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.

Christian Sympathy—Christian sympathy is extended to Jane Bruno on the death of her sister, Kathy Knight, in Michigan.

Pre-Service Music—The Westminster Chimes played by the organist call us to worship and prayer. From that moment, please be in silent contemplation as the instrumental prelude is played and the choral introit is sung.

Early Service Coffee Hour—The "Second Sunday Early Service Coffee Hour" will be held today in the breezeway after the 8:30 am service. Everyone is encouraged to wear their nametag. If you need to order a nametag, please call the church office.

Transition Workshop—A "Transition Workshop" will be offered on Saturday, May 19th from 9:00—11:30 am in Bailey Hall to help prepare us for our upcoming pastoral change. Debbie Hudgins, a retired Risk Management and Strategic Planning consultant, will present this workshop to share what to expect in the coming weeks and give suggestions of how we can help one another through the changes and manage the challenges that are part of the process. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office.

Savannah Children's Choir Concert—The next Arts on Skidaway concert will feature the Savannah Children's Choir on Sunday, May 20th at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This concert is free and all are welcome to come hear this outstanding group of 125 young voices.

Food Items Needed—During May, the Missions Committee is asking for donations of peanut butter jars (any size), tuna packets/cans, and breakfast bars which will be given to Second Harvest for children to take home during the summer. Please bring items to the church office.

Ministers' Retirement Recognition—All ministers retiring from the South Georgia Annual Conference will be recognized on June 4th in Jekyll Island. Those interested in attending to support Jim Giddens can sign-up to ride the church bus. The group will depart the church at 8:00 am, attend the session, have a dutch-treat lunch at Coastal Kitchen, and return about 3:30 pm. Bus space is limited.

The Order of Worship

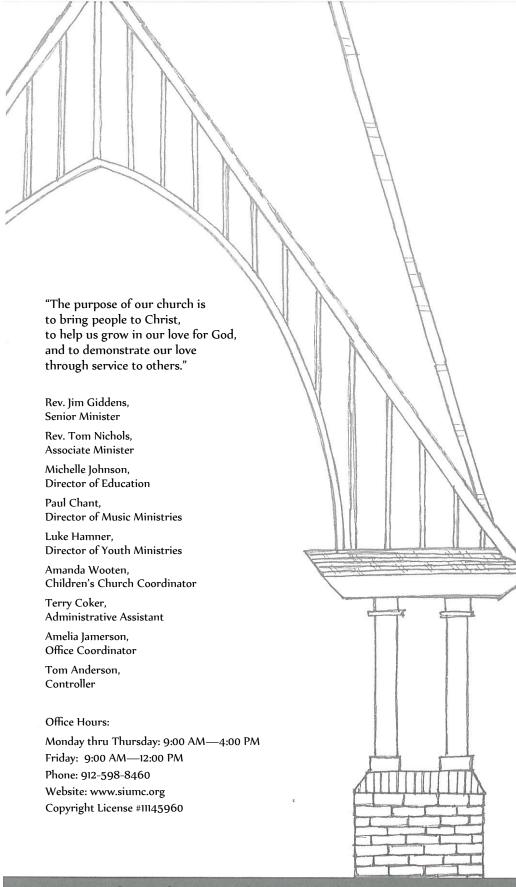
Ascension Sunday May 13, 2018 at 8:30 am

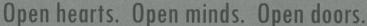
Let the people be in silent meditation and prayer upon entering the Sanctuary.

Westminster Chimes

Prelude "Intermezzo" from Cavalleria Rusticana Mascagni Call to Worship "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" *Hymn No. 154 CORONATION *Affirmation The Apostles' Creed No. 881 *Gloria Patri No. 70 Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pads. Greeting Pastoral Prayer and Our Lord's Prayer **Tom Nichols** Response No. 186 "Alleluia" **ALLELUIA** Scripture Reading Colossians 3:1-4 Pew Bible NT p. 190 Sermon "Letting the Light Shine In" Jim Giddens Offertory "Write Your Blessed Name" Scott/Kempis *Doxology No. 94 "When in Our Music God is Glorified" *Hymn No. 68 **ENGLEBERG** *Benediction *Postlude "Sonata in G major" Clementi

*Congregation, please stand.







Worship Service Information

<u>Today is Ascension Sunday.</u> The Day of Ascension is the fortieth day after Easter and is normally celebrated the following Sunday. The day commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven and focuses on the kingship and eternal reign of Christ.

<u>The Christ Candle burns today</u> in honor of the baptism of Eliza Grace Howell, the daughter of Eric and Jill Howell. She is also the granddaughter of Keith and Jan Jones, Don and Melissa Howell, and the little sister of Holland.

