

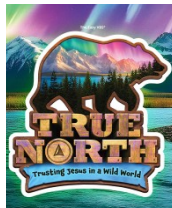
Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 8

- 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**
 1:00 PM United Women in Faith Board Meeting, **Room 201**

Monday, June 9

- 9:00 AM **VBS KICK OFF! – TRUE NORTH, Chapel**
 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
 11:00 AM NO- Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 1:00 PM Website Meeting, **Room 203**
 5:30 PM Trustees Meeting, **Room 203**



Tuesday, June 10

- 9:00 AM **VBS – TRUE NORTH, Chapel**
 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
 10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**

Wednesday, June 11

- 8:00 AM High School One Days, **Gathering Place- Brunswick**
 9:00 AM **VBS – TRUE NORTH, Chapel**
 11:00 AM NO- Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
 1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**

Thursday, June 12

- 9:00 AM **VBS – TRUE NORTH, Chapel**
 2:00 PM Prostate Cancer Support Group, **Room 201**

Friday, June 13

- 7:30 AM Preschool Father's Day Breakfast, **Gholson Room**
 11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**

Baby Bottle Campaign

You may help support the Skylark Baby Bottle Campaign by picking up a bottle in the Gholson room and/or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and Chapel. Fill these bottles with spare change, cash or check and return the bottle **by Father's Day, June 15.**



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 &
 The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

Worship Notes

The Worship of God

JUNE 8, 2025
SANCTUARY • 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministry

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fresh Wind

Praise Team

CONFESSION & PARDON

* HYMN #98

To God Be the Glory
Verse 1 & 2

* FELLOWSHIP TIME *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer

* HYMN #347

Spirit Song

SPIRIT SONG

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY #94

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

What's It All About?

1 Kings 19:8-15a

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

* INVITATION #127

*Guide Me,
O Thou Great Jehovah*
Verses 1 & 2

CWM RHONDDA

* 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 — JUNE 1– JULY 27

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!



Running a Marathon

Our church has designated 2025 as the year of the Bible. At the beginning of the year, I presented you with a challenge - join me in reading the Bible this year. You were encouraged to purchase the One Year Chronological Study Bible which uses the more easily understood New Living Translation. It only takes about 15 minutes a day and it's relatively easy to get ahead. Additionally, Benjy and I committed to preach on a text from each week's reading in an effort to further enhance your experience.

From the beginning I compared our journey through the scriptures as being like a marathon. One of the well-known marathons in the world is the Boston Marathon. The race is 26.1 miles long. It is a grueling and challenging race, but most competitors agree that between miles 20 and 21 the race becomes exceptionally difficult. It is there that the rapidly tiring runners come up against "Heartbreak Hill." This singular spot has ruined plenty of dreams for those who could not go on. Beyond the obvious reason for the hill being so hard to climb is the mental aspect of facing the challenge. It has been said that it is quite easy to make the hill into a boogeyman before you even get to it.

Maybe you never started reading your Bible because you knew you wouldn't have the stamina to complete what you started. Or in some instances you started strong but may have already met your "Heartbreak Hill." You discovered that all the good intentions in the world could not get you over the hump and decided to get out of the race.

I want to offer you the opportunity and the grace to "Rosie Ruiz" your Bible reading - to jump back into the race. Rosie is infamously known as the person who "won" the Boston Marathon after sneaking into the race well beyond "Heartbreak Hill." Her actions were soon found out and she was stripped of her marathon champion title. Now, the term "to Rosie Ruiz" is something that refers to cheating in order to get an unfair advantage. I give you permission to use a cheat code - start or restart your reading now. No questions will be asked; it won't be cheating; just make the commitment to finish the race from here.

The vital message for all of us to hear is that Bible reading is essential for Christians who seek to grow spiritually, understand God's will, and navigate life with wisdom and faith. It is a source of strength, encouragement, and guidance that shapes our relationship with God and our interactions with the world. Engaging with Scripture is a transformative practice that enriches the Christian journey.

Join us in completing the marathon! Let's cross the finish line together! I look forward to being with you to celebrate Pentecost this Sunday!

Blessings,

Tom

Welcome to our New Member!

Welcome to our newest member, **Elisa Cooper** who joined on Sunday, June 1, 2025. Join us in welcoming her to our church family!

