

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 28

- 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, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 30

- 10:00 AM Men's Life Group, **Room 203**

Wednesday, July 31

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

Thursday, August 1

- 12:45 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Room 203**
6:00 PM Preschool Open House, **Sanctuary & Preschool**

Friday, August 2

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Preschool Open House, **Sanctuary and Preschool**

Saturday, August 3

- 1:00 PM Visitation for Alan Proctor, **Gholson Room**
2:00 PM Celebration of Life for Alan Proctor, **Sanctuary**

Celebration of Life & Service for Alan Keith Proctor

On Saturday, August 3, 2024 the Proctor family will receive guests in the Gholson Room at St. Simons UMC at 1:00pm. A Memorial Service for Alan will be held at 2:00pm in the Sanctuary followed by an Interment of Ashes beginning at 3:30pm at Taylors Methodist Church at 766 Old Jesup Rd, Brunswick, GA 31520.

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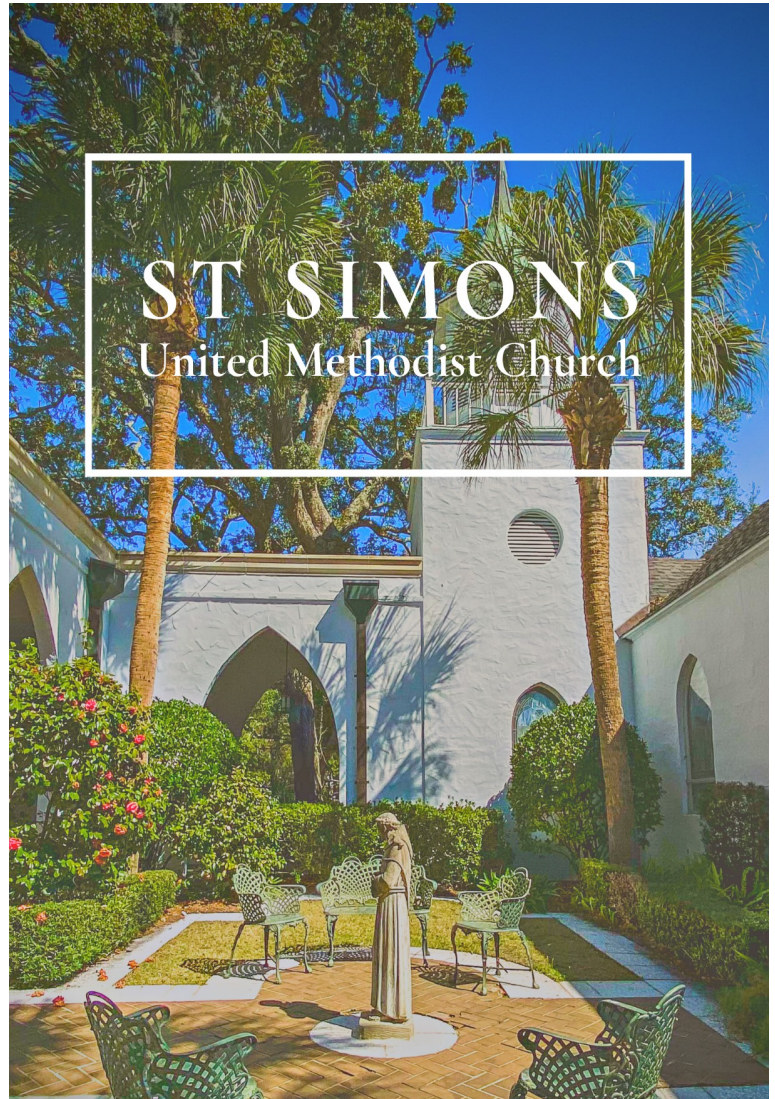
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We are so glad you
are here!

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,*

The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JULY 28, 2024
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

WELCOME

Rev. Richard Soper

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thrive

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©2014 Be Essential Songs

Fellowship Time

Build My Life

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CCLI #7068424
©2016 Hillsong Music

Prayer Time

Firm Foundation

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MORNING MESSAGE

People on the Way

Ephesians 4:31-32 RSV

INVITATION

Amazing Grace

CCLI #4768151
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SENDING FORTH

Richard Soper

July Memory Verse

I am leaving you with a ____ — ____ of mind and ____.
And the ____ I give is a ____ the world cannot ____.
So don't be ____ or ____.
____:____ NLT

The Worship of God

JULY 28, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

GREETING

Rev. Richard Soper

PRELUDE

Nearer, Still Nearer

Kevin Lamb
arr. Jason Payne
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* HYMN #140

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

APOSTLE'S CREED

Richard Soper

* FELLOWSHIP TIME #334

*Sweet,
Sweet Spirit*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

MORNING PRAYER

* HYMN #365

Grace Greater than Our Sin
verses 1, 2 & 4

MOODY

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Richard Soper

OFFERTORY

*Jesus, Keep Me
Near the Cross*

Sondra Anderson
arr. By Mark Hayes

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Good Ol' Gospel Singing*

Chancel Choir
arr. Tom Fettke
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MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

People on the Way

Ephesians 4:31-32 RSV

* HYMN #371

I Stand Amazed
verses 1, 2 & 5

MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *Worshippers stand as able*

July Memory Verse

I am leaving you with a ____ — ____ of mind and ____.
And the ____ I give is a ____ the world cannot ____.
So don't be ____ or ____.
____:____ NLT

Our Cross To Bear

Sometimes in our lives we face such difficult problems that we wonder how to proceed. As a result, we find ourselves overwhelmed. We are like a young man who was very upset by a particular situation he was facing. Seeing no possible solution to his dilemma, he fell to his knees in prayer. "Lord, please help me! I don't know what to do," he prayed. "I just can't go on. My cross is too much to bear!" He heard no answer. It was late at night and he fell asleep due to exhaustion. He then had a dream that he was ushered into a room where he stood facing Jesus himself. Jesus looked kindly in his face and said "You said your cross was too much to bear, so just lay down your cross here and pick out any cross you see in this room."

"Thank you, Lord!" the young man said. He then put down his cross and began to look around the room for another cross. There were many crosses in the room of various sizes. Some were so tall that the tops were not even visible. After searching through the crosses for quite a while, he saw a tiny cross in a corner of the room. With excitement, he ran over to it and yelled "This one Lord! I want this one!" Jesus smiled at him lovingly and replied, "That's the cross you came in with."

We all have a tendency to magnify our problems. Sometimes we even begin to think that our problem is larger or more difficult than anyone else's problem. However, no matter how large our cross or burden might be we don't have to bear it alone. There is a kind and gracious Savior who says to us, "Come to me all who labor and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ, who bore the Cross for us all!

In His Name,

Benjy Varnell



Wednesday Night Suppers!

We're thrilled to announce that our Wednesday night dinners will be returning this September! To make these dinners a success, we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers from our church community to help with set-up, serving and cleanup. Possibly teams to help once a month if we have enough helping hands! Your support will ensure these dinners are not only delicious but also filled with warmth and fellowship. If you are interested in lending a hand and being part of these fun church dinners, please reach out to Anne Frazier at anne@stsimonsumc.com.

Let's come together to make our Wednesday nights something special and enjoy a time of fellowship together!

Part-Time Youth Director Position

Our church has an immediate opening for a part-time, 10-hour per week, Youth Director. Join our team and make a difference in our next generations Christian journey. If interested in the position, please contact Celia Eisentraeger at celia@stsimonsumc.com for more information.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com
July 21, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$58,218.25

Received YTD | \$778,756.47

Expenses YTD | \$671,031.04

Difference YTD | \$107,725.43

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$722,456.55

Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$28,356.00

Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,420.64

thank you

Worship Attendance- July 21, 2024

8:30am : 71

Online Worship Views: 368

9:45am : 80

Sunday School/Small Group: 116

11:00am: 168

Total In Person: 319

Members in Ministry- July 28, 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 Sherry Pickett, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Evie & Reese Stephenson

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Kim Joiner and family, Steve Smith

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Pastor James Arcisz & Mission Team, Family & friends of Lois Beane, Family & friends of Bobby Clinkscales, Emily Childs, The Choy Family, Neil Glasscock, Henry, Alan, & Jen, Mary Hutchins, Bob Jarrett, Veronica Joseph, Frank Kubat, Luna & Hazel, Yvette Miranda, Lynn Nichols, Gene Ramba, Family & friends of Joanne Ray, Ed Storch and family

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, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, John Lindgren, Chris Lorence, Christina Lycke, Mike Martin, Bob Mastromatteo, Jason May & family, 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

Assisted Living Prayer

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford

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.

Blessings in a Backpack



As the start of the school year approaches, we have the opportunity to work with the organization Communities in Schools. This organization works to provide students in our schools with items they need to help them be more successful throughout the school year. We are collecting Bookbags, school supplies (crayons, pencils, markers, highlighters, notebooks, paper, etc.) and hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrushes, hair ties). There is a place for donations set up in the Gholson Room. We will be collecting items through Sunday August 4.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Join us for our monthly Men's Ministry breakfast, Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00am. Come together for a time of testimony, fellowship, and a hearty breakfast. Cost is \$5. We hope to see you there! Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.



College Ministry

Are you in college or do you have a college age student? Please let us know their info and email so we can send them gifts and words of encouragement throughout the school year! Email ashley@stsimonsumc.com to let us know!

Love Offering & Ice Cream Social for Rev. Richard & Patsy Soper!



Rev. Richard Soper has announced that he is retiring in August as our associate pastor. His last Sunday as our Associate Pastor will be Sunday, August 11.

We will be honoring Richard and Patsy on Sunday, August 11, from 3:30-5:00pm with a drop in Ice Cream Social in the Thorpe Building. All are invited to attend to enjoy the fellowship and say farewell to Richard and Patsy.

During the worship services on Sunday, August 11 we will be honoring Richard with a love offering. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail in or bring your donation to the church office. You may also place it in the offering plate at one of our worship services. Your donation should be designated for *Rev. Richard Soper Gift* on your checks or envelopes. Checks should be made payable to St. Simons United Methodist Church.



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.

Children's Wednesday Afterschool!!!



Starting on September 4, we will shift our WOW (Worship on Wednesdays) programming for children to an after-school model. We will meet weekly for 12 weeks offering school pickup, snack, play, programming (Simply Loved from Group Publishing the same publishing house as our VBS curriculum) and activities. We will

conclude with choir with Mrs. Holly Lamb and Mrs. Sondra Anderson at 4:30 pm in our Choir Room. Church Family Night Suppers will also begin September 4 at 5:00pm in Thorpe Building so please plan to stay to eat in fellowship with us! Contact celia@stsimonsumc.com or victoria@stsimonsumc.com for more information or register on Realm or scan the QR Code.



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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