

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 20– EASTER SUNDAY

8:15 AM Easter Celebration Service, **Sanctuary***
9:30 AM Easter Celebration Service, **Sanctuary***
11:00 AM Easter Celebration Service, **Sanctuary***
***Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services**
All Services Streamed Live

Monday, April 21–

Church Office Closed for Easter Observance

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
2:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**

Tuesday, April 22

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
11:30 AM United Women in Faith Book Club, **Home of Pam Lewis**
1:00 PM Women's Life, **Room 209**
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, April 23

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

Friday, April 25

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

FOR ALL CALENDAR DATES

Check out our **Online Calendar of Events** on our website at
<https://www.stsimonsumc.com/calendar/>

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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

APRIL 20, 2025

SANCTUARY • 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Easter Blessing

He is Risen – and so is our Hope.
May this Easter season fill your heart with
the peace that only Christ can give –
a peace that calms your fears, renews
your strength, and reminds you that you
are deeply loved.

As the stone rolled away from the tomb,
may every heavy burden in your life
be lifted, and may the light of His
resurrection shine into every corner
of your soul.

May you find joy in the little things:
the laughter of loved ones and the quiet
moments where grace feels near.
Whatever season you're walking through,
may Easter remind you that new life is
always possible – that from sorrow,
joy can rise; from stillness, hope can sing.
And may the love of the Risen Savior
surround you today and always –
leading you forward with faith,
comforting you with mercy, and filling
your days with meaning, purpose and
unshakable joy.

Happy Easter – He Is Risen Indeed!

PRELUDE ***Crown Him With Many Crowns*** Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

WELCOME Christ Is Risen! Kevin Lamb
He Is Risen Indeed!

EASTER PRAYER Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #302
Christ The Lord Is Risen Today HANKEY

Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4

(The Children Come Forward on the last verse for the children's message)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministries

SPECIAL MUSIC ***Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*** Chancel Choir
arr. Mark Hayes
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* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* HYMN #304 ***Easter People, Raise Your Voices*** REGENT SQUARE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY ***Jesus Is Lord of All***
(8:15 & 9:30 AM)

Christ Be Magnified
Young Musicians (11:00 AM)

* RESPONSE #95 ***Doxology***

MESSAGE IN MUSIC ***I Know That My Redeemer Lives*** Chancel Choir
arr. Mary McDonald

MORNING MESSAGE Benjy Varnell

Who Are You Looking For?

John 20:11-18 RSV

* INVITATION #327 ***Crown Him with Many Crowns*** DIADEMATA
Verses 1 & 2

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE ***The Hallelujah Chorus***

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



The Hope of Easter

Easter Sunday is a time of extraordinary joy and celebration, as we proclaim the glorious truth: "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."

The empty tomb, while initially a source of distress, becomes the ultimate symbol of hope. In a world filled with uncertainty the resurrected Jesus provides hope that change and renewal are possible. We are given the assurance that death has been defeated, that God's power is greater than our darkest moments, and that new life is possible for those who believe.

As we gather to celebrate life this Easter, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the victory Christ has won over the grave. His resurrection is a lasting sign that no darkness is too great, no burden too heavy, and no sin too deep that his love and grace cannot overcome. Because he lives, we have the promise of new life – we have hope!

My prayer for you this Easter is that you will experience resurrection power in your life. That Easter will be a time to restore your faith in God's love. That Easter will inspire you, as it did those on the first Easter morning, to share the good news that Jesus is alive. That you will live as Easter people – always hopeful in the life God has given you and in the life that is yet to come.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Blessings to you and your family this Easter!

Tom



Church in the Park- NEXT SUNDAY!!!

We are excited to have our annual Church in the Park. Join us at Neptune Park at **10:30am next Sunday, April 27** for one of our congregations favorite Sundays! Bring a chair to sit in and a dish to share We will enjoy this time of fellowship and worship. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Contact Anne at the church office by email at anne@stsimonsumc.com to help set up, serve and clean up!

Holy Week Luncheon~ Thank you!

