

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 29

- 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
6:00 PM The Gathering Place Main Event, **Gather in Brunswick**

Monday, June 30

- 9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Boy Scout Review, **Thorpe Building**

Tuesday, July 1

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**

Wednesday, July 2

- 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**

Thursday, July 3

- Church Office Closed in Observance of 4th of July**
8:00 AM Gathering Place Middle School One Day,
Thorpe Building

Friday, July 4- Happy Independence Day!

- 11:00 AM NO Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**



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**Welcome
Summer
Sundays
at St. Simons UMC**

Obsessed

HOSEA 11: 1-11

*Where Love is Unconditional,
Service is Celebrated Enthusiastically,*



The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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Worship Notes

TODAYS MESSAGE

Obsessed

Hosea 11: 1-11 - The Lord's Love for Israel

- ¹ "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and I called my son out of Egypt.
² But the more I called to him, the farther he moved from me,
offering sacrifices to the images of Baal and burning incense to idols.
³ I myself taught Israel how to walk, leading him along by the hand.
But he doesn't know or even care that it was I who took care of him.
⁴ I led Israel along with my ropes of kindness and love.
I lifted the yoke from his neck, and I myself stooped to feed him.
⁵ "But since my people refuse to return to me, they will return to Egypt
and will be forced to serve Assyria.
⁶ War will swirl through their cities; their enemies will crash through
their gates. They will destroy them, trapping them in
their own evil plans.
⁷ For my people are determined to desert me.
They call me the Most High, but they don't truly honor me.
⁸ "Oh, how can I give you up, Israel? How can I let you go?
How can I destroy you like Admah or demolish you like Zeboiim?
My heart is torn within me, and my compassion overflows.
⁹ No, I will not unleash my fierce anger. I will not completely destroy
Israel, for I am God and not a mere mortal. I am the Holy One living
among you, and I will not come to destroy.
¹⁰ For someday the people will follow me.
I, the Lord, will roar like a lion. And when I roar,
my people will return trembling from the west.
¹¹ Like a flock of birds, they will come from Egypt.
Trembling like doves, they will return from Assyria.
And I will bring them home again," says the Lord.

The Worship of God

JUNE 29, 2025

SANCTUARY • 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

Battle Hymn

Emri Comer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones
Senior Pastor

* HYMN #698

God of the Ages
Verses 1, 2 & 4

NATIONAL HYMN

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Tom Jones
Assistant Pastor

GIDEON SPEAKER

Bob Jones

* FELLOWSHIP

Surely The Presence

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Tom Jones

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Jay Hodges

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* Hymn #697

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tom Jones

OFFERTORY

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

* THE DOXOLOGY #95

MESSAGE IN SONG

America!

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Paul Steven Hegeman

HOSEA 11: 1-11

MORNING MESSAGE

Tom Jones

Obsessed

* INVITATION #696

America the Beautiful
Verses 1 & 3

MATERNA

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Emri Comer

*Worshippers, please stand as comfortable



The Roots of Freedom

Independence Day is a meaningful reminder that we must never take for granted the history, values, and principles upon which our nation was founded. Like a plant severed from its roots, a nation—or a person—may appear to flourish for a time, but without staying grounded, it will ultimately wither and fade.

For America to remain strong, we must stay connected to the spirit of freedom, justice, and courage that inspired our ancestors to pursue and protect the rights we now enjoy.

That same principle holds true in our lives of faith. Jesus spoke clearly about the importance of remaining connected to our source of life. He said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

We are called to always remember whose we are. Through Christ, we are set free from sin and given the promise of eternal life. But when we drift from the core truths of our faith, and from the strength that comes through abiding in him, our spiritual lives - like that uprooted plant - begin to weaken.

As we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this country, let us also rejoice in the greater freedom we have in Christ. May this Independence Day remind us not only of the blessings we have living in this great nation, but also of the life-giving grace available to us when we choose to remain rooted in Jesus.

I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday at 10:30am! Have a joyful and safe 4th of July!

Blessings,

Tom

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible June 23-29? A few of the verses that stood out for Tom are:

Isaiah 7:9 – Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you stand firm.

