Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 15

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

Monday, June 16

9:00 AM	Prayer Team, Parlor
11:00 AM	Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
2:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parlor
5:30 PM	Finance Meeting, Room 203

Tuesday, June 17

9:30 AM	Staff Meeting, Youth Room
10:00 AM	Men's Life, Room 203
10:30 AM	Al-Anon Group, Room 201
5:30 PM	Worship Committee Meeting, Room 203
6:30 PM	UWF SIS Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, June 18

8	3:00 AM	High School One Days, Gathering Place- Brunswick
1	1:00 AM	Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building
1	.:15 PM	Lightkeepers Al-Anon, Room 203
5	:00 PM	Education & Small Group Meeting, Room 203
5	5:45 PM	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, June 19

8:00 AM Gathering Place Middle School One Day, Thorpe Building

Friday, June 20

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, Thorpe Building



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What to Leave Behind

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14



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The Worship of God JUNE 15, 2025 SANCTUARY • 10:30 AM Worship Notes PRELUDE Sondra Anderson Music Associate—Pianist WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Tom Jones Senior Pastor **ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT** Lawrence Bridges Lay Delegate to Annual Conference * HYMN #77 How Great Thou Art HOW GREAT THOU ART Verses 1,3 & 4 * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle's Creed Rev. Benjy Varnell Assistant Pastor * FELLOWSHIP #359 This Is The Day CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM) Victoria Fryer Director of Children's Ministry **MORNING PRAYER Benjy Varnell** * PRAISE AND WORSHIP Days of Elijah CCLI #1537904 ©1996 Daybreak **Holy Forever** CCLI #7201044 ©2022 Capitol CMG **OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell** OFFERTORY Same God CCLI #7183537 ©Brandon Lake Music SCRIPTURE LESSON **Croft Jones** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 MORNING MESSAGE **Rev. Tom Jones**

What to Leave Behind

* INVITATION

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

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* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of Mable Proctor's 94th Birthday.



Our Father

Father's Day is a time to remember, to be reminded, and to renew.

We **remember** the fathers who are no longer with us. I think of how tall my father seemed when I was a child. Even after I grew taller than he was, his presence never seemed any smaller. Like many of your fathers, mine was always there when I needed him. We miss our dads, and we carry their impact upon our lives with us every day.

We are **reminded** to show appreciation for the fathers still in our lives. This Father's Day, take a moment to tell your dad how much he means to you. Say thank you - for the wisdom, the guidance, and the love he has shared throughout your life. For those of us who are fathers, this day is also a time to **renew** our commitment to be the best dads we can be. Fatherhood means offering our children spiritual and emotional support. It means being present - going to the dance recital, coaching the team, helping with homework. It means knowing when to say "no" and when to say "yes." And it means preparing our children to grow into strong, independent adults who one day will build homes and families of their own.

Jesus taught us to pray to God as "Our Father." God is our strength and security. His love for us is unconditional and everlasting. He calls us forward - inviting us to grow into people we could never become on our own. While earthly relationships can sometimes be imperfect and strained, God's example as our perfect Heavenly Father offers a model for how we can love others well.

So, as we celebrate our earthly fathers and our families, let us also remember the endless love of our Heavenly Father. And let us renew our commitment to following him faithfully and giving him our very best.

I look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday at 10:30! Have a blessed and joyful Father's Day weekend!

Blessings, Tom

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 (TODAY).**

SKYLARKS. BABBY MOTHER'S DAY TO BABBY OFFICE THER'S DAY DESTINATION

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at <u>www.stimonsumc.com</u> June 8, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$18,849.53 Received YTD | \$535,683.75 Expenses YTD | \$534,271.04 Difference YTD | \$1,412.71 Budgeted Amount YTD | \$586,017.51 Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,473.00 Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,095.35



Attendance ~ June 8, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service: **312** Online Worship Views: **354** Sunday School/Small Group: **108**

Members in Ministry ~ June 15, 2025

Ushers: 10:30 Mike Presley, Bill Foster, Toni Metz, Eva White Greeters: 10:30 Susan Watkins, Barbara Foster, Robbie Clark, Cheryl Murphy Projection: 10:30 Richard Hart Acolytes: 10:30 Savannah Smith, Natalie Smith

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MADGE MCKENZIE BY:

Diane and Jim Bailey

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JOANNE ALFORD BY:

Anonymous Donor

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals: New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Gerry Egger, Pete Irby, Family & friends of Madge McKenzie, Mary Charles Moulton New Prayer Concerns Non– Members: Craig Crawford, Karen Flagella, Gaudalupe Martinez, Marcia Vanover

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.

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:

Ecclesiastes 7:10 – Don't long for the "good old days." This is not wise.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 – Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.

2 Chronicles 19:9 – These were Jehosophat's instructions to them: "You must always act in the fear of the Lord, with faithfulness and an undivided heart."

2 Kings 2:9-10 – Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away." And Elisha replied, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor."



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.

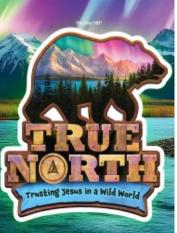
Want to try something new? Sunday School meets before service at 9:15 AM— come early and grow deeper in faith.

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!



Gracious God, bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in uprightness and joy. Bless those who long to be fathers and those for whom this day is difficult. Amen.



THANK YOU!

What an amazing week of TRUSTING JESUS in a WILD WORLD! "Thank you so much to every person who volunteered their time to help make VBS happen this past week. I could not do it with out you. Also thank you to everyone who sent in donations for this week and who brought their children. This week was fantastic and a huge success.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart, *Victoria Fryer*

Second Silver Sunday- Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated to June's Second Silver Sunday! Our children raised \$145.14 which will be donated to Sparrows Nest. We do not have a final count for the cans collected during Bible School for the same project, but we will announce that information soon!

Thanks so much for your generous donations and kindness to our children who were collecting this money for Sparrow's Nest!

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

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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