

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, June 1

- 9:15 AM Sunday School & Small Groups , **Various Locations**  
10:30 AM Summer Worship Service, **Sanctuary\*\***  
\*Nursery Available: Newborn- 4 yrs. for above worship services  
\*\*Streamed Live  
11:30 AM VBS Volunteer Meeting, **Youth Room**

## Monday, June 2

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

## Tuesday, June 3

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**  
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**  
1:30 PM ERT- Glynn County EMA Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

## Wednesday, June 4

- 8:00 AM High School One Days, **Gathering Place Brunswick**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Thursday, June 5

- 8:30 AM Gathering Place Middle School One Days, **Thorpe Building**  
1:00 PM Parkinsons Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

## Friday, June 6

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

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Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,  
&*

*The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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# Worship Notes

## The Worship of God

JUNE 1, 2025

SANCTUARY • 10:30 AM

GATHERING MUSIC

***Come, Christians  
Join to Sing***

arr. Mark Hayes  
Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate—Pianist  
Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministry

CALL TO WORSHIP

***Siyahamba***  
traditional Zulu

Doreen Rao  
Youth Choir  
First United Methodist  
Newnan, GA

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones  
Senior Pastor

PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Assistant Pastor

\* CONGREGATIONAL SONG MEDLEY

***Come Thou Fount  
Of Every Blessing***  
Verses 1

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***Goodness of God***  
Verse 1

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***Come Thou Fount  
Of Every Blessing***  
Verse 3

***Goodness of God***  
Verse 2

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

SPECIAL MUSIC

Youth Choir  
First United Methodist  
Newnan, GA

**COME, NOW SPIRIT OF GOD  
ONLY GOD  
DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE**

Joseph Martin  
Mary McDonald  
Mark Miller

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

*Hey God!*

1 Kings 3:5-12

\* INVITATION #140

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***  
Verses 1

FAITHFULNESS

\* BENEDICTION

Tom Jones

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb

*\*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable*

## St. Simons UMC Summer Sundays

June & July • 10:30 AM

Sunday School Meets at 9:15 AM

Summer Sundays at SSUMC —  
STARTING THIS SUNDAY— JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>

One Service at 10:30 AM

Come experience worship fresh and new this summer at  
St. Simons United Methodist Church!



One service at 10:30 AM — the perfect chance to get to  
know friends from all services & worship as One United family.



Want to try something new? Sunday School meets before  
service at 9:15 AM— come early and grow deeper in faith.



Fellowship continues with coffee and sweet treats  
before worship — connect, relax, and enjoy the  
summer spirit together.

Let's make Summer Sundays special —  
June and July at SSUMC. See you there!



## It's Good to be Back

It's good to be back! The last two months have been quite a journey for the Jones family. Anne's father is doing better and is now receiving home health care. Anne's Multiple Sclerosis, while out of remission, is responding well to treatment. Croft completed an excellent year in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is looking forward to high school. As for me, things are on the mend and I'm excited to return to worship with you this Sunday.

We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support you have offered to us. The meals, cards, emails, texts, calls, and gifts are much appreciated. We were on the front lines as recipients of the care and compassion our congregation is known for, and I can't begin to tell you the blessing it was to each of us.

The support and understanding of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Church Council in allowing me the time to recover has been yet another tremendous blessing. I am grateful for our incredible staff and the ways they have stepped up to help cover my responsibilities – from the fantastic job Kevin did with the announcements, down to watering the plants in my office. Thank you! You are the best ministry team any church could have!

Most of all I am thankful for Benjy Varnell. I am grateful for his willingness to rise to the occasion and to provide the church with powerful sermons and worship experiences, while at the same time ministering to the congregation and its pastoral care needs. I have already been informed that I will need to improve my jokes from the pulpit. He will be a hard act to follow. I know you join with me in expressing appreciation for his leadership and heartfelt care.

This week we begin Summer Sundays! I can't wait to be back with you in the one service that will bring our congregation together in worship. I hope you will join us and take advantage of this opportunity to connect with individuals in our church we may not often see or may even be surprised to learn they attend here. It's going to be a great Summer!

This Sunday afternoon, I will join with Benjy, Lawrence Bridges, Becky Bridges, and Laura Edenfield as we travel to Macon to be delegates at the South Georgia Annual Conference, June 1-3. Kevin and Holly Lamb, as well as Sondra Anderson, will also attend and offer musical leadership in the worship services. The theme of this year's conference is "A New Creation." Our bishop, Robin Dease, will preach at the opening worship service on Sunday, June 1, at 6:30pm. All of the worship services and business sessions will be live streamed at [sgaumc.org](http://sgaumc.org). Please pray for us and the South Georgia Conference.

It's good to be back!

Blessings,

Tom

## Gathering Place Main Event!

Calling all Youth- June 1 -July 13 6:00-8:30pm.

The Main Event is a high energy non-denominational event that draws students throughout the summer on Sunday nights from June 1st – July 13th.