Isaiah 9:2 – The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

Isaiah 9:6 – For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hosea 1:11 – Then the people of Judah and Israel will unite together. They will choose one leader for themselves, and they will return from exile together. What a day that will be – when God will again plant his people in his land.

Hosea 2:23 – I will show love to those I called, “Not loved.” And to those I called “Not my people,” I will say, “Now you are my people.” And they will reply, “You are our God!”

Isaiah 1:18 – “Come now, let’s settle this,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them white as wool.”

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stimonsumc.com
June 22, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$16,306.50
Received YTD | \$565,694.25
Expenses YTD | \$590,518.63
Difference YTD | -\$24,824.38
Budgeted Amount YTD | \$637,963.48
Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$13,628.00
Maintaining the Mission (Given To Date) | \$285,130.35

thank you

Attendance ~ June 22, 2025

10:30 AM Worship Service: **295**
Online Worship Views: **330**
Sunday School/Small Group: **115**

Members in Ministry ~ June 29, 2025

Ushers:

10:30 Steve Tucker, Thornton Willingham, Mike Fitzgerald, Cindy Simpson, Judy & JR Wright

Greeters:

10:30 Marlis Kiser, Bob Kiser, Sherry Pickett

Projection:

10:30 Carol Conner

Acolytes:

10:30 Julia Humphries, Addy Thompson

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALAN PROCTOR BY:
Mable Proctor

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Roland Daniel, Nancy Dobrenic, Fred Kopp, Joel West

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Lucille Bishop, Jane Hall, **Bruce Harvey**, **Steve Horowitz**, Dennis O'Connor, Gene Ramba, **Larry Sharpe**, **Steve Smith**, **Family & friends of Shirley Spiers**, Mel Tavares, Family & friends of Betsy Worthy, **Tim Young**

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: 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, Karen Flagella, Dotsy Fuller, Jim Fuller, Barbara & Bob Golding, Mary McCreary George, Joe Gonzalez, Ken Graffis, Julie Haney, Jennifer & Tom Higdom, Elwanda Hopkins, Tom Humphries, Pete Irby, 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, **Mary Alice Mills**, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, **Dawn Roberts**, 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, 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.

Realm Update – We Need Your HELP!



We're refreshing our directory in Realm and need your help!

Please log in to update your **information** and **photo** at your earliest convenience. Do we have your best email and phone #?

Don't love your current photo or prefer we update it for you? No problem! Just send us a new one, and we'll handle the rest.

Also, if you want to share your info. make sure you are not marked private in REALM. Call or Email Anne with any update information or photos— anne@stsimonsumc.com

Thanks for keeping our community connected and up to date!

Attention July Jewels 🌸

Debbie Pease and Cyndy Franklin are organizing our annual Dutch Treat lunch and birthday celebration at Sweet Mama's on Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00 am. 🍷🍰🎁

Please RSVP by 7/16 to Cyndy 404-388-7137

📖 Come Read with Us! ❤️

Our preschool is looking for kind-hearted church members to come read or share your talents with our little ones! We would love to have you join us- if you love children and enjoy sharing stories, your gifts of music or doing a craft!

🕒 **When:** Weekdays between 9:00–11:00 AM

📍 **Where:** St. Simons UMC Preschool

📅 Come once—or as often as you'd like!

Help spark a love of reading and make a big difference with just a little of your time.

To sign up or learn more, contact Tanja –

tanja@stsimonsumc.com or 912-634-8557



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!

We are Hiring:

Media & Administrative Assistant

St. Simons UMC is looking for a creative, organized, and faith-filled individual to support our ministry through media, marketing and administration.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manage church social media, website & marketing
- Prepare bulletins, newsletters & visual worship content
- Support live streaming & AV for services

General office duties & volunteer coordination

You'll Need:

- Skills in Microsoft Office, Canva, ProPresenter & Realm
- Strong communication & organizational abilities
- A Christ-centered, team-oriented spirit

Some Sunday/event work required.

Salary based on experience/degree.

Apply by sending your resume to: anne@stsimonsumc.com

Come be a part of something meaningful!

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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