

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, May 4

- 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**  
5:00 PM Youth Hangout, **Youth Room**

## Monday, May 5

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
5:30 PM Missions Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

## Tuesday, May 6

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

## Wednesday, May 7

- 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
4:30 PM Children's Choir, **Choir Room**  
5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, May 8

- 11:30 AM Esther Circle, **Edenfield Home**  
5:30 PM Staff Parish Relations Meeting, **Parlor**

## Friday, May 9

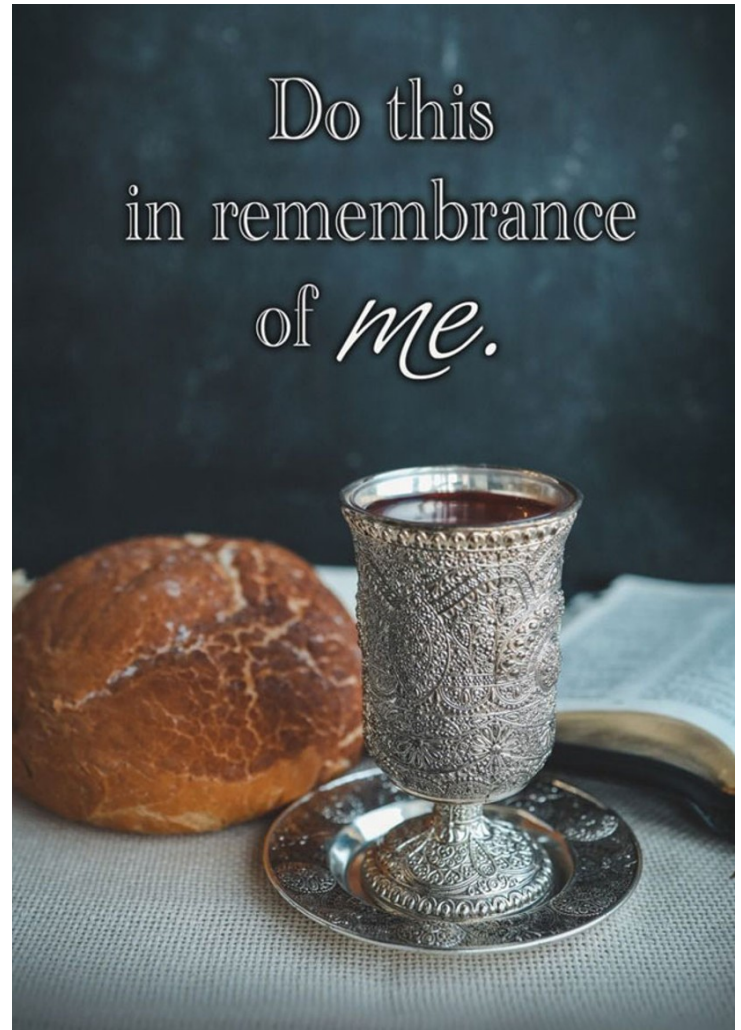
- 7:30 AM Preschool Muffins with Mom, **Gholson Room**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

## Saturday, May 10

- 10:00 AM Eagle Scout Ceremony & Reception, **Chapel & Gholson Room**

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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# Welcome!

*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

MAY 4, 2025  
9:45 AM • CHAPEL

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministries

## PRAISE AND WORSHIP

*Thrive*  
CCLI #7006228  
©2014 Be Essential Songs

## FELLOWSHIP TIME

*I Thank God*  
CCLI #7169680  
©2021 Bethel Worship

*King of Kings*  
CCLI #7127647  
©2019 Hillsong Music Publishing

## PRAYER TIME

*Thank You Jesus For The Blood*  
CCLI #7172456  
©2021 Centricity Music

## MORNING MESSAGE

*Too Good to Be True!*

Psalm 51:10-12 NLT  
Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Assistant Pastor