Contact Justis for more info– [justis@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:justis@stsimonsumc.com)



## Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at [www.stimonsumc.com](http://www.stimonsumc.com)  
May 25, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$11,780.28  
Received YTD | \$495,953.92  
Expenses YTD | \$477,531.35  
Difference YTD | \$18,422.57  
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$534,798.58  
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,018.00  
Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,040.35

*thank you*

## Attendance ~ May 25, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **62** Online Worship Views: **419**  
9:45 AM Worship Service: **65** Sunday School/Small Group: **102**  
11:00 AM Worship Service: **195**  
Total In Person Worship: **322**

## Members in Ministry ~ June 1, 2025

### Ushers:

**10:30** Pete Irby, Pat Carmichael, Kevin Brandon, Ed Reynolds,  
Judy Wright, JR Wright

### Greeters:

**10:30** Thornton Willingham, Helen Baker, Barbara Smith, June Smith

### Projection:

**10:30** Jessica Zettler

### Acolytes:

**10:30** Addy Thompson, Julia Humphries

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JO ANNE ALFORD BY:**

JUNE SMITH

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Joan Harris, Margot Howard, Conrad Stocks

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Family & friends of Ellen Dunn, Cindy Evans, Family & friends of Deborah Goodis, Sydney Harris, Kathy & Mark Jenkins, **Rose Johnson**, Family & friends of Lissy Parker, Erika Payne & Baby, Margaret Penrod, **Mirhonda Studevant**

**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, Cindy Evans, 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, 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.**

## Middle School and High School One-Days

The youth in our church are invited to participate in the Gathering Place One Days for middle school and high school students.

**The High School One Days are for rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.** They start on Wednesday, June 4, and will continue each Wednesday through July 16. The students will meet at Gather, located at Gather 3883 Altama Ave in Brunswick and take off from there for day trips and service projects.

**The Middle School One Days are for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.** They start on Thursday, June 5, 8:30am-12:30pm and it meets here at our church in the Thorpe Building. They will continue each Thursday through July 17.

For much more information about the exciting activities that are planned and how to register, go to [thegp.org](http://thegp.org). Students are not required to attend each session.



### Items Needed:

Canned protein, Flavored rice or noodles, Kids snacks, Canned pasta, Soup, chili, & beef stew, Cereal & Oatmeal, Canned fruit & Fruit cups, Pasta & Spaghetti sauce, Peanut butter & Jelly/Jam, Toilet paper & Paper towels, Bath Soap & Body wash.

Thank you for your generous donations to Sparrows Nest!

## Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible May 24-30? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom are:

**1 Kings 8:57-58** – May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us or abandon us. May he give us the desire to do his will in everything and to obey all the commands, decrees, and regulations that he gave our ancestors.

**1 Kings 10:23-24** – So King Solomon became richer and wiser than any other king on earth. People from every nation came to consult him and to hear the wisdom God had given him.

**Psalms 127:1** – Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted.

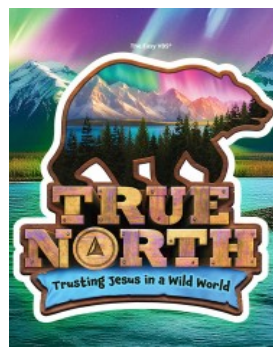
**Proverbs 1:1-2** – These are the proverbs of Solomon, David's son, king of Israel. Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** – Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

## Birth Announcements!

Congratulations to Connie and Ron Kersh on the birth of their grandson, Barrett Payne. He was born on Thursday, May 22, and is 6lbs and 19 inches long.

Congratulations to Kate and Alex Westover on the birth of their son, Jake Alexander Westover. He was born on Wednesday, May 28, and weighs 7lbs, 8oz. Proud grandparents are Kim and Jimmy Maupin.



## Register for VBS 2025!!!



Join us June 9- June 12 for a Wild & Fun week learning about God! Come find your

**TRUE NORTH!**

**Volunteers still NEEDED!**

Sign up by visiting the website at :<https://vbspro.events/p/a4421d> or by scanning the QR CODE:

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

**With your help we can make this the best VBS ever!**

### VBS DONATION ITEMS NEEDED!

- ◆ Bugles (chips)
- ◆ Teddy grams
- ◆ Graham crackers
- ◆ Regular sized marshmallows
- ◆ Hershey's chocolate fun size bars
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Small plates
- ◆ Small plastic cups
- ◆ Thick pretzel sticks
- ◆ Nutella



Donated items can be left in the Gholson Room near the True North sign! Thank you!

## Volunteer Snacks for VBS!

We are so blessed to have youth and adult volunteers for VBS this year! We would love for church members to help supply snacks for these volunteers during VBS. We need drinks, snacks, dips, chips, fruit and sweets. Please contact Anne Frazier at

[anne@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:anne@stsimonsumc.com) if you would like to bring a snack for our amazing VBS volunteers the week of June 9-12.



## 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.
- 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.

## 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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