

Weekly Calendar



Sunday, March 9

- 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**
- 2:00 PM Gainesville Brass Concert, **Sanctuary**

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

- 10:00 AM Healthcare Coalition, **Thorpe Building**
- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
- 1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
- 4:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, March 12

- 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, March 13

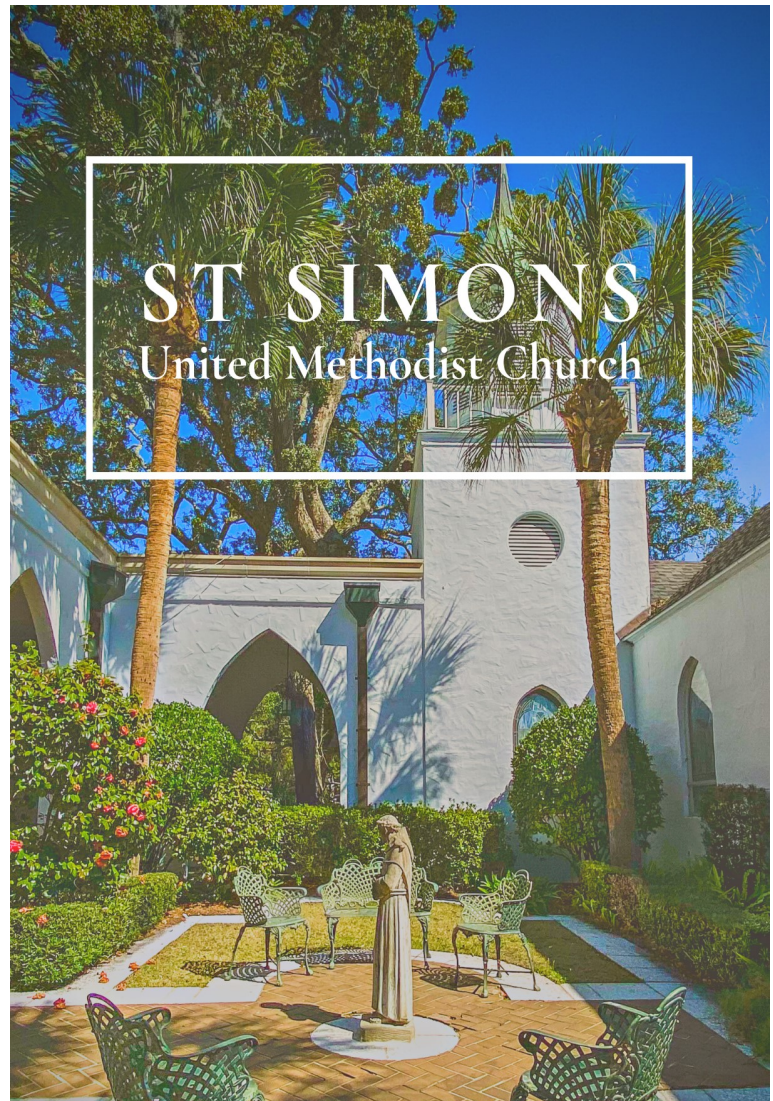
- 12:00 PM Saints and Sinners Luncheon, **Thorpe Building**
- 4:00 PM Esther Circle, **Parlor**

Friday, March 14

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

Saturday, March 15

- 8:00 AM FaithWorks Ministry Yard Sale, **Thorpe Building**



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Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,
&
The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

MARCH 9, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Let It Rise

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

The Lion And The Lamb

CCLI #7038281
©2015 Meaux Mercy

Even If

CCLI #7079513
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PRAYER TIME

Rev. Bev Myers

MORNING MESSAGE

Invasive Species

Numbers 21:4-9 NLT
Rev. Tom Jones

INVITATION

Lord Reign In Me

CCLI #2490706
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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

MARCH 9, 2025
SANCTUARY ● 8:30 & 11:00 AM

GREETING Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE Kevin Lamb (8:30)
Director of Music Ministries
Gainesville Brass (11:00)

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00) SSUMC Preschool

* HYMN #158 *Come, Christians,
Join to Sing* SPANISH HYMN

Ministry Highlight (11:00) Tanja Oliver
SSUMC Preschool Director

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS *I Sing Praises*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00) Tom Jones

Special Music (11:00) Cameron Cody
Director of Music Ministries
Chaplewood UMC, Houston TX

MORNING PRAYER Mike Martin (8:30)
June Bowers (11:00)
Preschool Committee Chair

* HYMN #159 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

OFFERTORY PRAYER Tom Jones

OFFERTORY Sondra Anderson (8:30)
Music Associate-Pianist
Gainesville Brass (11:00)

* RESPONSE #95 DOXOLOGY

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Joy In The Morning* Chancel Choir
Natalie Sleeth

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

Invasive Species

Numbers 21:4-9 NLT

* INVITATION #103 *Immortal Invisible* ST. DENIO
Verses 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION Tom Jones

POSTLUDE Sondra Anderson (8:30)
Gainesville Brass (11:00)

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



Ephphatha

Mark gives the meaning of this word: “be opened.” Jesus spoke this word when he healed a deaf man who also had a speech impediment. The impediment might as well have been a result of his inability to hear. Jesus commands the ears of a deaf man to be opened (“Ephphatha”) so that he can hear. After this healing the people acclaim, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

We find that as Jesus opened himself to the power of the Holy Spirit, he found a quiet place for healing. So many times, in the classroom teachers must find quietness and calmness before they can become open minded. A child must feel safe and calm to accept the seed that is about to be planted.