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Lamb of God*  
CCLI #16787  
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## SENDING FORTH

# The Worship of God

MAY 4, 2025  
SANCTUARY • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

PRELUDE Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministries

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kevin Lamb

CONFESSION AND PARDON Rev. Benjy Varnell

\* HYMN #322 *Up from the Grave He Arose* CHRIST AROSE

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME #328  
*Surely the Presence*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Debbie Kohler  
Director of Children's Ministries

MORNING PRAYER Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN #303 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell  
Assistant Pastor

OFFERTORY Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate—Pianist

RESPONSE *Doxology*

MESSAGE IN MUSIC *Holy Is He* Chancel Choir  
arr. Joy Rouse

MORNING MESSAGE Benjy Varnell

*Too Good to Be True!*  
Psalm 51:10-12 NLT

HOLY COMMUNION  
The Great Thanksgiving  
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

\* INVITATION #365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin* MOODY  
Verses 1, 2 & 4

\* BENECTION

POSTLUDE Sondra Anderson

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*



## The Power of Advertising

Several years ago, while watching television, a NIKE advertisement came on featuring Bo Jackson. Bo was a two sport athlete in college and in the professional ranks playing football and baseball. In the commercial ad, he was portrayed as a jogger, running through the city blocks, effortlessly, at a pretty quick pace, obviously marketing a running shoe. At the end of the commercial, while still running, he looked at the camera and said “another day, another hobby”. I got up and drove to a local athletic apparel store and bought a pair of NIKE running shoes. I didn’t regret buying those shoes. Advertisements can be, as is the intent of those who pay for them, very effective. Have you ever considered that God uses the Bible as a means of advertising? In the Old Testament, there are multiple verses ‘advertising’ the coming of a Savior. Isaiah 7:14 “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call him Immanuel”. Micah 5:2, Isaiah 9:6, Hosea 11:1, Numbers 24:17 all advertise the coming of our savior. In the New Testament, there are many more. John 3:16 says “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life”. We are reassured by Jesus in John 14:2 when he tells his disciples “In my Father’s house, there are many rooms”. And there are many more. God desires to use us, his church, as a source of advertisement to help grow His kingdom on earth. One of the reasons we should do so is that this is the only opportunity we get to share with others how wonderful our heavenly Father really is. We can convey this verbally, or in the way we treat others, by giving of our time, talents, and resources. I admire you as a church by the way so many of you do this and it encourages me and others. So when you are doing things for the glory of God, with a glad heart, it may just move someone to get out of their chair and ‘buy what you’re selling’. They won’t regret it!

Blessings,

*John Bird Daniel*, Lay Leader

## Weekly Bible Reading Highlights -

### April 21- April 27

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

**II Samuel 5:1-2b-** “Then all the tribes of Israel went to David at Hebron and told him, “We are your own flesh and blood. And the Lord told you ‘You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel’s leader.’”

**I Chronicles 16:8-9-** “Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done. Sing to him ; yes, sing his praises.Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.”

**Psalms 51:1-2-** “Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.”

## Broadway at SSUMC

We are preparing our second Broadway presentation! Join us at the beginning of rehearsal this summer for about 15 -20 minutes for our presentation in August.

Contact Kevin if you have any questions. [kevin@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:kevin@stsimonsumc.com)

## Financial Report

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

April 27, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$6,409.00  
 Received YTD | \$411,069.94  
 Expenses YTD | \$382,989.16  
 Difference YTD | \$28,080.78  
 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$433,938.11  
 Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$12,736.00  
 Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,005.35

*thank you*

## Attendance ~ April 20, 2025- Easter

8:15 AM Worship Service: **195** Online Worship Views: **853**  
 9:30 AM Worship Service: **199** Sunday School/Small Group: **N/A**  
 11:00 AM Worship Service: **374**  
 Total In Person Worship: **768**

