

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, February 23

- 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, February 24

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 5:30 PM Church Council Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

## Tuesday, February 25

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
- 5:30 PM Serve Saturday Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

## Wednesday, February 26

- 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**
- 5:45 PM "The Chosen", **Chapel**
- 6:00 PM Chancel Choir, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, February 27

- 5:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting, **Room 203**
- 6:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Meeting, **Parlor**

## Friday, February 28

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
- 6:00 PM Music Ministry Party, **Norton Home**

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# ST. SIMONS

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00AM WORSHIP



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# The Worship of God

FEBRUARY 23, 2025  
SANCTUARY ● 11:00 AM

PRELUDE		Kevin Lamb
GREETING		Rev. Tom Jones <small>Senior Pastor</small>
SPECIAL MUSIC	<b>Perfect 10</b>	Young Musicians
* HYMN #98	<b>To God Be the Glory</b>	TO GOD BE THE GLORY
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<b>Apostles Creed</b>	Piper Culpepper
* FELLOWSHIP TIME		
* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS	<b>This Is the Day</b>	
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Victoria Fryer
THE LORD'S PRAYER		Ellington Graffis
HYMN #140	<b>Great Is Thy Faithfulness Goodness of God</b>	FAITHFULNESS
OFFERTORY PRAYER		Rev. Benjy Varnell
OFFERTORY	<b>Piano Sonata No. 16 In C Major</b>	Mae Rentz
* RESPONSE #95	<b>DOXOLOGY</b>	
MESSAGE IN MUSIC	<b>Yes, My Jesus Loves Me</b>	Chancel Choir <small>Arr. Mary McDonald</small>
MORNING MESSAGE		Justis Kuykendall <small>Director of Youth Ministries</small>
	<i>Every Morning?</i> Lamentations 3:22-24 NIV	
* INVITATION #191	<b>Jesus Loves Me</b> Verses 1 & 3	JESUS LOVES ME
* BENECTION		Tom Jones
POSTLUDE		Kevin Lamb

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## Care-Free

Do you remember a time when you were younger, and everything was about having fun? When your schedule consisted of school and play? When the most “stressful” part of your life was your upcoming math test? When you were care-free?

I have been lucky enough to get to relive this part of my life every time I sit down with the youth. They consistently humble and entertain me with their stories of what is most important to them. It *almost* makes me miss middle school...almost.

What they don’t know is that every time I get the chance to have a conversation with them, they teach me something new about my faith. See, when I first came onto staff here at SSUMC, I told Tom that I wanted to help the youth never let go of their child-like faith. But these teens have gone further than I could’ve imagined and taught me how to not let go of mine.

In all the little moments, from laughing with CJ and Sierra, singing with Croft and Stiles, having girl talk with Ava and June, and even in the quiet, serious moments with all the members of the youth, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to be reminded daily of how God shows himself through the younger generations. How lucky we are to serve a joyful and loving God.

There’s a verse in Ecclesiastes 3 that says, “(there’s) a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance”. I think the time to laugh and the time to dance is now. What are you waiting for? Sing, dance, be a kid again!

Let go of the stress (or the adulting, as I like to call it), and let God. He will provide.

Peace and blessings,

*Justis*

## Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – Feb. 10-16

What did you highlight in your Bible last week? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom were:

**Exodus 32:4** – Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

**Exodus 32:19** – Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and he burned with anger. He threw the stone tablets to the ground, smashing them at the foot of the mountain.

**Exodus 34:9** – And Moses said, “O Lord, if it is true that I have found favor with you, then please travel with us. Yes, this is stubborn and rebellious people, but please forgive our iniquity and our sins. Claim us as your own special people.”

**Exodus 35:21** – All whose hearts were stirred and whose spirits were moved came and brought their sacred offerings to the Lord.

**Exodus 36:5** – They went to Moses and reported, “The people have given more than enough materials to complete the job the Lord has commanded us to do!”

**Exodus 39: 32** – And so at last the Tabernacle was finished. The Israelites had done everything just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Keep reading!

## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)

February 16, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$17,778.00

Received YTD | \$149,799.81

Expenses YTD | \$131,615.69

Difference YTD | \$18,184.12

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$174,827.27

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$766.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,740.35

*Thank you*

## Attendance ~ February 16, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **66**

Online Worship Views: **486**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **78**

Sunday School/Small Group: **122**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **210**

Total In Person Worship: **354**

## Members in Ministry ~ February 23, 2025

**Ushers:**

**8:30** Ward Sweat, Chip Higginbotham, Bob Swinehart, Jeff Zoul

**11:00** Clif Pease, Erik Kaufmann, David Paulk, Rick Denman

**Greeters:**

**8:30** Pat Carmichael, Barbara Whitney

**9:45** Pam & Randall Rehberg

**11:00** Susan Kaufmann, Cherie Demarco

**Projection:**

**8:30** Robin Parmelee

**9:45** Carol Conner

**11:00** Neva Kaye

**Acolytes:**

**11:00** Smith Graffis

## Prayer Requests

*Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:*

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** John Dobrenic, Mable Proctor, Dee West

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Tom Christie, Family & friends of Alanis Gomez, Katherine Hazlett, **Steve Horowitz, Family and friends of Pom Johnson**, Mary Mittlestaedt, Joan Mobley, **Bill Perry, Donnie Revels**, Family & friends of Darrel Roepka, Anna Ruberti,

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, Thomas Benefield, Jim Bennett, III, Ranny Blount, Sam Bodine, Kai Booth, Cindy Bostick, Billy June Boyd, Carlotta Budd, Beth Carey, Vicki Certain, Russell Cohen, Trent Cohen, Cathy Bailey Crumbley, Betty Daher, Pat Daniels, Larry Daugherty, Mark Daugherty, Cathy Dowdy, Betsy Draughon, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Bill Hansen, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Barbara Jensen, **Laura Johnson**, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Rosie Koch, Holly Lamb, Wayne Land, 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, 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, Audrey Wood, Betsy Worthy, Bobbée Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, Emmie Zwack,

**Assisted Living Prayer Concerns:**

**Magnolia Manor:** Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

**Marsh’s Edge Assisted:** Nancy Reynolds

**Vitality:** JoAnne Alford, Judy Clifton

**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 - February 26

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The menu is: **Lemon Chicken with Orzo, Green Beans, House 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, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!** We hope to see you there!

### Confirmation 2025!

#### Join the Journey!

Calling all 5-8th Graders who haven't been Confirmed!



March 7-9 – Confirmation Retreat at Epworth by the Sea and the cost is \$190 a student. This retreat will serve as the kick off for this year's confirmation class. For more information please email: [victoria@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:victoria@stsimonsumc.com) Sign up now!

#### Confirmation Schedule:

- Friday– Sunday, March 7-9– Retreat—Join the Journey
- Sunday, March 16, 4:00-6:00pm - UM History & Beliefs
- Wednesday, March 19, 5:30-7:00pm – Worship & Membership
- Saturday, March 22, 10:00-11:00am – Confirmation Rehearsal
- Sunday, March 23, 11:00am – Confirmation Sunday—followed by a lunch for Confirmands and their families!



### Men's Ministry Low Country Boil!

Calling all SSUMC Men! Join us on Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00pm at the Thorpe Building for our second annual **Fat Tuesday Low Country Boil!!** Mark your calendars for an

evening of camaraderie, connection, and flavor for only \$10. Please register early by signing up on Realm or by calling the church office.

### Serve Saturday- SIGN UP ASAP!

Saturday, March 8, 2025— our 3rd Annual Serve Saturday!

Join us on **Saturday, March 8** at 8:00am for breakfast and a devotional in the Thorpe Building. PLEASE wear your Serve Saturday T-shirt from last year or order one by submitting your size needed when you register. Volunteers will depart at 8:45am wearing our matching Serve Saturday T-shirts and ready to Serve our community!



A Sign-Up Genius link has been emailed out and the link is in the Friday emails. The link is listed here also:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-ssumc#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-ssumc#/)

Please contact the church office for assistance signing up or with questions at 912-638-3317 or email Anne Frazier at [anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com) for more info.



### Wednesday Evenings Kid's Choir!

Kid's Choir has kicked off! Its not too late to join us at **4:30 pm** with singing, drama, and instruments as we teach kids to worship and lead others in worship. We can't wait to see your kids making joyful noise!



The Skylark Walk for Life is almost here! See the table in the Gholson Room for more information and details or visit their website to sign up to walk! <https://friendsofskylark.com/walk/> Join them on Sat, March 1 and registration begins at 8:30am and the walk starts at 9:00am. The Glynn County walk is at the North Glynn Complex Walking Track at 622 Harry Driggers Blvd. Brunswick. When YOU walk, you help to provide free life-affirming and encouraging services to families in Southeast Georgia. Skylark has been providing emotional, spiritual, and practical support since 1992. Today, with 3 centers and a mobile medical unit, we are serving more clients than ever and making a daily impact in our communities.

## WE'RE HIRING

AV Tech

### We are Hiring!

We are hiring an AV Tech for Sundays! Come join the fun! Contact Kevin at [kevin@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:kevin@stsimonsumc.com) for more information!

### Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF AMY K. O'CONNOR TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

Judy & JR Wright

### 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](mailto:tom@stsimonsumc.com)



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