

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 23

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
6:00 PM Youth Meet at Gathering Place, **Gather in Brunswick**

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

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

Wednesday, June 26

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Churchwide Meeting with the DS, **Sanctuary**

Friday, June 28

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

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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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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JUNE 23, 2024

CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Good God Almighty

CCLI #716860
©2021 One Songs

Fellowship Time

My Jesus

CCLI #7174531
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Prayer Time

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

CCLI #7200544
©Be Essential Songs

Sanctuary

CCLI #24140
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MORNING MESSAGE

Serve In Love

John 13:1-5,12-17
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

CCLI #1043199
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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 23, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE/
CALL TO WORSHIP

Give Me A Song

Chancel Choir
By Heather Sorenson
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MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

* HYMN #593

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

RICHARD SOPER

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

People Need The Lord

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

* HYMN #581

Lord Who's Love Through Humble Service Verses 1,3 & 4

BEACH SPRING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Tom Jones

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

I Have Felt the Touch of God

Kevin Lamb
By Lloyd Larson
©1974 Glorysound

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

Serve In Love

John 13:1-5,12-17

* HYMN #585

This Little Light of Mine Verses 1, 2, & 3

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers stand as able*

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II Thessalonians 3:16

Informational Meeting with Our District Superintendent

We are now entering the final stages of the discernment process regarding whether our church remains connected with the United Methodist denomination or if we choose to depart based on matters related to human sexuality and the impact these issues may have on the church.

This past week we have had two Listening Sessions. Members of the congregation were given the opportunity to hear from our Lay Leadership Group about the work they have done over the past two years. Their work has focused on gathering information and reporting their findings and recommendations to the Church Council. To reiterate, the Lay Leadership is not making the decision for the church. It will provide a recommendation to either stay connected as United Methodist or to hold a Church Conference for the purpose of voting. Their recommendation will come to the Church Council based on many hours of meeting, discussing, listening to you, and praying for discernment. I hope you will join with me in expressing appreciation to the members of this group for the work they have done on behalf of our church.

There was a beautiful spirit in both of the Listening Sessions. It was apparent that people are passionate about their positions on these matters that are before us, but there was an overriding sense that people were ready to listen and to try to understand the opinions of others. The sessions provided evidence yet again of how God is at work in our church and in the hearts of our people as we move through the discernment process together.

On Wednesday, June 26, 6:00pm, our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan, will join us to facilitate an informal informational meeting. He will discuss the advantages of remaining in the United Methodist Church, the steps of the departure process should we choose to depart, and the implications that departure would have on our church. He will also answer the questions that have been submitted online or in writing. The deadline for submitting your questions is Sunday, June 23. This will give us the time to take questions that are similar and combine them into a single question to be addressed. There will also be an opportunity during the meeting to provide additional questions in writing.

Please continue to pray for God's direction in your lives as well as the life of the church. It remains my prayer that no matter the outcome that we will find a way to still be the church together. I invite you to join me in making Romans 15:5-6 your prayer: "Now may the God of endurance and comfort give us unity with one another in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on June 16, 2024.

- **Nancy and Gary Krabill**
- **Cathy, Paul, Paul Steven, and Scott Hegeman**

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

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
June 23, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$12,774.00

Received YTD | \$620,795.54

Expenses YTD | \$553,162.80

Difference YTD | \$67,632.74

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$598,673.09

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$26,901.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,875.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- June 16, 2024

8:30am : **150**

Online Worship Views: **277**

9:45am : **56**

Sunday School/Small Group: **94**

11:00am: **200**

Total In Person: **406**

Members in Ministry- June 23, 2024

Ushers:

8:30 Ward Sweat, Bill Kirby, Chip Higginbotham, Jeff Zoul

11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Rick Denman

Greeters:

8:30 Libby Sweat, Barbara Whitney

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg

11:00 Kay Holmes, Cherie Demarco, Susan Kaufmann

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Smith Graffis & Adelaide Watson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Larry Allen, Larry Daugherty, Tammy Langford, John Palmer & Family, Steve Smith, Merry Stubbs, Linda Wright

New Prayer Concerns- Others: Family and Friends of Jason Bennett, Friends and Family of John Bostick, Jim Canter, Family and friends of Jeanne Davidson, Frank Kubat, Diane Lindsey, Ann Nermoe, Friends and Family of Alan Proctor, Deborah Reinheld, Steven Sharp,

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, Eddie Echols, 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, 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

Morningstar Children & Families

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.

WAY FORWARD IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

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.

July Jewels Birthday Lunch

"July Jewels" are invited to meet at Sweet Mama's for a no-host lunch and to celebrate our birthdays on Thursday, July 11 at 12:30 pm. For many years it has been a tradition in our church for our lady members that were born in July to celebrate our special day together. Please RSVP no later than noon on July 8 to Debbie Pease or Cyndy Franklin:

Debbiepease@bellsouth.net or **Kinikia@bellsouth.net**.

Richard's Retirement

Rev. Richard Soper is retiring from SSUMC in August. 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. His email address is **richard@stsimonsumc.com** and his mailing address 624 Ocean Blvd. St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

You may still return your baby bottles this week or Sunday, June 23. Please leave in the designate baskets or bring them by the church office Mon.–Thurs. from 8:30am–4:00pm.



Gathering Place Main Event!

Calling all Youth- we are going to meet at Gather in Brunswick each Sunday! Join us this Sunday, June 23 at 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

Projection Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer to assist with projection during our worship service about once a month. This role is straightforward, and we offer full training. If interested, please reach out to Kevin at **kevin@stsimonsumc.com** for more details.



Honorariums & Memorials

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

Janie Alexander

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ANN C. WEBB BY:

The Ann Webb Trust

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF REV. EUGENE WEBB BY:

The Rev. Eugene B. Webb Trust

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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