Our heart... “Ephphatha”.

Being open minded allows our hearts to be open to change, differences, and to growth. Being open to the possibility that there is hope in the world, and it might not look like you think it would. We may refuse to listen to someone because we presume, they are saying the same old thing. There is a seed that needs to be planted, that may not grow the way your lesson plan was written.

Our ears... “Ephphatha”.

We found that Jesus walked away from the crowd to heal this deaf man. He didn’t need a pat on the back or an award to do the right thing. I believe he didn’t have his disciples keeping score. Being open minded allows us to make room for everyone’s creativity. Sometimes we are blinded by what we assume. Our unseen work ... “Ephphatha”.

Teaching is a ministry that is based on faith. Education is truly the substance of things that we hope for in the future. The evidence of things not seen calls our spirits to be open. A child’s imagination is the purest form of Ephphatha.

Blessings,

Tanja

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights –

February 24 - March 2

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

Leviticus 26:1 – “Do not make idols or set up carved images, or sacred pillars, or sculptured stones in your land so you may worship them. I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 26:6 – “I will give you peace in the land, and you will be able to sleep with no cause for fear.”

Numbers 6:24-26 – “May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.”

Keep reading!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF GEORGETTE “POM” JOHNSON BY:

MARY AND JOHN BRIDWELL

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
March 2, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$28,793.00

Received YTD | \$198,704.37

Expenses YTD | \$190,987.43

Difference YTD | \$7,716.94

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$229,708.10

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$916.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,865.35

Thank you

Attendance ~ March 2, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **102**

Online Worship Views: **475**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **84**

Sunday School/Small Group: **131**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **217**

Total In Person Worship: **403**

Members in Ministry ~ March 9, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham

11:00 Mike Fitzgerald, PJ Hamilton, Jordan Graffis, Cindy Simpson

Greeters:

8:30 Carole Barton, Sharon Blount

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Jordan Graffis, Sharon Brantley

Projection:

8:30 Robin Parmelee

9:45 Jim Weldy

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Addy Thompson, Savannah Smith

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Charles Amason, Lauren Bailey, David Blount, Ken Brown, Nancy Coleman, Elizabeth Frost, Jo Dee Hubert, Carly Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Family & friends of Colette Masom, Ginger McNeight, Kristen Merrill, Ed Morgan, Michelle Moore, Matt Nightingale, Nancy Peters, Smith Cole Stanley, Dennis Swanson, Holly & Bill Wagner

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 & Mike 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, 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, Brion Trainor, Rhonda Van View, Dave Vandersall, Mary Vice, Bo Vice, Judy Whelan, Chuck Wilson, Audrey Wood, Betsy Worthy, Bobbé 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 - March 12

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner! The menu is: **Pepper Steak, Egg Rolls, Asian Salad 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!



YARD SALE FOR FAITHWORKS

We need your help and your donations! All proceeds will directly benefit FaithWorks ministry

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH 8-12
ST. SIMONS UMC
624 OCEAN BLVD, SSI**

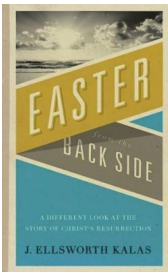
Donations will be accepted at SSUMC's Thorpe Building beginning on Friday, March 14th after 12pm. Donations should be priced beforehand. For more information or to volunteer, contact Cate 912-261-8512



Saints & Sinners Luncheon

Join us on Thursday, March 13 at noon for a fun and flavorful gathering at our Saints & Sinners Lunch! Come hear Retired Admiral, Lee Watkins speak about his love of orchids and his submarines tails from the sea! The main entrée

will be provided but we ask each guest to bring a side to share. A \$5 donation is requested.



Lenten Bible Study- Easter From the Backside

A Different Look at the Story of Christ's Resurrection, By J. Ellsworth Kalas- This study will be led by Rev. Ron Flowers and Rev. Jay Hodges. Beginning THURSDAY, March 20 at 10:30am for 4 weeks in Room 201. Order your books through the church office and are \$12.00 each.



Small Group Survey

The Education and Small Group Committee at SSUMC is interested in expanding our small group offerings and activities. As part of our process, we are asking worshippers to share their interests, talents, and ideas for enriching our current offerings and creating new opportunities for fellowship, study, spiritual growth, and any other small group activities. Access the survey by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/surveySSUMC> or by scanning the QR Code. We have a limited number of hard copies at the desk in the Gholson Room for those unable to complete the survey electronically. Please complete the survey by **Mon, March 10.**



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!

Second Silver Sunday

Our next Second Silver Sunday will be on Sunday, March 9. Our children will be collecting at the 9:45 and 11:00am services. A small collection bucket will be available on the entry table in the narthex for those who attend the 8:30 service and who wish to donate. The March collection will go to **Safe Harbor**. After our February collection for Second Silver Sunday, a donation in the amount of **\$155.30** was made to **Sparrow's Nest**. Thank you to all who donated.



Happy 15th Anniversary!

We are happy to announce that **Anne Frazier** our Church Administrator is observing her 15th year anniversary here at St. Simons UMC on March 30. If you would like to express your love and appreciation, please mail or bring your gift by the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays between now and March 30! Thank you for being a part of this special celebration in gratitude for Anne's dedication and service at St. Simons UMC!



Gainesville Brass Quintet- TODAY!

Join us for an afternoon of outstanding music! The **Gainesville Brass Quintet** will perform on **Sunday, March 9, at 2:00 PM** in the **Sanctuary!**

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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