Financial Report

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

June 1, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$20,880.30

Received YTD | \$516,834.22

Expenses YTD | \$519,386.89

Difference YTD | -\$2,552.67

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$560,044.61

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,173.00

Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,095.35

thank you

Attendance ~ June 1, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service: **332**

Online Worship Views: **211**

Sunday School/Small Group: **113**

Total In Person Worship: **332**

Members in Ministry ~ June 8, 2025

Ushers:

10:30 Steve Tucker, Richie Sipe, Thornton Willingham, Gary Krabill, Mike Fitzgerald, Nancy Jenkins, Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

Greeters:

10:30 Nancy Krabill, Kari Cooper, Christina Weisberg

Projection:

10:30 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

10:30 Piper Culpepper

Communion Servers:

10:30 Becky & Lawrence Bridges

Communion Prayers:

10:30 Chuck Buhman, Ron Flowers

Honorariums & Memorials

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

TONI METZ, NORMA MOCK

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Gerry Egger, Joan Harris, Jay Hodges, Pete Irby, Family & friends of Madge McKenzie, Conrad Stocks, **New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Rose Johnson, Family & friends of Lissy Parker, **Sandy Rice, Vicky Sawall, Pat Strickland,** Mirhonda Studevant **Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Stephen Adams, Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, Bob Beane, 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, 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, **Joel West,** 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.

What Is Pentecost?

Pentecost is the day the Church celebrates the gift of the **Holy Spirit**, which came upon the disciples 50 days after Easter (Acts 2). With the sound of rushing wind and tongues of fire, the Spirit filled the followers of Jesus, empowering them to speak in many languages and share the gospel. That day, over **3,000 people were baptized**—marking the birth of the Christian Church.

On **Pentecost Sunday**, we wear **RED, ORANGE, OR YELLOW** to represent the fire of the Holy Spirit. These colors symbolize the passion, energy, and presence of God that burns in and through us. This Sunday we will also have Holy Communion on Pentecost! Pentecost reminds us that the Holy Spirit is still moving today—equipping us, inspiring us, and sending us into the world to share Christ's love.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible May 31-June 6? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom are:

Proverbs 16:18 – Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

Proverbs 17:9 – Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

Proverbs 19:11 – Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs.

Proverbs 22:6 – Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.

Song of Songs 4:9 – You have captured my heart, my treasure, my bride.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 – A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 5:9 – Enjoy what you have rather than desiring what you don't have. Just dreaming about nice things is meaningless – like chasing the wind.

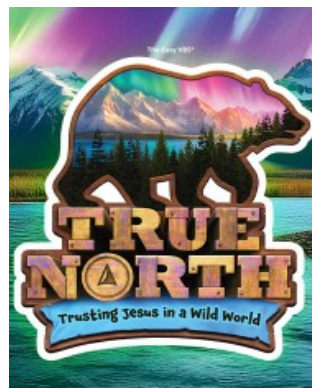
Camp Connect Leadership– Welcome!

This week we have the privilege of being joined by the Leadership Team of Camp Connect! This amazing group of college students have given up their traditional summer to spend these next two months at Epworth By the Sea with youth students all around Georgia. Led by Suzanne Akins, and student Head Counselors, Jesse Dean and Emma Heys, the LT of Camp Connect will spend the next 8 weeks helping students dive deeper into their faith, while also having the best week of their lives.

Join me in praying over the staff of Camp Connect and all the campers that will be under their care!

Blessings,

Justis Kuykendall- Director of Youth Ministries



VBS 2025 IS HERE!



We are excited for a Wild & Fun week learning about God! Come find your TRUE NORTH!

Monday, June 9 - Thursday, June 12 9:00am - Noon

Please be in prayer for our VBS leaders and participants this week as they will be CLIMBING

into GOD's Word and be touched by Jesus during this spirit filled week!

ALL ARE WELCOME- BRING FRIENDS!!!

VBS LOCAL MISSION– Food Drive for Sparrows Nest!

Again at VBS this year we will be helping a local youth Patrick Dunn match the donation of canned goods for Sparrows Nest with his CAN YOU MATCH IT CAMPAIGN! This will be a competition between the boys and girls at VBS! Bring your canned goods this Monday and through out the week until Thursday!

Second Silver Sunday & VBS Mission Project



This Sunday the children will collect silver coins (and dollars) at the 10:30 am service. Children with small buckets will be at the entrance to the sanctuary and in the Gholson Room entrances to the sanctuary. The June collection will go to Sparrows Nest. This will also serve as a kick-off activity for our Bible School Mission Project - collecting cans for Sparrows Nest, June 9 -12. Thanks so much for your silver coins and dollars as we help this local mission project!

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**

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