

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, June 30

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, July 1

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

## Tuesday, July 2

8:00 AM Gathering Place Group, **Thorpe Building**  
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**  
10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**

## Wednesday, July 3

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

## Thursday, July 4 **Happy Independence Day!**

Church Office Closed for 4th of July



## Friday, July 5

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



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# ST. SIMONS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Everyday Ways To Love Your Neighbor

**B**egin with prayer  
**L**isten with care  
**E**at together  
**S**erve in love  
**S**hare 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 30, 2024  
CHAPEL • 9:45 AM

## WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

### *Let It Rise*

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## Fellowship Time

### *God Bless the USA*

CCLI #95863  
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### *Lead On, Good Shepherd*

CCLI #7209206  
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## Prayer Time

### *Evidence*

CCLI #7147432  
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## MORNING MESSAGE

### *Share Your Story*

John 9:1-11, 13-15  
Rev. Tom Jones

## INVITATION

### *Go Light Your World*

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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 30, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE Kevin Lamb

\* HYMN #696 *America the Beautiful* MATERNA

FELLOWSHIP TIME *If My People's Hearts  
Are Humbled*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER Richard Soper

\* HYMN #581 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELTA  
Verses 1 & 4

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Tom Jones

OFFERTORY Sondra Anderson

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *This Is My Song* Chancel Choir  
By Mary McDonald  
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MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones

### *Share Your Story*

John 9:1-11, 13-15

\* HYMN #569 *We've a Story to Tell  
To the Nations* MESSAGE  
Verses 1 & 3

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* *Worshippers stand as able*

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## Indivisible

When we pledge allegiance to our nation's flag we use the word "indivisible" to describe our country. It is not a major news flash to suggest that divide in our indivisible country is becoming more the norm. We are a nation that has always had our differences, and the freedom to express those differences. But it seems our divisions are growing wider and more polarized; that people are less likely to even explore the possibility of seeking common ground.

What can be done to help break down the barriers that keep us from having a good relationship with one another. In our busy, agenda-filled lives it is easy to forget one of the simpler ways to connect with others - kindness.

We often get frustrated, even upset about things. It is right to take a stand when necessary; it is okay to have and express our opinions. It is when the stand we take or the opinions we have become mean-spirited that relationships with others can be problematic.

I believe that as Americans we are indivisible. Even with our differences, we remain a nation of people who will stand together against any threat that could potentially take away our freedoms.

Likewise, the church is indivisible because "the church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus prayed in John 17:21, "I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."

In worship this Sunday we will celebrate the birth of our nation and our freedom. One of our greatest strengths is that we are a country and a people who are indivisible. May we be more willing to practice kindness in our world, our homes, and in our church to help heal any brokenness that seeks to tear us apart. May we work together to continue to be "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Blessings,

Tom

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF REV. MARCIA COCHRAN TO THE PRESCHOOL BY:**

Margot Howard

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE GILES FAMILY TO THE PRESCHOOL BY:**

Kathryn West

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF TERRY WEST TO THE PRESCHOOL BY:**

Kathryn West

## Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rev. John Carroll (Retired minister – North Central District) and former pastor of St. Simons UMC from 1983-1987, who passed away on Monday, June 24, 2024. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Ann Carroll and his daughter Rev. Cathy Tucker (Richmond Hill UMC – Coastal District).

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)  
June 23, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$16,402.28

Received YTD | \$637,197.82

Expenses YTD | \$571,770.04

Difference YTD | \$65,427.78

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$623,918.60

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$26,921.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,925.64

*thank you*

## Worship Attendance- June 23, 2024

8:30am : **78**

Online Worship Views: **276**

9:45am : **88**

Sunday School/Small Group: **94**

11:00am: **231**

Total In Person: **397**

## Members in Ministry- June 30, 2024

### Ushers:

**8:30** Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

**11:00** Mike Fitzgerald, Jeff Parker, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams

### Greeters:

**8:30** Debi & Gary Miller, Steve Tucker

**9:45** Judy & JR Wright

**11:00** Marlis & Bob Kiser

### Projection:

**8:30** Robin Parmelee

**9:45** Elizabeth Daniel

**11:00** Ashley Swann

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Evie & Reese Stephenson

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Tammy Langford, John Palmer & Family, **Family & friends of Alan Proctor**, Steve Smith, **Merry Stubbs**

**New Prayer Concerns- Others:** Lois Beane, **Family & friends of John Bestick**, Ginny Dawson, **Family & friends of June Dudrow**, Neil Glasscock, **Ken Graffis**, Frank Kubat, **Caroline Plyler**, Steven Sharp, **Jane Shumate**, **Hadley Webster**

**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, **Linda Boyette**, 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

**Departure and the Way Forward for SSUMC**

**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

### ALLED CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, July 8, 5:30pm, Sanctuary**

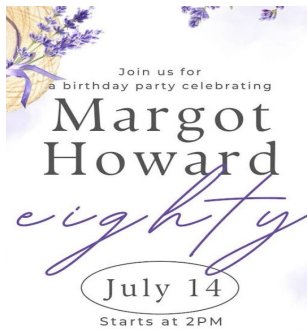
At this called meeting of the Church Council the Lay Leadership Group will make its recommendation on whether to stay with the UMC or to hold a Church Conference for the purpose of voting on departure. The Church Council will vote on the recommendation. A simple majority is required for the recommendation 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](http://sgaumc.org).



### 80th Birthday Party

Join us for Margot Howard's 80th birthday celebration on Sunday, July 14 at 2:00pm in the Thorpe Building. Birthday cards are encouraged but please no gifts!

## Gathering Place Main Event!

**Calling all Youth- we are going to meet at Gather in Brunswick each Sunday! Join us this Sunday, June 30 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](mailto:victoria@stsimonsumc.com)



## 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 12:30pm. 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](mailto:Debbiepease@bellsouth.net) or [Kinikia@bellsouth.net](mailto:Kinikia@bellsouth.net).

## Alhambra Theatre: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat



Embark on a delightful journey to the Alhambra Theatre and Dining for a matinee production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Departing from the front of the church on Ocean Blvd. at 10:45 am, our motorcoach will ensure a comfortable ride for all attendees. The \$80.00 per person cost covers lunch, the show, transportation, and tips. Hurry and secure your spot early, as we are limited to 52 people! Register on Realm or by calling the church office.

## 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](mailto:kevin@stsimonsumc.com) for more details.



## 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](mailto:richard@stsimonsumc.com) and his mailing address 624 Ocean Blvd. St. Simons Island, GA 31522.

## 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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)



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