

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Annual Talent Show

Our Annual SSUMC Talent Show will be Friday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are now available after worship on Sundays and online at ssumc.org/events. Questions? Contact: Lisa Nicholas at lisanich@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 5: Serve, Lunch, and Learn

Our next SERVE Sunday will be on May 5 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Activities will include assembling goodie bags for ministry partners, bagging Backpack Buddy bags, and gardening. A pizza lunch and learn will follow.

As the church continues to revision and redevelop, we are kicking off a series of learnings from other churches. This will include conversations at SSUMC as well as field trips. The first session will be Revs. Anjie and Andi Woodworth as they share the story of a new United Methodist Congregation that resulted as a merger of two UMC churches. They will share about vision casting, best practices for radical hospitality, and worshipping in a temporary space. There will be time for Q and A. All welcome!

Wellspring Small Groups

Brew Theology | May 14 | 7 p.m.
–contact epalmer@ssumc.org for more info

Women's Group | April 16
–contact lisanich@gmail.com for more info

Men's Group | May 9 | 6:30 p.m.
El Azteca, 5925 Roswell Rd
–contact ken.nicholas@gmail.com for more info

Fresh Expressions Training

How do we “church” for people not in church? We create a “Fresh Expression” of church outside the walls of the church campus in places where our neighbors are already gathering. Join us on Sunday, June 9 from 12:30-3 p.m. for a Fresh Expressions Training with Rev. Heather Jallad (FX specialist for the NGUMC). Lunch is provided.

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Solidarity Sandy Springs Ribbon Cutting

Join our ministry partner for a ribbon cutting on April 24 at 2 p.m. at their new location: 6315 Roswell Road. All are welcome!

Vacation Bible School

“Just Like Me” VBS is happening July 15-19, 9 a.m. - noon, 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. Register online today at ssumc.org/children.

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!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Rev. Kate Floyd	Senior Pastor
Candace Johnson, M.Div.	Dir. of Family Ministries
Don Jones	Dir. of Music Ministries
Emma Palmer	Dir. of Community Connection
Candace Sarrio	Liturgist
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Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

Easter isn't just one day—we celebrate Easter for fifty days! We hear, tell out, and live the great resurrection stories of Jesus. In doing so, we too rise up, and find new and abundant life.

At Sandy Springs UMC, we are a wellspring of love hospitality. We seek to live out the Easter story by building life-changing relationships, nurturing spiritual growth, and fostering service through impactful partnerships.



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GATHERING

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jo Sheetz in honor of her mother's 92nd birthday.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS & MUSIC

"Alleluia, Alleluia" –Donald Fishel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved Community: If you lift your net and it is empty, come here!

We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, come here!

We'll find the Risen Christ here among us.

If your life is filled with mourning, come here!

Christ is leading a dance of joy.

Come here, beloved community!

To give blessing and honor and glory to God!

*OPENING HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

–United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) #327

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

We invite children ages 4-10 to meet volunteers in the narthex before going to room 211 for Children's Church. Please, check your child in through Kidcheck each week. This helps us know about any food allergies and have your contact information in case of emergencies. Our system prints a nametag for each child and a tag for you to pick up your child in 211 after worship. You can sign up for a free Kidcheck account online at kidcheck.com/signup or at the computer in the lobby!

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

"Lord You Have come to the Lakeshore"

–UMH # 344

*SCRIPTURE

Listen for the word of God:

Our Ears are Open!

John 21:1-14

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

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

RESPONDING

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others

by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada, UMH #883)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 to 73256.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

"River in Judea"

–Lyrics: Linda Marcus; Music: Jack Feldman;

Arr: John Leavitt

*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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN

"Peter Said I'm Going Fishing" –see insert

*BLESSING FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

Amy King represents SSUMC and the North Georgia Conference in Charlotte, April 23-May 3.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE