

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.

Ladies’ Bible Study—All ladies are invited to participate in a 4-week study entitled *Before Amen*, which will focus on the power of simple prayer. The study will begin on Tuesday, January 30th at 9:30 am in the church library. To register, email Michelle at michelle@siumc.org.

American Traditions Competition Concert—Please join former medalists, contestants and judges as they present an evening of music in celebration of the ATC Educational Outreach. The concert will be Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by visiting: americantraditionscompetition.com.

The Order of Worship
Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 21, 2018 at 8:30 am

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

Westminster Chimes

Prelude “All My Hope on God Is Founded” Charles Callahan

Call to Worship

*Hymn No. 573 “O Zion, Haste” TIDINGS

*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

Response No. 723 “Shall We Gather at the River” HANSON PLACE
(Stanza No. 1)

Scripture Reading Jonah 3:1-5,10 Pew Bible OT p. 811

Sermon “Inviting Those You Don’t Love” Jim Giddens

Offertory “Andante” G.F. Handel

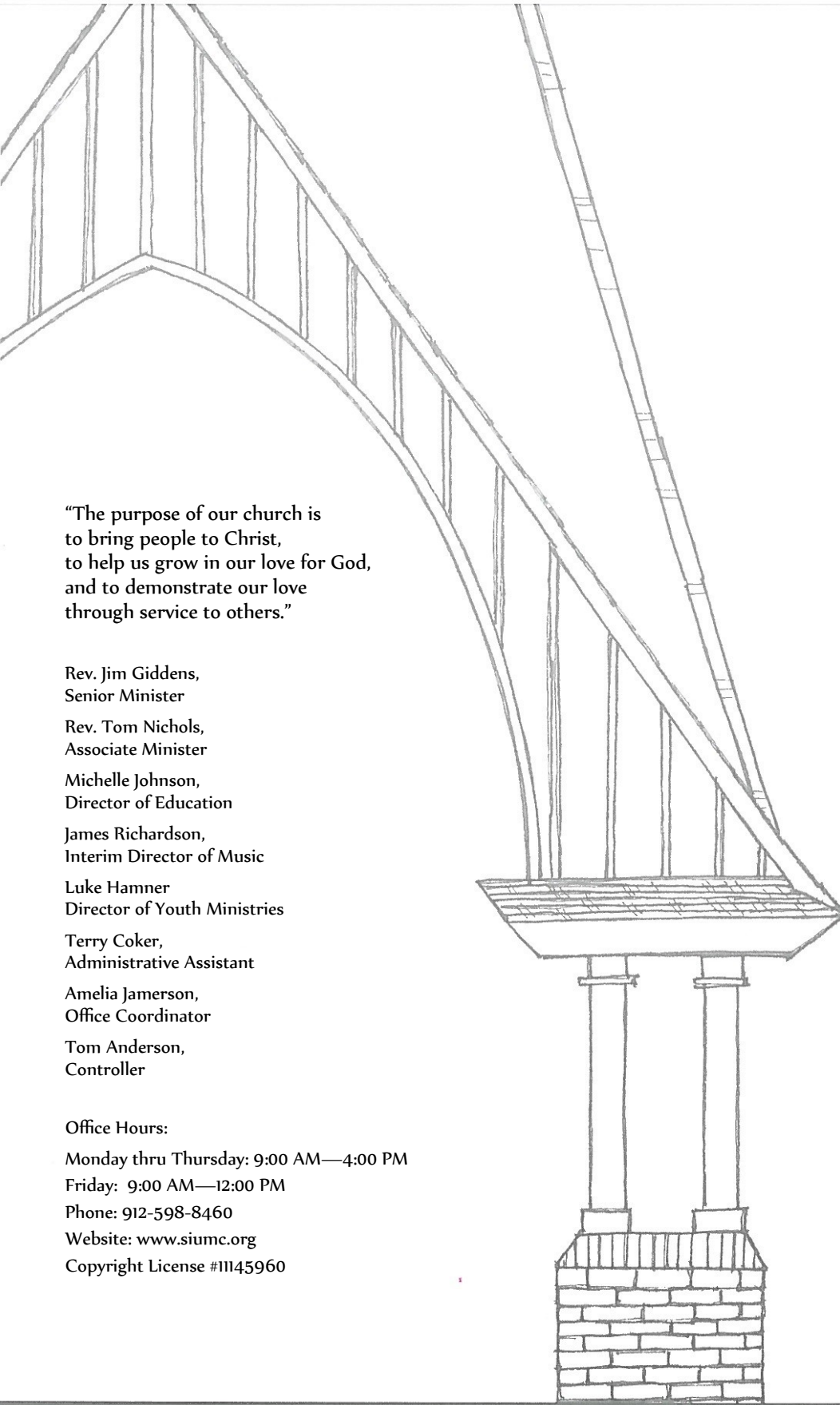
*Doxology No. 95

*Hymn No. 344 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” PESCADOR

*Benediction

*Postlude “Postlude on a Theme of Gibbons” C.V. Stanford

**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
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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 liturgical colors for this season are green and white.