## Attendance ~ April 27, 2025

Church in the Park: **225**

## Members in Ministry ~ May 4, 2025

### Ushers:

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

### Greeters:

**8:30** Carole Barton, Helen Baker  
**9:45** Judy & JR Wright  
**11:00** Cindy Simpson, Susan Bagwell

### Projection:

**8:30** Neva Kaye **9:45** Jessica Zettler  
**11:00** Richard Hart

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Addy Thompson, Julia Humphries

### Communion Servers:

**8:30** Linda & Jay Hodges  
**9:45** Laura & Jim Weldy  
**11:00** Cindy Simpson, Kari Cooper

### Communion Prayers:

Betty Sharp, B.J. Whitaker  
 Toni Metz, Ava White  
 Betty Sharp, B.J. Whitaker

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Joel West

**New Prayer Concerns Non- Members:** Linda Alterio, Isaiah Chavis, Carolyn Hamilton, Bill & Wendy McNair, Hana Simmons

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Stephen Adams, 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 Draughon, 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, Tom Jones, 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, **Jimmy Rogers**, 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

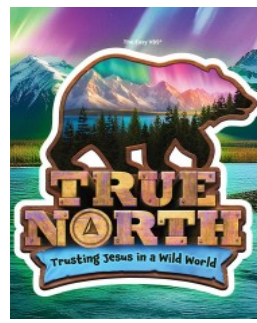
**Marsh’s Edge Assisted:** Nancy Reynolds

**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.*

## 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!



## Register for VBS 2025!!!

Join us June 8- June 12 for a Wild & Fun week learning about God!

Come find your **TRUE NORTH!**

Sign up by visiting the website at [:https://vbspro.events/p/a4421d](https://vbspro.events/p/a4421d) or by scanning the QR CODE:

Contact Victoria for more info. at [victoria@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:victoria@stsimonsumc.com)



## Men's Ministry Dinner and Seminar

Join us on May 22 from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Thorpe Building. We will have dinner and a guest lecturer educating us on memory illnesses. We will discuss real-life strategies for daily living, communication, and engaging in activities that enhance well-being. Information will be shared about dementia care, support services, and resources available in our community. Invite anyone you feel would like to know more about memory disorders! Register on Realm or by calling the church office. **A donation of \$10 per person is greatly appreciated.**

## SSUMC Preschool's Pampered Chef FUNdraiser



Our Spring FUNdraiser kicks off on April 28- May 6! We will be partnering with Pampered Chef (Joanie Grant). This is a great opportunity for our school to raise funds for our newly created teacher resource library. We are excited to be adding some great books, intentional teaching supplies, and hands-on manipulatives for our children. Don't miss out on great gifts for Mother's Day, Dad's grilling supplies, containers for meal prep and other great baking supplies from Pampered Chef. Join us virtually on Facebook for a week of Fun, Recipes, Games, & Giveaways starting 4/28 @ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ssumcpreschoolpcfundraiser>.

## Moms of Toddlers- M.O.T.s

Join us for a special time designed just for moms of little ones ages 1-5 on Saturday, May 17 from 2:30-4:30pm in the Thorpe Bldg. At M.O.T.s you will find a welcoming community where you can relax, enjoy fun activities and build lifelong friendships all while your toddlers are cared for. Childcare is provided and is offered on a "first com- fist serve" basis- Ages 1-5 years. "Come as you are and leave refreshed, supported and connected" **RSVP- to Peyton by May 15- 912-771-6801**

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CATHY DOWDY BY:**

DEBBIE & CLIF PEASE  
DIANE & JIM BAILEY  
THE SUNSHINE CIRCLE OF UWF

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF CATHY DOWDY TO THE MUSIC MINISTRY BY:**

CINDY & DWIGHT SWEAT  
THE SUNSHINE CIRCLE OF UWF

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BOB & SANDY REWIS BY:**

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## 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](mailto:justis@stsimonsumc.com) for details and to be included!

## 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](mailto: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!

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

## 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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