Thank you for all of the wonderful food that was prepared and served at our Holy Week Community luncheon! Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped set-up, serve and clean-up! It was a wonderful service and luncheon for all who attended!
Many Thanks,

SSUMC Church Staff

Baby Recognition—United Women in Faith

We will be celebrating all of the babies born in our Church Family during the past year on Mother's Day- Sunday, May 11, 2025 at the 11:00AM service. Please contact Anne Frazier if your baby was born after Mother's Day 2024, so we may include them in this celebration! anne@stsimonsumc.com



Financial Report

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

April 13, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$26,436.00

Received YTD | \$382,434.94

Expenses YTD | \$319,462.74

Difference YTD | \$62,972.20

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$382,001.45

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$2,491.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,005.35

thank you

Attendance ~ April 13, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **73**

Online Worship Views: **853**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **81**

Sunday School/Small Group: **135**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **287**

Total In Person Worship: **441**

Members in Ministry ~ April 20, 2025

Ushers:

8:15 Ward Sweat, Elden Carmichael, John Goodrich, Martha Dixon

9:30 Mike Fitzgerald, Nancy Jenkins,

11:00 Dona Colglazier, John Rentz, Zdenek Kuja, Buddy Brand, Cyndy Franklin

Greeters:

8:30 Joy Coleman, Lesley Gonzales

9:45 Pam & Randall Rehberg, Laura & Jim Weldy, Bev & Terry Myers, Ava White

11:00 Robbie Clark, Nancy Jenkins

Projection:

8:15 Elizabeth Daniel

9:30 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Richard Hart

Acolytes:

11:00 Ketch Kase, Claire Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Tom Jones, Jenna Kennedy, Jana & Emri Comer

New Prayer Concerns Non- Members: Isaiah Chavis, Don Cross, Family & friends of Bodhi Dickson, **Family & friends of Cathy Dowdy**, Cindy Evans, Warren Lee, Jason Lefrere, George Mickalis, Liz Saynor, Jennifer Scales, **Hana Simmons**

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, Betsy Draughton, Geoff Fields, Sandy Fitzgerald, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, 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, Kristen Merrill, 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, Holly & Bill Wagner, 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.

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights – April 7 – April 13

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

Ruth 1:16b- “Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.”

I Samuel 2:2- “No one is holy like the Lord! There is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God!”

I Samuel 15:22- “What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams.”

Keep reading!

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**

Thank you for your Donation!

Thank you to all who donated to the Children’s Second Silver Sunday last week! A total of \$92.16 was collected for HOPE 1312 Collective!! Don’t forget to save those silver coins and dollars for our May collection!!!

Saints and Sinners

You’re warmly invited to join us for a delightful lunch and great fellowship with friends on Tuesday, May 13th at 12:00 noon in the Thorpe Building.

S.A.M. will be providing the entree, and we kindly ask each guest to bring a dish to share. You won’t want to miss this program!

Jeff Roberts, Special Agent with the FBI, and **Lydia Hall** from the U.S. Attorney’s Office will present an informative session on **Senior Scams and Elder Fraud**. We hope you will sign up and bring a friend. Please register on Realm or by calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!



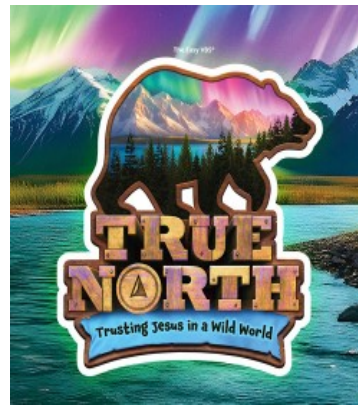
Oatland Island Wildlife Center



Thursday, May 1 | Cost is \$11.00

Explore the natural beauty of Oatland Island Wildlife Center in with its 95+ species of animals, birds, and reptiles. Enjoy a scenic two-mile loop, then a Dutch treat lunch in Savannah. We will leave

the church at 8:30am and return around 2:00pm. Please make your reservation on Realm or by calling the church office.



Save the Date for VBS 2025!!!

Join Us June 8- June 12 for a Wild week learning about God!

Come find your **TRUE NORTH!**

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS
AND PARTICIPANTS—
PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY SO
WE CAN PLAN AHEAD AN
MAKE THIS THE BEST VBS!**



Sign up by visiting the website at :

<https://vbspro.events/p/a4421d>

or by scanning the QR CODE:

We can't wait to see what God has in store for each of YOU!!!
Contact Victoria for more info. at **victoria@stsimonsumc.com**

The Louis & Millie Gholson Scholarship

The Louis and Millie Gholson Scholarship Fund was created to award a graduating high school senior who is an active member of St. Simons United Methodist Church. The Pastor, Youth Director and Church Administrator were appointed to determine who would receive the scholarship. Please contact Justis for an application at **justis@stsimonsumc.com**. Application and letters of recommendations must be received by Monday, May 12 2025. The scholarship will be presented on Sunday, May 18 during the Graduate Recognition in the 11:00am service!



Graduate Recognition Sunday ~ 5/18

If you are a High School senior graduating this spring, or the parent of one, please email to let us know! Graduate Recognition Sunday will be during the 11:00am worship service on Sunday, May 18! Please email **justis@stsimonsumc.com** for details and to be included!

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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