

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 12

- 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**
12:00 PM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Monday, January 13

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
5:00 PM Church Council Dinner & Planning Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, January 14

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
12:00 PM Saints and Sinners Lunch, **Thorpe Building**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
5:30 PM Serve Saturday Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, January 15

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM "The Chosen", **Chapel**

Friday, January 17

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Bridges Between Earth & Heaven

Genesis 28:10-19a NLT

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

JANUARY 12, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

MISSION MOMENT

Phil Belt

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Thrive

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Amazing Love

CCLI #2456623
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Step By Step

CCLI #696974
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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Bev Myers

Hymn of Heaven

CCLI #7168994
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MORNING MESSAGE

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Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Touching Heaven Changing Earth

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

JANUARY 12, 2025
SANCTUARY 8:30 AM • 11:00 AM

Prelude *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* Sondra Anderson
arr. Howard Helvey

Greeting Rev. Tom Jones

* Hymn #103 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

* Affirmation of Faith **The Apostle's Creed**

* Response *Gloria Patri*

Mission Moment Phil Belt

* Passing the Peace *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
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Children's Message Victoria Fryer

Morning Prayer Rev. Benjy Varnell

The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn #116 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

Offertory Prayer Benjy Varnell

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing* Kevin Lamb
arr. Joel Raney
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* Response #94 **DOXOLOGY**

Message in Music CHANCEL CHOIR

Morning Message Rev. Tom Jones

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Genesis 28:10-19a NLT

* Invitation #528 *Nearer My God To Thee* BETHANY
verses 1, 3 & 5

* Benediction Tom Jones

Postlude Kevin Lamb

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



How Will You Respond?

RSVP originates from the French phrase "Répondez s'il vous plaît," which translates, "Please respond." While some of us are diligent in our efforts to RSVP to any invitation we receive, others choose to wait until the last minute to respond. We may hold off on our response because of the uncertainty of our schedules. In some instances, we don't want to commit too quickly because a better offer may come along. Then there are those who choose not to RSVP – they simply don't respond.

The same can often be said as it relates to our faith journeys. Jesus' invitation includes the words, "Follow me." There of those of us who find reasons why we should delay our response. Others of us choose to ignore the invitation. We miss out on the blessings and the opportunities that God provides when we accept his invitation – an invitation that is always open.

Many of us know the parable of the prodigal son found in Luke 15. The son made the choice to walk away from his father and leave home. He thought he could take care of himself, and he wanted to be on his own. When things didn't work out so well, he decided to return home, uncertain if his father would even let him in the house. But not only did the father welcome his son home, he ran to meet him.

In the story of Jonah, he chooses to ignore God's invitation and tried to run from God. Jonah's story serves to remind us of the persistence of God's invitation and of how he extends his invitation to all people – even to the people of Ninevah who were enemies of God and of God's people.

Have you accepted God's invitation to follow him and serve him faithfully? He is waiting for your RSVP. How will you respond?

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our New Members!

Welcome to our newest members who joined on Sunday, January 5:

- **Sydonna and Lou Harden**
- **Carolyn Elrod**

Join us in welcoming these new members!

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight last week? A few of the verses that stood out to me were:

Genesis 1:2-3 – The earth was formless, empty and dark. The Spirit of God hovered over the darkness. Then God said, "Let there be light."

Genesis 1:31 – God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good.

Genesis 2:6-7 – They (Adam and Eve) ate from the fruit of the forbidden tree, and their eyes were opened.

Genesis 6:9 – Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at that time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.

Genesis 12:1-3 – The call of Abram. Leave your country. I will make you a great nation.

Keep reading!