The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of almighty God by a grateful church member.

The Christ Candle is lit today in memory of Jack Meeker who passed away on January 16th. Christian sympathy is extended to his family.

The Narthex Worship Center contains items which may be of use to you during our worship services. These include Hearing Devices, Large Print Bulletins and Hymnals, and Children’s Worship Bags. Please return all items after use.

Attendance on Sunday, January 14th: 8:30 am—94, 10:00 am—339

Lay Participants in Today’s Worship:

- Ushers:** (8:30 am) Walter Fisch, Frank Bell,
Ron & Hilda Geren, Peggy Utley
(10:00 am) Mary Lee Winnert, Dick & Ardie Boggs,
Chris & Katie Gall, Ray Suelflow & Judy Crenshaw
- Greeters:** (8:30 am) Onnie Duffie (10:00 am) Jane Bruno
- Acolytes:** (10:00 am) Ayele Ashbaugh, Terrence Bush
- Crucifer:** (10:00 am) ShaVon Bush
- Liturgist:** (10:00 am) Lisa Birch
- Coffee:** Larry & Jane Cook, Roger & Martha Fletcher
- Children’s Church:** Carey Fredrich and 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

Epiphany is the season of spreading the Gospel message through evangelism. The prophetic Book of Jonah differs from all the other prophetic books in that it is primarily a narrative with practically no prophetic proclamation. It is a story about a prophet, his reluctance to preach repentance to the hated Assyrians living in Nineveh, and his final submission to the prophetic task and the subsequent repentance of the Ninevites.

The Book of Jonah is best understood as a prophetic legend which has been built around the single reference to a prophet named Jonah who is said to have prophesied during the days King Jeroboam II of Israel who reigned in the middle of the eighth century BC (II Kings 14:25).

Jonah in the legend represents the nationalistic attitude that seems to have characterized Israelite religion and outlook at times.

The first part of the book (chapters 1-2) presents the prophet in the futile and feverish attempt to escape the prophetic task placed on him. The story of the great fish, which often occupies the attention of preachers and congregations to the exclusion of the second half of the book, occurs in this section. Jonah’s attempt to escape his role and the fish story emphasize the persistence of God in seeing that the divinely appointed tasks are carried out.

Even on the occasion of the second call, Jonah still grudgingly hesitates to fulfill the obligations of the prophetic task. Eventually, however, he goes to Nineveh whose size is also described in legendary terms. Interestingly enough, it is not just the citizens of Nineveh who repent; but God does also (verse 10). To most of us in our time, God’s repentance strikes us as incompatible with the divine nature. The Old Testament, however, was quite willing to speak of the divine change of mind as in this text (Amos 7:1-4).

This scripture from Jonah presents him as an antithesis of Jesus. Jesus is said to have compared the son of man (himself) to Jonah as a sign of the judgement of God. Unlike Jonah, Jesus appears as a willing proclaimer of the Kingdom of God and judgement, but both are representative of the prophetic call to repentance.

Music Guest

We welcome special musical guest Mikki Sodergren, who is singing with our Chancel Choir today. Mikki is the American Traditions Competition Artistic Director and the 2014 Gold Medalist.

Calendar for the Week

Today, Sunday, January 21st

- 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

Monday, January 22nd

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

Tuesday, January 23rd

- 3:30 pm—Serendipity Singers—Choir Room
6:00 pm—Girl’s Night Out—Fiore Restaurant

Wednesday, January 24th

- 3:00 pm—Parkinson’s Support Group Meeting—Spiritual Growth Room
5:30 pm—Council on Ministries Meeting—Library
7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25th

- 8:45 am—Thursday Morning Prayer—Chapel
4:00 pm—Endowment Committee Meeting—Library
7:00 pm—ATC Concert—Sanctuary

Friday, January 26th

- 9:00 am—Friday Folders—Library
12:00 pm—Church Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, January 27th

- 6:00 pm—Middle School Bowling Outing

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

***AA meets Monday—Saturday at 7:30 am in the Spiritual Growth Room*

Financial Update - 01/07/18 (\$000’s)	
Pledged Offerings	12.8
Non-Pledged Offerings	1.9
Total Revenue	14.7
Total Expenses	37.9
Net Income/(Loss)	(23.2)