

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 30

- 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 United Women in Faith Board Meeting, **Room 201**

Monday, March 31

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

Tuesday, April 1

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**

Wednesday, April 2

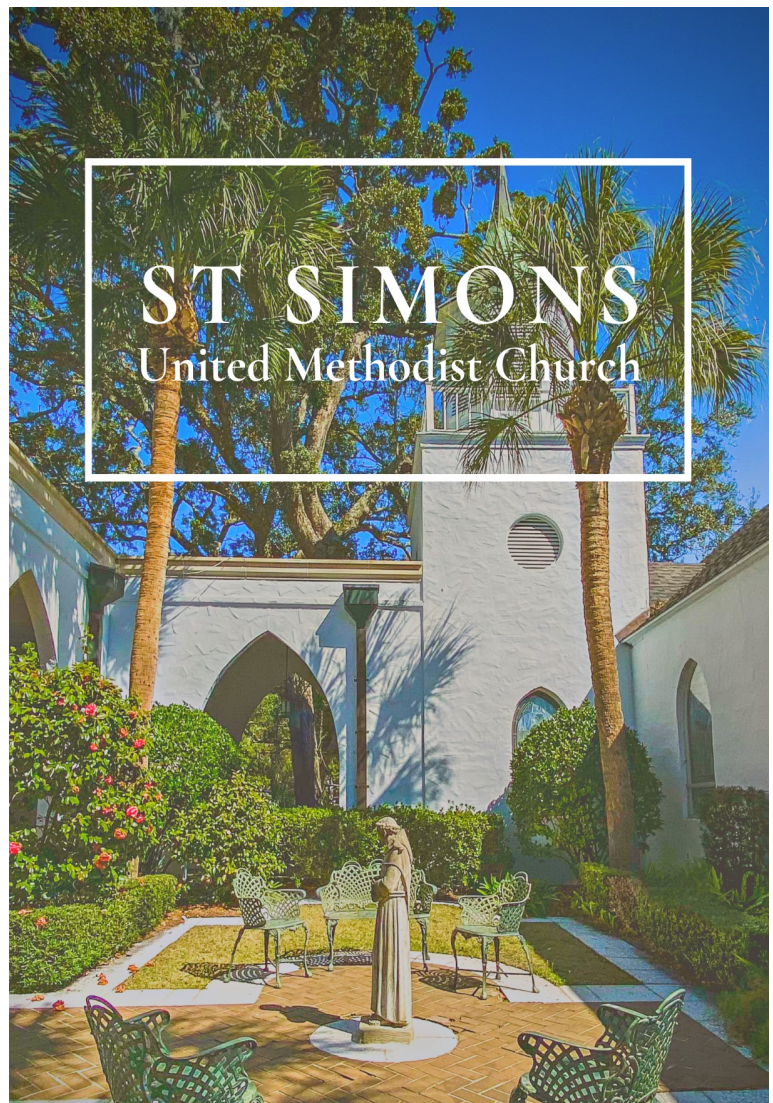
- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

Thursday, April 3

- 10:30 AM Lenten Bible Study, **Room 201**
1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, April 4

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



Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

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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 30, 2025
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

Mission Trip to Port St. Joe, FL
David Clark
Mission Chair—dfclark929@gmail.com

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Here I Am to Worship

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FELLOWSHIP TIME

Hills and Valleys

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Ever Be

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PRAYER TIME

MORNING MESSAGE

I Need More Power

Joshua 24:14-15
Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

INVITATION

O Come To the Altar

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SENDING FORTH

The Worship of God

MARCH 30, 2025
SANCTUARY • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

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PRELUDE

Dr. Emri Comer
Guest Organist

* HYMN #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **APOSTLE'S CREED** Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

* RESPONSE **Gloria Patri**

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP CHORUS **Holy Ground**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #472 *Near to the Heart of God* McAFEE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir
This is My Father's World
arr. Joy Rouse

MORNING MESSAGE

Benjy Varnell

I Need More Power

Joshua 24:14-15

* INVITATION #382 *Have Thine Own Way* ADELAIDE
Verses 1 & 3

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Emri Comer

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



Hoping To Be Better

At the Confirmation Service Sunday, we heard these words, "The church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time." That statement reminds us that the church is not some idea that a committee created. God is the one who ordained the church and his son Jesus is the one who truly put it into practice when he told Simon Peter he would be the Rock upon which the church would be built. Jesus did not say he would use Simon Peter to build "our" church, but to build MY church. Therefore, Jesus is and always will be the Lord of the Church! Sometimes we forget that and think the church is our church, but that is a mistaken belief. We are called by Jesus to build up the church to do His work, but He is the one who is always in charge, not us. He is expecting us to fulfill the mission of the church to love, serve, worship and witness. We are called to have as our main purpose to point as many people as possible to Jesus, the One who came save us His people from their sins.

We continue on our Lenten journey to be drawn closer to Christ and although we know we will never become Jesus, we have pledged ourselves to be as much like him as we can. This is the great quest of Lent as we move toward Easter. Our goal is to get better; to be better disciples of our Lord. This should be the aim of every Christian. To, as the old song puts it, to "Give Him the best that we have!" This is how we grow in his grace, by becoming better followers through his power and not our own. I hope to see you in worship this Sunday as we all try to be better at being the church he is calling us to be.

In His Name,

Benjy

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – March 17 - March 23

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

Deuteronomy 28:9-10- "If you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in his ways, the Lord will establish you as his holy people as he swore he would do."

Psalms 90:1-2- "Lord through all generations you have been our home! Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the world, from beginning to end, you are God."

