bishop Graves set the stage for the week as he focused his sermon in the opening worship service on the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son. “Friends, we need to get right to the heart of what is going on here,” said Bishop Graves after reading Luke 15. “Jesus is teaching us that people matter to God. Every single person on the planet of the earth matters to God. So, the question begs us, church: do lost people matter to us?” In his laity address, J. Knapp, conference lay leader shared that part of showing others they matter is carrying the light of Christ. He encouraged South Georgia laity to join arms in true partnership with clergy and be the church they are called to be to show others they matter to God. For additional information about the business sessions and videos of the worship services go to [gaumc.org](#) and click on Annual Conference.

Lay Leadership Group— The Way Forward

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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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