

# WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## A Good Restart



LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY  
SERVE ENTHUSIASTICALLY  
ADVANCE CONSISTENTLY

Worship - Sunday, June 28, 2020

Matthew 10:40-42

*“An Act of Kindness”*

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We had a good restart to in-person worship last Sunday. It was wonderful to see people in our Sanctuary again! There was much uncertainty going into the morning, but God's spirit prevailed and we had two excellent worship services. The total attendance at the two services was 135 – a surprisingly strong number. I appreciate the way those who attended complied with the rules of social distancing and moved so smoothly into a new way of doing things.

We are watching very closely the trends in the spread of the coronavirus. As we have said from day one, this is a very fluid situation and we will make changes as needed. Our current plan is to continue with in-person worship, but we have made a few revisions to our guidelines to help ensure everyone's safety and well-being.

The wearing of a mask is not mandatory, but with the uptick of COVID-19 cases, it is preferred. You will be required to wear a mask as you enter and exit the Sanctuary. Masks are preferred but not required while sitting in the pews. Thank you for your cooperation.

Singing has been identified as a high risk means of transmitting the virus even if masks are worn. There will continue to be no-singing in our 9:00 service. If you are particularly susceptible to catching the virus this is the service for you to attend. We will continue to sing, though very little, during the 11:00 service.

Finally, and this is something you will very seldom if ever hear a pastor say – if you are the slightest bit uncomfortable about attending worship then please stay home. We have done and will continue to do our best to make our worship environment as safe as possible. Still, the safest means of joining us in worship is to live-stream our 11:00 service or watch it later on Facebook, YouTube, or on the website. The demographic of our congregation makes us a potentially more vulnerable group. While I would love to see you in worship, I strongly encourage you to make good choices as you consider your attendance.

Thank you for your patience and your prayers as we continue this journey into the unknown. Stay strong in your faith and for each other. Always remember that God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen!

Blessings,

*Tom*

## Members in Ministry

### Ushers:

9:00 Jim Bankston, Bill Kirby, Ward Sweat, John Vann, Tim Vinson  
11:00 Joey Baldwin, Erik Kaufmann, Jimmy Maupin, David Paulk,  
Clif Pease, Dwight Sweat

### Greeters:

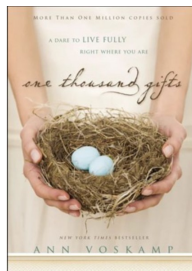
9:00 Joyce Bankston, Edie Vinson  
11:00 Kay Holmes, Sherry Pickett, Jennifer Irion

### Projection:

9:00 Robin Parmelee  
11:00 Ashley Swann

## Women's Bible Study

Come join this new Ladies Bible Study, "One Thousand Gifts" on Tuesdays at 10:00 am beginning July 14. This will be a five week study, from July 14 – August 11 and sessions will be about 1 - 1 ½ hours. Even if you have to be out due to vacation, you are welcome to join the study when you are in town! This study encompasses learning to live a Christ-like life even though your days may be long, tough and full of challenges. The study is based on Ann Voskamp's book "One Thousand Gifts", and through our study, she will reveal how to open your eyes to "ordinary, amazing grace" regardless of your circumstances. Please call the church office to sign up and purchase the study book! This study will be led by Debbie Kohler and Becky Bridges. Hope to see many of you in our Bible Study! Email Debbie Kohler [dkohler88@gmail.com](mailto:dkohler88@gmail.com) or call her with questions at 770-843-8669. This study will be offered by **Zoom** or **an easily accessed on line platform, initially.**



## SSUMC Youth Summer S.A.L.T.

### Serving And Learning Together

**Wednesdays in JULY! Let's serve our community together!**

Each project has an individual event on GroupMe that you **WILL NEED TO SIGN UP!** Each project has different requirements like closed-toe shoes or a limited number of spots. Contact Heather Keefer for more info!