Joshua 1:9- "This is my command- be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Keep reading!

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!

Financial Report

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

March 23, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$24,028.00
 Received YTD | \$299,892.38
 Expenses YTD | \$261,689.12
 Difference YTD | \$38,203.26
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$305,066.66
 Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$2,356.00
 Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$284,865.35

Thank you

Attendance ~ March 23, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **72** Online Worship Views: **507**
 9:45 AM Worship Service: **71** Sunday School/Small Group: **125**
 11:00 AM Worship Service: **247**
 Total In Person Worship: **390**

Members in Ministry ~ March 30, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Tom Smith, Pat Carmichael, Caryn Riggs, Susan Watkins
11:00 Kevin Brandon, Dylan Brandon, Garrett Brandon, David Clark, Ed Reynolds

Greeters:

8:30 Nancy Pickren, Susan Watkins
9:45 JR and Judy Wright
11:00 Marlis Kiser, Bob Kiser

Projection:

8:30 Elizabeth Daniel
9:45 Carol Conner
11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper, Genie Gowen

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: JoAnne Alford, Tom Jones & Family, **Beverly Trainor**

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Family & friends of Ed Anderson, Family & friends of Grayson Gaitten, Sheila Green, Angie Hayden, Nancy McRae, Kristen Merrill, Ed Morgan, Laura Plank, **Bill Reinheld, Holly Wiles Smith, Holly & Bill Wagner, Jimmy Waters, Jr.,** Mary Wilska & Family

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, Kevin Josey, Mitchell Kent, Holly Lamb, Wayne Land, Jimmy Langford, Gary Leggett, Ellie Leroux, Chris Lorence, James McBride, Mike McDonald, Ed McKenzie, Mike McMillan, Nathan Meadows, Priscilla Mercer, Megan & 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:

Heritage Oaks: Marjorie Lawrence, Barbara Meadows, Norma Mock

Marsh's Edge Assisted: Nancy Reynolds

Vitality: 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.

Easter Hydrangeas

Order by April 16| Cost is \$22

Help place Easter Hydrangeas in the Sanctuary or Chapel to celebrate the Risen Christ. You may place a hydrangea plant in memory or honor of a loved one on Easter Sunday. Please take your hydrangea plant home with you after the 11:00am Easter Worship Service on Sunday, April 20. Order Envelopes are in the pews or you may drop a check by the office.



Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for a Church Family Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 13** starting at 12:00pm after church in the Thorpe Building and Thorpe side yard. Please bring a covered dish to share!



Invite your friends & family to join us! **NON-CHOCOLATE- Candy Donations can be left in the Gholson room!** Contact Victoria for more info at victoria@stsimonsumc.com.

Hope 1312~ Easter Candy Needed!

Our church is hosting an Egg Hunt for Hope 1312 and we are collecting Easter Egg Candy donations for them in the Gholson room this Sunday! NON- Chocolate candy, please! Please mark your donation for Hope 1312!

Meaningful Mission Opportunity

Join us for this opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Wewahitchka, FL to work with Square Foot Ministry in building a home for those in the most need. This is an area of poverty which is still recovering from past storms. The trip and build is April 27-30. with the wall raising on April 28 at 8:00am.

Long Avenue Baptist Church, in Port Saint Joe, FL is providing meals and a place to stay with air mattresses or cots. No expense for us and we will take the church van.

This is a great chance to work on a build that is already funded and organized and to see how Square Foot operates. Who knows, Jesus may call us to do this closer to home. For more info contact David Clark at **770-639-0346** or dfclark929@gmail.com

Baptism Celebration

Blessings to **Claire Hugonnot Kase** and **Ketch Simons Kase**, who were both baptized on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Claire and Ketch are the children of Lauren and Keeva Kase.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Join us in welcoming our newest members who joined through confirmation this past Sunday:

- ◆ **Piper Seigler Culpepper**
- ◆ **Maie Christine Kennedy**
- ◆ **Ketch Simons Kase**
- ◆ **Adeline Morgan Watson**
- ◆ **Ava Maryella Wilson**

We welcome them to our church family and are grateful for their commitment to St. Simons UMC!

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN HONOR OF KETCH AND CLAIRE KASE BY:

POM JOHNSON

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MARCIA BONEY TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

DEBBIE AND CLIF PEASE



Palm Sunday Worship-

Sunday, April 13 – We continue our preparation for Easter as we remember the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Children will be waving palms and singing at the 11:00am service.

Holy Week Community Service and Lunch-

Monday, April 14 at 11:45am– Join us for our Holy Week Service and Lunch. The Glynn Academy Choir will be here to sing at 11:45am for a beautiful beginning of the service. Get here early to hear them! Sign Up to bring salads, sandwiches or desserts to share or to help serve at the luncheon. Use our signup genius link at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4EAF2AA3FB6-holy1#/ or call the church office.

Tenebrae Service-

Thursday, April 17 at 6:00pm – Join us as we experience the last hours of Christ's earthly ministry. We will celebrate Holy Communion during the service as Christ's disciples gathered with Him in the upper room. We complete our Lenten journey to the cross in darkness as we leave to contemplate Good Friday and anticipate the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday Worship Services-

Sunday, April 20 at 8:15am, 9:30am, & 11:00am

On Easter Sunday, there will be three worship services to celebrate the Risen Lord in our Sanctuary! Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection with beautiful music, scripture, and the Easter service. Come celebrate Easter with us at one of these meaningful three services! **Please note the time changes for these THREE services!**

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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