

News and Events

Welcome to Our Church—Please take a moment to sign the red attendance registration pads. Also, please join us in Bailey Hall following the 10:00 am worship service for a time of fellowship. If you are visiting today, a greeter in the narthex will be available to walk you to Bailey Hall. Children’s Church is offered in Room 103 for children ages three—3rd grade following the Children’s Gathering at 10:00 am. A nursery and quiet room are available during both worship services.

Wednesday Night Dinners—Our dinners return on January 31st. Please RSVP before noon on January 28th. The menu for our first fellowship meal of the year will be penne chicken alfredo with broccoli, salad, rolls, dessert. Kids’ meal: chicken nuggets. Following dinner, we will enjoy an interactive program on ‘Trivia by the Decade.’

Give It a Whirl—Mark your calendars for the Valentine Big Band Dance Party on Friday, February 9th from 7:00—9:30 pm in Bailey Hall. The entry fee is \$10 per person (pay at the door) and all proceeds will benefit the Edel Caregivers Institute. Snacks and drinks will be provided and DJ Ray will keep you dancing!

Coat Drive—The Missions Committee is collecting coats in the church office for any size, gender, or style to be distributed to those in need.

New Ways to Give—*E-Giving* has provided SIUMC with new options to make regular donations to the church and make payments throughout the year. Accounts can be created online (siumc.org/give) or at the kiosk in the Narthex, and users can make one-time donations or control recurring donations. Feel free to stop by the church office to learn how to set-up and manage an account.

New Pictorial Directory—Photography dates for the new pictorial directory will be January 30th—February 17th. You may sign-up for your photography date this morning in the breezeway or by following the link at www.siumc.org. All those photographed will receive a free 8x10 and have the option to purchase additional pictures.

Love Walk—Come and join others for Wesley Community Centers’ *Love Walk*, their most important fundraising event of the year, on Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 am. Packets and sign-up sheets are in the church office and at www.wesleyctrs-Savh.org. The church bus will be taking a group down and back. If you cannot attend the walk, please consider giving a donation by making your check payable to SIUMC and notating “Love Walk” on your check. If you have questions, please call the church office. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of many women and children who need a hand up.

The Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany
January 28, 2018 at 8:30 am

*Let the people be in silent meditation
and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.*

Westminster Chimes

Prelude “Meditation in G Major” Stanford

Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 571 “Go, Make of All Disciples” LANCASHIRE

