Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 8

- 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary***
- 8:30 AM Adult Sunday School, Room 202*
- 9:45 AM Clubhouse Jam, Kid's Clubhouse
- 9:45 AM Sunday School & Small Group Classes, Various Locations*
- 9:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service, **Chapel***
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary** Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services All Services Streamed Live

Monday, September 9

9:00 AM Prayer Team, Parlor 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building

Tuesday, September 10

7:00 AM	Men's Ministry Breakfast, Thorpe Building
10:00 AM	Men's Life Group, Room 203
1:00 PM	Women's Life, Room 209
5:30 PM	Nominations Committee Meeting, Room 204

Wednesday, September 11

11:00 AM	Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1:15 PM	Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203
3:00 PM	W.A.V.E.S.~ Children's Afterschool Program, Kid's Clubhouse
4:30 PM	Children's Choir, Choir Room
5:00 PM	Wednesday Night Dinner, Thorpe Building
6:00 PM	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, September 12

10:00 AM	Women's Bible Study, Room 201
4:00 PM	Esther- Circle 5, Parlor

Friday, September 13

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building

Saturday, September 14

9:00 AM Preschool Wheel– A–Thon, Thorpe and Church Campus





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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

September 8, 2024 9:45 AM • Chapel

> WELCOME Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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Fellowship Time

Do It Again CCLI #7067555 ©Sain And Done Music

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> Prayer Time Rev. Beverly Myers

MORNING MESSAGE



SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 8:30 & 11:00 AM • SANCTUARY

Prelude	Prelude on BEECHEI	R Kevin Lamb arr. Hayes
GREETING		Rev. Tom Jones
MORNING PRAYER		Tom Jones
* Hymn #384	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	BEECHER
Affirmation of Faith	H The Apostles	Ketch Kase (11:00 AM)
Response	Gloria Patri	GREATOREX
* Fellowship Time	Oh How He Loves You and Me	by Kurt Kaiser ©1975 Word Music
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Celia Eisentraeger
* Hymn #540 I L	ove Thy Kingdom, L verses 1, 3 & 5	ord ST. THOMAS
Offertory Prayer		Tom Jones
OFFERTORY		Sondra Anderson
* Response	The Doxology	OLD 100 TH
Message in Music	Cross Medley	Chancel Choir arr. Russell Mauldin ©2007 Newspring
MORNING MESSAGE		Rev. Tom Jones



* INVITATION HYMN #431 Let There Be Peace On Earth WORLD PEACE ©Jan-Lee Music

Tom Jones

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The beautiful flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Amy Jenks by Gail Rivard.



Dear God

Dear God,

I want to thank You for what you have already done.

I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards, I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better, I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me, I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, I am thanking you right now.

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief, I am going to thank you right now.

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed. I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties.

I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacles. I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I'm thanking you because Father, you haven't given up on me.

This Sunday we continue the sermon series, "Stand Out Christians." This week we will turn our attention to how we as a people of faith can stand out when we stand up to the temptations we are certain to face. One way we can do this is to be grateful in all circumstances. Evil has difficulty finding room in a heart that is filled with gratitude.

In 1 Corinthians 10:13 we read: "The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand." God will give you the strength to close the door on any temptation; and not only will he help you close the door, but he will also provide you with a way out. I am thanking you right now, dear God, for being the ever present help you have promised to be!

Blessings,

Tom

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF REV. BENJY VARNELL:

Dewey Hayes, Jr.

Stewardship Sunday

Please join us on Sunday, September 15, for Stewardship Sunday. Please



bring your commitment card that you will be receiving in the mail soon. We will also have cards available for your convenience. Thank you for your continued faithfulness to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ and St. Simons UMC.

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com September 1, 2024

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$19,795.00 Received YTD | \$883,681.32

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Expenses YTD | \$839,979.35 Difference YTD | \$43,701.97 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$869,158.35 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$29,046.00 Maintaining the Mission GTD (given to date) | \$274,720.64

Worship Attendance- September 1, 2024

8:30am : 90 9:45am: 49 11:00am: 212 Total In Person: 351 Online Worship Views: 476 Sunday School/Small Group: 122

Members in Ministry- September 8, 2024

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8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Jeff Parker, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams, Jordan Graffis

Greeters:

8:30 Edie Vinson, Sharon Blount 9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy 11:00 Jordi Graffis, Sharon Brantley Projection: 8:30 **Robin Parmelee** 9:45 Jim Weldy 11:00 Elizabeth Daniel Acolytes: 11:00 Ketch Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Ray Colglazier III, Robin & Bubba Parmelee, Cathie Wilton

New Prayer Concerns Non- Members: Mary Bishop, Family & friends of Tom Burton, Nick Doster, Suzette & Don Fincher, Family & friends of Sandra Harper, Bruce Harvey, JoDee Hubbert, Friends & family of Bob Mastromatteo, Mike McKinney, Cindy Miller, Pam Nutgrass, Jonathon Raulerson, Don Riggs, Emilie Self, Kevin Ulrich

