

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wellspring Wednesdays

Join the church for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by programming from 6-7 p.m. Sign up weekly by Monday at ssumc.org/wellspringwednesday. Adults are \$10 each, children are \$5 each, but don't let cost be a barrier to coming. Children's programming will be led by Candace Johnson and adult programming will be led by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, who returns from the Candler Foundry to teach a course called "How the Bible Actually Works."

Annual Talent Show

Calling all performers! Our Annual SSUMC Talent Show will be Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up to be an act by emailing Lisa Nicholas at lisanich@gmail.com. Ticket sales will begin in March.

Vacation Bible School

Just Like Me VBS is happening July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with aftercare available. Throughout VBS, campers will meet neighborhood gardeners who will help them explore Biblical stories of people who were able to change things for the better. Learning from their wisdom, campers will discover the power of community, sharing what we have, and using our voice for others! Register online today at ssumc.org/children.

Holy Week Worship

March 24 | Palm Sunday | Sanctuary
11 a.m. - Worship

March 28 | Maundy Thursday | Fellowship Hall
12 p.m. - Worship | 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

March 29 | Good Friday | Sanctuary
7 p.m. - Service of Tenebrae

March 31 | Easter | Sanctuary
10 a.m. - Egg Hunt | 11 a.m. - Celebration Worship
**bring flowers for the flower cross on the front lawn*

GUESTS:

We are glad to have you worshipping with us!

We invite you to connect with us by filling out a Connect Card in the back of the pew with any information you would like to share. You may drop it in the offering basket or hand it to a Staff/Connect Team member for a special visitor gift. Your presence enriches our community, and we look forward to getting to know you better!

Ways To Give:

- Offering Plates: Make a check out to the church or prepare your cash offering.
- Online: Give securely at ssumc.org/give, or by scanning the QR code.
- Text to Give: Text ssumc.org/give to 73256.



Special Lenten Offering: Rise Against Hunger

On Saturday, April 13, we will once again be hosting a meal-packing event in the Fellowship Hall for Rise Against Hunger, packing thousands of meals to feed people all around the world. We make a volunteer and financial commitment to host this event. This year, our special Lenten offering is going towards providing the food we will pack. Thank you for your generosity this season to help feed those who are hungry. Register to join us and donate at ssumc.org/serve.

Mailing Address

PO Box 720139 • Sandy Springs, GA 30358

Street Address

86 Mt. Vernon Highway • Sandy Springs, GA 30328
404.255.1181 | ssumc.org



"Let Go of Scarcity" Make Room for Abundance March 17, 2024

Lent is the season when we spend six weeks journeying with Jesus toward the cross, and ultimately toward resurrection. It's the time followers of Jesus seek to let go of all the things that keep us from centering our lives in God. As we do so, we fill up with love, hope, and abundance, so that we are ready for new life on the other side.

Join us this Lent as we work to Let It Go! and make room for God.



SANDY SPRINGS
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Visit us online at ssumc.org
phone: 404.255.1181 • fax: 404.255.0283

GATHERING

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, we welcome our Scout Troop 463 to worship, as they lead us in a flag procession, the pledge, and offer their gifts in community. The Scouts have been a part of Sandy Springs Methodist since 1941 and we give thanks for a time to be together and celebrate the long connection.

OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

"Sanctuary"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!

Come and let us worship with great joy!

Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!

God is about to do something new in our lives!

Let God's movement become strong in our lives.

Today, we let go of scarcity and make room for abundance.

Let us worship Holy God!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Come and Dwell in Me"

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #388

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We invite children ages 4-10 to meet our volunteers in the narthex before going to room 211 for Children's Church. Children will return to the Sanctuary for Communion

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"In The Garden" –UMH #314

*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

John 12:1-8

This is the Word of God for the People of God:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(Apostles Creed, UMH #881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ways to give are listed on the back of this worship guide. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Seek the Lord"

*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HOLY COMMUNION

(See Insert from The Faith We Sing #2257)

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Floyd	Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Kyle Tau	Deacon
Candace Johnson, M.Div.	Dir. of Family Ministries
Don Jones	Dir. of Music Ministries
Emma Palmer	Dir. of Community Connection
Tommy Tillman	Liturgist
Teddy Powell	Liturgist
Courtney Stanley	Soloist
SSUMC Choir	