*Affirmation The Apostles’ Creed No. 881

*Gloria Patri No. 70

Greeting *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads.*

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer Tom Nichols

Scripture Reading Mark 5:21-43 Pew Bible NT p. 37

Sermon “A Healing without Faith” Jim Giddens

Offertory “Prelude in C Major” Charpentier

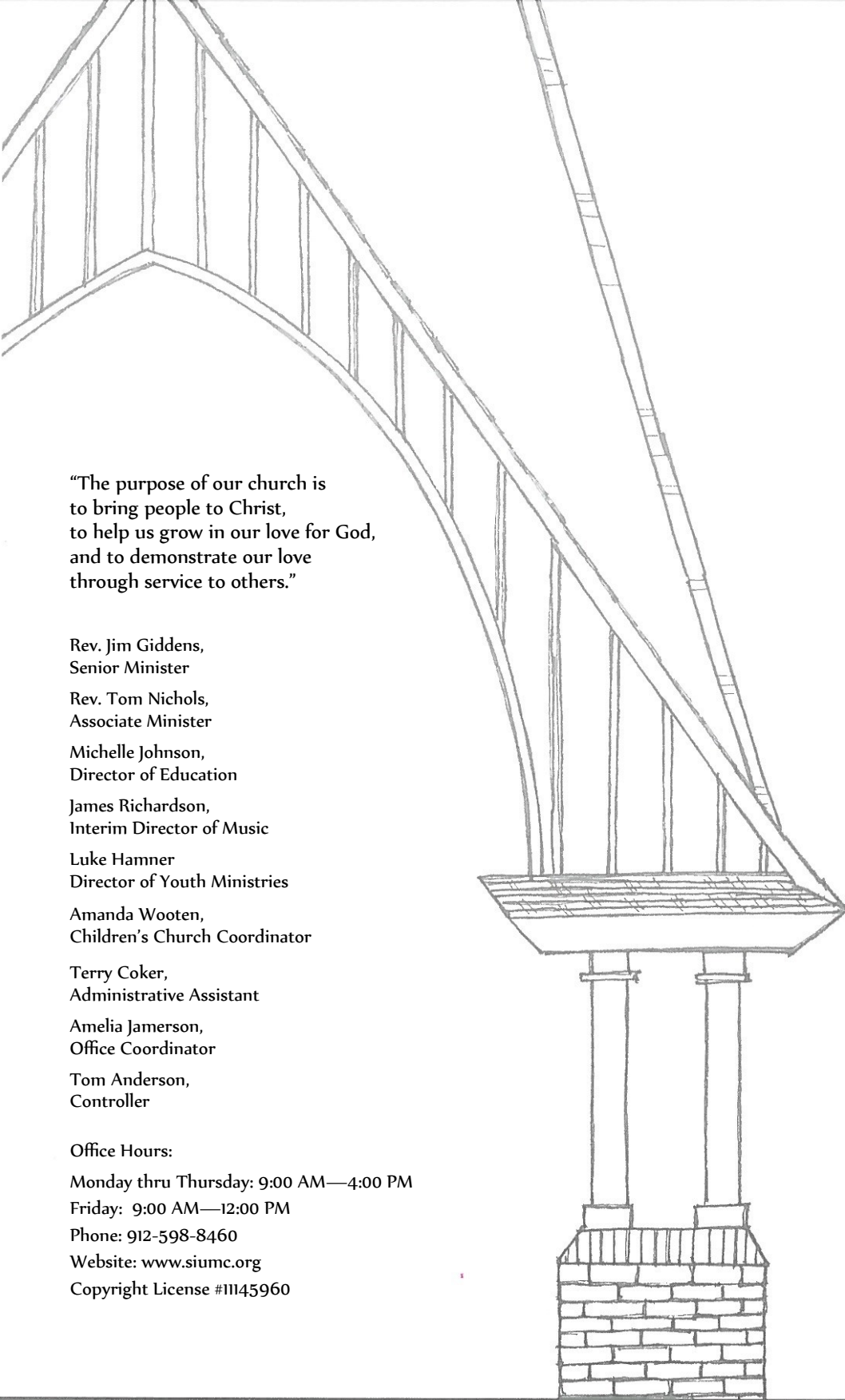
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn No. 436 “The Voice of God is Calling” MUNICH
(Sung to Alternate Tune)

*Benediction

*Postlude “Molto Moderato” Pergolesi

**Congregation, please stand.*



“The purpose of our church is to bring people to Christ, to help us grow in our love for God, and to demonstrate our love through service to others.”

- Rev. Jim Giddens, Senior Minister
- Rev. Tom Nichols, Associate Minister
- Michelle Johnson, Director of Education
- James Richardson, Interim Director of Music
- Luke Hamner, Director of Youth Ministries
- Amanda Wooten, Children’s Church Coordinator
- Terry Coker, Administrative Assistant
- Amelia Jamerson, Office Coordinator
- Tom Anderson, Controller

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SKIDAWAY ISLAND
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship Service Information

The Season after the Epiphany begins with *Baptism of the Lord Sunday* and ends with the *Transfiguration*.

The flowers on the altar are placed by Jerry and Karen Burroughs in memory of Jerry's parents, William and Anne Burroughs. The flowers are also placed in memory of Joseph Hall by his wife Beba and family.

The Christ Candle is lit today in memory of Cliff Heaslip who passed away on January 19th. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 10th at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. Christian sympathy is extended to his family.

The Narthex Worship Center contains items that may assist you during our worship services. Please return all items after use.

Attendance on Sunday, January 21st: 8:30 am—84, 10:00 am—313

Lay Participants in Today’s Worship:

Ushers: (8:30 am) Walter Fisch, Bill & Marcia Buising,
Jack & Nancy Tesinsky
(10:00 am) Chip Birch, Joe & Mimi Harkness,
Bill & Xiao Lange, Sam & Barb McLaughlin

Greeters: (8:30 am) Onnie Duffie (10:00 am) Toni Floyd

Acolytes: (10:00 am) Claire Fleming, Caroline Heidacher

Crucifer: (10:00 am) Scott Chapman

Liturgist: (10:00 am) John Carson

Coffee: Russ & Louise Peterson, Hal & Linda Duensing

Children’s Church: Amanda Wooten, Sarah Franklin

Christian Education Information

Adult Education: (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Encouragers Class:** (Library) This class has begun a new 6-week study entitled, “What Makes You Happy?” All are welcome.
- **Thorne Class:** (Room 111) We invite you to visit this class for Bible study, lively discussion, and fellowship.
- **Spiritual Growth Class:** (Room 109) This class is finishing the study “AHA,” by Kyle Idleman. All are welcome.