<u>The Worship Center</u>, located in the Narthex, contains items that 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 May 6th: 8:30 am—72, 10:30 am—278

Lay Participants in Today's Worship:

Ushers: (8:30 am) Walter Fisch, Tom & Pam Rood,

Dan Short, Peggy Utley

(10:00 am) Jane Nangle, Beau Anders, Fitz & Becky Clarke,

Roger Foulkes, Gordon & Linda Powers

Greeters: (8:30 am) Onnie Duffie (10:00 am) Terry Coker

Acolytes: (10:00 am) ShaVon Bush, Terrence Bush

Crucifer: (10:00 am) JaVonna Brown
Liturgist: (10:00 am) Chris Anders
Coffee: (8:30 am) Jeanne Lawhorne

(10:00 am) Peggy Hedeman, Winnie Hermann,

Bev Ogren, Pat Wolters

Children's Church: Carey Fredrich, Emma Fredrich
Nursery: Priscila Collins, Sarah Franklin,

Jenny Gerrard, Cassidy Brown

Christian Education Information

Adult Education: (Begins at 11:15 am)

- **Encouragers Class:** (Library) This class has begun a new series today entitled "Address the Mess." 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 studying "What Makes You Happy" by Andy Stanley. All are welcome.

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

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

Senior Recognition Today

During today's 10:00 am service, our three high school seniors will be recognized. Cassidy Brown is graduating from Savannah Country Day School and will attend University of Alabama. JaVonna Brown is graduating from H.V. Jenkins High School and will attend Georgia State University. Austin Williams is graduating from Benedictine Military School and will attend Georgia Southern University.

Special Sunday Services

Sunday, May 27th

Join us on Sunday, May 27th as Tom Nichols will share his final sermon with us at both worship services. A retirement reception will be held in Bailey Hall following the 10:00 am service. Please stay and thank Tom for his seven years of service at SIUMC.

Sunday, June 3rd

June 3rd will be Jim Giddens' last Sunday as senior pastor of SIUMC and all church members and friends from the community are invited. There will be a single service that morning at 10:00 am followed by a special reception in the fellowship hall to honor Jim and Linda.

Sunday, June 10th

Please join us on Sunday, June 10th to welcome Rev. Deborah Wight-Knight to our pulpit. She is a certified pastoral counselor with the South Georgia Conference. Please note that there will only be a single service that morning at 10:00 am.

"Summer Choir" Plans

Make plans now to sing with the Summer Choir! The SIUMC Summer Choir is a choral group that leads the congregation in worship during the months of June, July and August. This group only meets at 9:15 am before the 10:00 worship service and prepares only the music for that Sunday. The music is always easy, and special "summer" robes are worn. All are welcome.

Since our first Sunday of this year's Summer Choir is Jim Giddens' last Sunday, we will rehearse on Wednesday evening, May 30th, at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room. We anticipate that our choir on that Sunday will include Chancel Choir, Cokesbury Choir, and Summer Choir members. We welcome you and extend a special invitation to those who have sung in choirs during Jim's pastorate.

Welcome New Member

Elena Bennett 7 Cabbage Crossing Savannah, GA 31411

Calendar for the Week

Today, Sunday, May 13th

8:30 am & 10:00 am—Worship Services—Sanctuary

9:15 am—Chancel Choir Warm-Up—Choir Room

9:30 am—Second Sunday Early Service Coffee Hour—Breezeway

11:00 am—Coffee Hour—Bailey Hall

11:15 am—Sunday School for All Ages—Various Locations

Monday, May 14th

10:00 am—Evangelism Meeting—Library

11:00 am—Staff Meeting—Library

4:00 pm—Al-Anon Meeting—Library

Tuesday, May 15th

2:00 pm—Worship Committee Meeting—Thorne Room

3:30 pm—Serendipity Singers—Choir Room

7:00 pm—Administrative Board Meeting—Chapel

Wednesday, May 16th

2:00 pm—Music Committee Meeting—Thorne Room

7:00 pm—Chancel Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

Thursday, May 17th

8:45 am—Thursday Morning Prayer—Chapel

Friday, May 18th

9:00 am—Friday Folders—Library

12:00 pm—Church Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, May 19th

9:00 am—Transition Workshop—Bailey Hall

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

Financial Update - 05/06/18 (\$000's)	
Pledged Offerings	314.4
Non-Pledged Offerings	98.9
Total Revenue	413.3
Total Expenses	380.0
Net Income/(Loss)	33.3