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Marcia Boney, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Linda Boyette, Marsha Boyette, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Joy Cowart, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Ken Graffis, Mary McCreary George, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Meredith Houseman, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Jim Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, John Lindgren, Chris Lorence, Mike Martin, Jason May & family, Whitney McCarthy, Don McCoy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Tom Morris, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Nancy Pickren, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Mike Stiles, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Gena Paige Tolleson, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van Liew, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack

Assisted Living Prayer- Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds Vitality: JoAnne Alford, John Lindgren

When a name is added to the New Prayer Concerns they will remain for TWO weeks unless the office is notified of an ongoing prayer concern. Names that are BOLD indicate a new addition or current concern.





Join us for Wednesday Night Dinner on Wednesday, September 11! The dinner will include **Baked Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert**. This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free. **PLEASE register by calling the Church office, or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, September 9 to guarantee your meal!** We hope to see you there!

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Join us for our monthly Men's Ministry breakfast, Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00am. Come together for a time of testimony by our speaker Jeff Zoul, enjoy fellowship, and a hearty breakfast. Cost is \$5. We hope to see you there! Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.



Our New Sunday School Class, *The Chosen*, will begin with facilitator Jeff Zoul on Sunday, September 15th from 9:35am to 10:45 am in The Parlor. Each Sunday, one episode of *The Chosen*, a TV drama based on the life of Jesus Christ, will be viewed together followed by brief discussion. Please consider

followed by brief discussion. Please consider joining this entertaining and educational new Sunday School Class!



New Member Gathering

Join us on Sunday, September 15 at 4:00pm in the Parlor for our New Member Gathering with refreshments and snacks. If you have joined in the last year, we welcome you to come and meet other new members and visit with the Pastors. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and fun!

Saints and Sinners Luncheon

Come join the Saints and Sinners lunch group for a lively afternoon of Bingo in the Thorpe Building! We'll provide the entrée—just bring a side dish to share and your lucky charm for Bingo. Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office. **Date: Tuesday, September 17 at noon Cost: \$5 for the entrée** Don't miss the fun—see you there!

Esther– Circle 5– Join us!

United Methodist Women in Faith– Esther Circle invite you to join us on Thursday, September 12 at 4:00pm in the Parlor! All women of the church are welcome to join!

Children's Wednesday Afterschool!!!



THIS WEDNESDAY, September 11~ W.A.V.E.S. begins! WORSHIP! ACTIVITIES! VALUES! EXPERIMENTS! SNACKS! For the next 12 weeks, we will pick kiddos up from school to head over to our SSUMC campus to celebrate God's LOVE! Choir with Mrs. Holly Lamb and Mrs. Sondra Anderson will

take place from 4:30-5:00 pm to conclude our special time together. Church Family Night Dinners will begin promptly at 5:00 pm in our Thorpe Building on Wednesday too! Please join us for dinner and meaningful fellowship as our beautiful intergenerational church family comes together each Wednesday! Contact Celia at <u>celia@stsimonsumc.com</u> to sign up!



Please join us in welcoming our new Youth Director, Justis Kuykendall. She comes to us highly recommended from our very own UM connection, as a recent Camp Connect Counselor at Epworth by The Sea and a current leadership member of our local collegiate Wesley Foundation. She is a senior business major at College of Coastal Georgia. Justis has a deep passion for sharing the message of Jesus Christ with tweens and teens through music, adventure, and life application.

New United Women in Faith Circle-

A new circle group is forming and you are invited to join us on Thursday, September 19 at noon at Echo! All women are welcome! If you are interested you may call or text Jana Comer by 9/17 to reserve your spot! Jana Comer 912.223.7521

Guest Information

- First time guests please fill out the yellow, "Welcome Card" located in your pew. Please drop in the offering plate or bring to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift!
- Restrooms are located through the exit doors nearest the altar to your right or left.
- Sunday School for children & adults meets at 8:30 (adult only) & 9:45am.
- A nursery is available for children **4 years old and under**, located through the exit door to the right of the altar, 1st floor in the Stubbs Bldg.
- Kid's Clubhouse (**5 years old 5th grade**), leave together after the Kid's Message (except on the 1st Sunday of the month—Communion Sundays) for lessons, crafts, and games, and may be picked up on the 2nd floor in the Stubbs Bldg.

Join the Church

If you would like to join St. Simons United Methodist Church you may do so by one of three ways:

- (1) Profession of Faith in Jesus Christ
- (2) Transfer from another United Methodist congregation
- (3) Transfer from another denomination

If you are interested in more information about becoming a member contact Rev. Tom Jones. **678.343.3767** | tom@stsimonsumc.com

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