## Weekly Calendar

#### Sunday, August 4

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
12:00 PM	Missions Committee Meeting, Room 203

#### Monday, August 5

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

#### Tuesday, August 6

10:00 AM	Men's Life Group, Room 203
10:30 AM	Staff Meeting, Youth Room
5:30 PM	Nominations Committee Meeting, Room 204

#### Wednesday, August 7

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

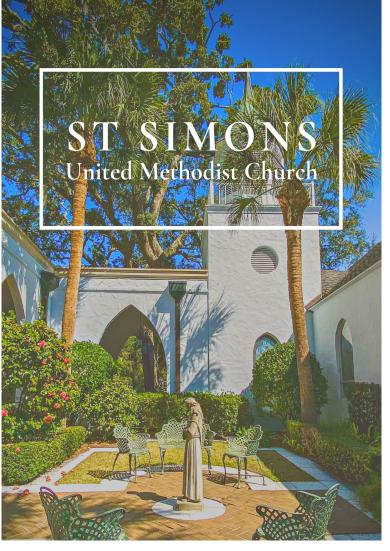
#### Thursday, August 8

5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, Parlor

Friday, August 9 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building

#### Saturday, August 10

9:30 AM SAM trip to Alhambra Dinner Theater, Jacksonville, FL



# Welcome! We are so glad you are here!

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### **THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

August 4, 2024 9:45 AM • Chapel

WELCOME Rev. Richard Soper

#### **BACKPACK BLESSING**

#### **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours) CCLI #7200544 ©Be Essential Songs

#### **Fellowship Time**

I See Grace CCLI #7202043 ©Fair Trade Global Songs

Holy Spirit CCLI #6087919 ©2011 Capitol CMG

#### **Prayer Time**

Thank You Jesus For the Blood CCLI #7172456 ©2021 Centricity Music

#### **MORNING MESSAGE**



Ephesians 1:3-14

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

In Christ Alone CCLI #3350395 ©2001 Thankyou Music

#### INVITATION

In Christ Alone CCLI #3350395 ©2001 Thankyou Music

SENDING FORTH

## August Memory Verse

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts you. Isaiah 26:3

## The Worship of God

August 4, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 AM • Sanctuary

GREETING		Rev. Richard Soper
Prelude Jo	oyful, Joyful We Adore Th	Sondra Anderson ee arr. Jay Rouse
Confession and Pa	<b>Richard Soper</b>	
* Hymn	In Christ Is Blessedness	DARWALL'S 148 <sup>TH</sup>
* Fellowship Time #	99 My Tribute	MY TRIBUTE
Children's Messag	E Backpack Blessing	Celia Eisentraeger
* Hymn #377	It Is Well With My Soul verses 1 & 4	VILLE DU HAVRE
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Tom Jones
Message in Music	Is He Worthy? Soloist Holly Lamb	Chancel Choir arr. Jay Rouse ©2021

MORNING MESSAGE

The Joy of the Journey

Ephesians 1:3-14

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION The Great Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer Sharing of the Cup and Bread

\* Hymn

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) verse 1 & 2

MY CHAINS ARE GONE

Rev. Tom Jones

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

\* Worshipers stand as able

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## Guide My Steps By Your Word. ~ Psalm 119:133

Happy August, Church Family! This Sunday, August 4th, we celebrate the back-to-school season with our Blessing of the Backpacks! Please join us as we offer prayers for our school students, faculty, and staff in our three worship services. May our Blessing of the Backpacks remind our children of the love and care of this congregation surrounding them each school day and beyond.

Thank you for your generous outpouring for our Communities in Schools donation drive. WOW! SSUMC is truly mission driven in answering God's call of service. The stuffed backpacks will also be blessed on Sunday morning before being passed out next week during various school Open House events across Glynn County when needs arise.

#### August Families Ministries opportunities include:

August 4 — Blessing of the Backpacks and Balcony Church

August 11 — Presentation of Bibles and Silver Second Sundays

August 25 — Beach Bash at Dunn Workin' (731 Oglethorpe Ave. SSI) at noon

Excited for this time together with y'all! Thank you for your faithfulness.

Grace,

#### Celia Eisentraeger



## 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 generation's 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.stimonsumc.com July 28, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$9,257.85 Received YTD | \$788,014.32 Expenses YTD | \$708,469.44 Difference YTD | \$79,544.88 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$746,887.43 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$28,376.00 Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,420.64



Worship Attendance- July 28, 2024

8:30am : 80 Online Worship Views: 423 9:45am : 71 Sunday School/Small Group: 107 11:00am: 140 Total In Person: 291

#### Members in Ministry- August 4, 2024

Ushers: 8:30 Pete Irby, Tom Smith 11:00 Kevin Brandon, Garrett Brandon, Dylan Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds Greeters: 8:30 Faye George, Helen Baker 9:45 11:00 Carla Brandon, Robbie Clark Projection: 8:30 Neva Kaye 9:45 Jessica Zettler 11:00 Acolytes: 11:00 Addy Thompson, Julie Humphries **Communion Servers: Communion Prayers:** 8:30 Becky & Lawrence Bridges Chuck Milliken, Judy Smith 9:45 Laura & Jim Weldy Shari Luken, Toni Metz **11:00** Betty Sharp & Cindy Simpson Edie Payne, Mike Martin

## Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Larry Daugherty, Jean Johnson, Kim Joiner & family, Judy Smith, Ward Sweat

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, Jennifer & Kenyon Hall, Norma Higbee, Mary Hutchins, Christina Lycke, Yvette Miranda, Lynn Nichols, Family & friends of Michael Rose, Justin Rowland, Ed Storch and family

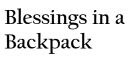
Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Billy June Boyd, Linda Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Joy Cowart, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, 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, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, 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.





#### 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.

## Fall Women's Study

Join us for a women's Bible study facilitated by Becky Bridges on Thursdays from 10:00-11:00am in Room 201. This study will begin September 5, 12, 19 and October 3, 10, 17



The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families by Shannon Bream. Sign up and pay on Realm or

come by the church office with payment and pick up your book. The Books are here and are \$15.00.

## Thank you!

God is so good, and this church family has shown me His love in a mighty way. The unexpected surgery I needed resulted in excellent care from SGHS & a huge outpouring of prayer and love from my Church Family! - Judy Smith

# 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.



## 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 through out the school year! Email **ashley@stsimonsumc.com** to let us know!

## 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.

## 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



by our speaker Clayton Watson, enjoy fellowship, and a hearty breakfast, also. Cost is \$5. We hope to see you there! Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.

## **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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