Children & Youth Sunday School: (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Cherubs** (PreK) in Room 103 with Anna Davis and Ciera Taylor.
- **Mighty Kids** (K-5th) upstairs with Bettie Negley and Jenny Gerrard.
- **Youth** (6th-12th) upstairs with Luke Hamner and Sarah Franklin.

Sermon Notes

The Gospel today deals with Jesus crisscrossing the sea of Galilee and ministering to both Jews on one side and Gentiles on the other. By this arrangement of material Mark is declaring that Christ blesses both Jew and Gentile, near and far, clean and unclean. In the immediate context, Jesus had crossed the sea (4:35, 5:1) and performed an exorcism in Gentile territory, among pig farmers. He has now returned to the western shore (verse 21) to Jewish territory, and the two stories that follow are Jewish in context. One has to do with a synagogue ruler (verses 22-24, 35-43) and the other a woman who was, according to Jewish law (Leviticus 15:25-30), unclean by reason of her flow of blood. Both stories also carry symbolically the tradition of Judaism in the number twelve: the woman was ill twelve years (verse 25), the ruler’s daughter was twelve years old (verse 42).

Mark on occasion will split a story and insert another story in the middle. The question is, “What does Mark intend by this formula?” You could see here no more than the style of a good story teller: the inserted story builds anticipation for the conclusion of the first. Or, one could say that the inserted story is logically necessary to allow time for the condition of the child to worsen and for her to die. But, since Mark has elsewhere used this structure to allow stories to interpret one another, we may assume this is the case here.

The stories are alike in their telling. Both involve cases of extreme need: the woman has exhausted all options and all resources and is now desperate; the child is gravely ill and dies before Jesus arrives. In both stories, large crowds are on the scene to see what is happening. As for the disciples, they are blind to what is going on. In the case of the woman, they are so excited about the big crowd they cannot distinguish between a push or a touch. These two stories are joined at a deeper level.

Perhaps it would be sufficient to say that Mark, concerned to show the power of the “stronger one” (chapters 1-8), here offers an example of Jesus overcoming sickness and death. But the Jesus who ministered among foreigners (verses 1-20) is here among his own people moving across religions and social barriers to offer God’s healing and grace, but also to show God’s love.

Welcome New Members		
Rick & Laurie Lacher 2 Brightside Lane Savannah, GA 31411	Gary & Connie Schopfer 3 West Ferry Court Savannah, GA 31411	Rich & Cherie Wholey 2 Gumtree Lane Savannah, GA 31411

Calendar for the Week

Today, Sunday, January 28th

8:30 am & 10:00 am—Worship Services—Sanctuary
9:15 am—Chancel Choir Warm-Up—Choir Room
11:00 am—Coffee Hour—Bailey Hall
11:15 am—Sunday School for All Ages—Various Locations
4:00 pm—Mighty Kids Paint Night—Spiritual Growth Room

Monday, January 29th

10:00 am—Evangelism Meeting—Library
11:00 am—Staff Meeting—Library
1:00 pm—Visitation Committee Meeting—Library
4:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting—Library

Tuesday, January 30th

9:30 am—Ladies Bible Study—Library
12:00 pm—LifeTouch Photos—Library and Thorne Room
3:30 pm—Serendipity Singers—Choir Room

Wednesday, January 31st

12:00 pm—LifeTouch Photos—Library and Thorne Room
5:30 pm—Wednesday Night Dinner—Bailey Hall
7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 1st

8:45 am—Thursday Morning Prayer—Chapel
12:00 pm—LifeTouch Photos—Library and Thorne Room

Friday, February 2nd

9:00 am—Friday Folders—Library
12:00 pm—Church Office Closes at Noon
12:00 pm—LifeTouch Photos—Library and Thorne Room

Saturday, February 3rd

10:00 am—LifeTouch Photos—Library and Thorne Room

Financial Update - 01/07/18 (\$000's)	
Pledged Offerings	34.5
Non-Pledged Offerings	25.5
Total Revenue	60.0
Total Expenses	69.7
Net Income/(Loss)	(9.7)