Tom

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com

January 5, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$16,145.10
 Received YTD | \$16,145.10
 Expenses YTD | \$5,116.25
 Difference YTD | \$11,028.85
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$17,939.03
 Building Maintenance Fund YTD | \$50.00
 Maintaining the Mission YTD | \$100.00

thank you

Attendance

January 5, 2025

8:30AM Worship Service: **95** Online Worship Views: **613**
 9:45 AM Worship Service: **78**
 11:00PM Worship Service: **218**
 Total In Person Worship: **391**

Members in Ministry~ January 12, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham
11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, Carolyn Williams, Larry Williams, Jordan Graffis

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, 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 Piper DeAurora

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Betty Daher, Laura Johnson, Andy Kohler, Sandra Nobles

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Jackie Brand, Darlene Cramer, Barbara Duthie, Geoff Fields, David Keesee, Bradley Link, Brett Lippincott, The Mitchell Family, James McCullum, Mike McDonald, Meg & Blake Moore, Nancy Newton, JoAnn Segars, Faith Peek, Greg Stewart, Jacki Turbidity, **Joe Williams**, Family & Friends of Linda Wright, **Brooke Yawn**

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, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Eddie Echols, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Jimmy Langford, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Whitney McCarthy, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Mega & Blake Moore, **Neil Mullis**, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Reggie Rogers, Irene Rohan, Bob Scherer, Bonni Smith, Carmen Sumpter, Robert Sumpter, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:

Magnolia Manor: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock
Marsh's Edge Assisted: Judy Clifton, Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: JoAnne Alford

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS



Wednesday Night Dinner—Jan. 15

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on Wednesday, January 15! The dinner will include Mississippi Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, and 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, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!** We hope to see you there!



Tuesday, January 14, 2024 12:00 pm
Entree will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share. Cost is \$5.00.
Enjoy great food & fellowship. Reservations are due by January 9 via Realm or by contacting the church office.

Staff Parish Relations Announcement

Celia Eisentraeger has resigned as the Family Ministry Director, effective immediately. We appreciate her ministry among us. While it's with regret that we accept her resignation, we are grateful that she and her family plan to stay connected to the church.

Wednesday Evenings for Kids Start January 15!



Kid's Choir kicks off at **4:30 pm** with singing, drama, and instruments as we teach kids to worship and lead others in worship.

Note: Afterschool pickup will not be available this semester, so please plan to bring your child.

After choir, stay for **Family Dinner** and enjoy time together. We can't wait to see your kids making joyful noise!

The Chosen, Season 4 returns Wednesday, January 15, from 6:00-7:30pm, in the chapel. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. The group is facilitated by Jeff Zoul. For more information contact Jeff at jeffzoul@gmail.com

An Evening with Michael Hulett



Join us on Thursday, February 20 at 6:00pm and enjoy a fun evening of music with the talented Michael Hulett! A delicious dinner will be served, and who knows ...there might even be some dancing! The event will begin at 6:00pm in the Thorpe building, cost is \$20.00. Join us for a night of fun! Sign up in Realm or call the church office!

Order Your Name Tags!

They are \$10 each and can be ordered by completing one of the envelopes located in the Gholson room or by contacting the church office. The name tags are ordered at the end of each month and may be picked up at the Welcome Desk in the Gholson Room.



Poverty Simulation– SIGN UP NOW!

What is it like to experience a day in the life of a person less fortunate than us?

Saturday, January 25, 9:00am-12:00pm, Thorpe Bldg. Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of our church. Sign Up in Realm or by calling the Church office. A continental breakfast will be offered.

What is a Poverty Simulation?

Poverty is a reality for many individuals and families. But unless you've experienced poverty, it's difficult to truly understand. The Community Action Poverty Simulation (CAPS) bridges that gap from misconception to understanding. CAPS is an interactive immersion experience. It sensitizes community participants to the realities of poverty.

CAPS is NOT a Game. It is based on Real Community Action Clients and their Lives.

What will we learn?

- Gain a new awareness for the reality of those in poverty.
- Share your experience with family and friends and raise awareness.
- Build relationships with community leaders and educate them to the realities of poverty.



Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BARBARA & JOHN LINDGREN BY:
TONI METZ

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JOHN LINDGREN BY:
TAMMY AND JIMMY LANGFORD

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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