July 15—MAP International Warehouse

July 22—Sparrow's Nest Pantry

July 29—TBD (Possibly the Well)



**Sundays— Gathering Place- Main Event Live!**

Meet in the Thorpe Building yard at 6:45— Beginning July 5!

## New Ways to Connect!

- TEXT TO GIVE
- TEXT TO CONNECT
- TEXT TO PRAY

Our goal is to return to some amount of normalcy. As we consider how to minimize contact with everyone present in worship, we have implemented some new ways to connect with you. Thankfully we all have our phones with us almost everywhere we go, so for now we want to encourage you to connect with us via your own phone!

We have posted information in our Sanctuary and on slides showing how to do this. It is as simple as sending a text message containing one of our text phrases to the phone number listed to begin the process:

Send **GUESTssumc** to 31996 to [Connect With Us](#)

Send **PRAYssumc** to 31996 for [Prayer Requests](#)

Send **SSUMC** to 73265 to [Give Online](#)

## Memorials

A gift has been given in Memory of **Gene Cariker** from:

**Bob Rewis**  
**Kevin & Leslie Cariker**

A gift has been given in Memory of **Ted Teale** from:

**Bob Rewis**

Gifts have been given in Memory of **Abraham Smith** (Judy & Tom Smith's Grandson) from:

**Becky & Lawrence Bridges**

## Financial Report

June 21, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,257.83

Amount Given YTD | \$475,906.29

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$556,550.26

Expenses YTD | \$456,677.61

Building Fund | \$5,495.00

*thank you*

## Attendance

Total In Person Attendance 135

Total Online Weekly Worship Views | 765

## Prayer Requests

*Take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, John Barton, Lauren Belt, Dr. Cathy Bishop, Sandy Bottjer, Rev. James Ellis Boyd, Mary Corbitt, Pam Dean, Terry & Meg Deaton, **Lanier Dobrenic**, Irene Drew, Janice Dumas, Terri Dunkle, Rev. Dr. Bob Fuller, Pat Gossage, Kathryn Gruetter, Connie Hallows, Brian Holmes, Elwanda Hopkins, Holly Lamb, Amelia Lasater, Shannon Lemmon, Nathan Meadows, Harry Moffett, Lynne Mulligan, Mathew North, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Ann Pickard, Bill Pickard, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, Bob Rewis, Allen Rogers, Lauren Rogers, Helen Schroder, Jerry Smith, Mary Stivers, **Thomas Stroud, III**, **Miriam Tucker**, **Dave Vandersall**, Stephanie Watson, BJ Whitaker, Barbara Whitney, **Jerry Winsness**, Dick Wilton, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, and our Nation.

**Magnolia Manor:** JoAnne Alford, Jack Jenkins, Marjorie Lawrence, Debby Lloyd, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Larry Varnadoe, Effie Walker **Sr. Care:** Anne Pinson

**Addington Place:** Nancy Reynolds

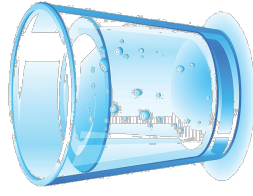
*To add or remove a name from our prayer list, please contact the church office or one of our pastors.*



# LOOK

## Look it up in the Bible

<sup>42</sup> Whoever helps one of these little ones because they are my followers will truly get his reward. He will get his reward even if he only gave my follower a cup of cold water.”



**Matthew 10:42** *International Children's Bible (ICB)*

**Here are some other Bible verses that focus on kindness:**

**Ephesians 4:32** Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

**Proverbs 19:17** Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord. The Lord will reward you for what you have done.

**1 John 3:18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.



## Kindness Crossword

R K I N D N E S S S J G J Y L Z B  
 J Q O T H O U G H T F U L I Z B  
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 N H E Y K H T R G L B O R B N E I  
 T O P O P R U I T N L L Z Z N K B

Polite	Goodwill	Encouraging	Heart
Generous	Empathy	Sensitivity	Grace
Caring	Thoughtful	Consideration	Generosity
Compassion	Patience	Kindness	