

# Weekly Calendar

## Sunday, August 17

8:30 AM Nursery for Newborn- 4 yrs., **8:30-12:00**  
8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service, **Sanctuary**  
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**

## Monday, August 18

9:00 AM Prayer Team, **Parlor**  
11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
4:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting, **Parlor**  
5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, **Room 203**

## Tuesday, August 19

10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**  
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**  
5:30 PM Nominations Committee Meeting, **Room 203**  
6:30 PM UWF—SIS Circle, **Parlor**

## Wednesday, August 20

11:00 AM Chair Yoga, **Thorpe Building**  
1:15 PM Lightkeepers Al-Anon, **Room 203**  
4:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Choir, **Choir Room**  
5:00 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Bible Fun, **Kid's Club House Upstairs**  
5:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Supper & Pickup, **Thorpe Building**  
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**

## Friday, August 22

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

# ST. SIMONS

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**C** REV. TOM JONES, Senior Pastor  
tom@stsimonsumc.com | 678.343.3767

**h** REV. BENJY VARNELL, Assistant Pastor  
benjyv@stsimonsumc.com | 912.393.4566

**u** REV. TAB MILLER, Assistant Pastor  
tab@faithworksministry.org

**r** KEVIN LAMB, Director of Music Ministries  
kevin@stsimonsumc.com

**C** ANNE FRAZIER, Church Administrator  
anne@stsimonsumc.com

**h** CAROLYN HAMILTON, Finance Associate  
carolyn@stsimonsumc.com

**S** TANJA OLIVER, Preschool Director  
tanja@stsimonsumc.com

**t** MACEY GIBBS, Media and Administrative Associate  
macey@stsimonsumc.com

**a** HOLLY LAMB, Contemporary Music Associate  
hlamb92@gmail.com

**f** SONDRA ANDERSON, Music Associate-Pianist  
sander41561@gmail.com

**f** VICTORIA FRYER, Director of Children's Ministry  
victoria@stsimonsumc.com

**f** JUSTIS KUYKENDALL, Director of Youth Ministry  
justis@stsimonsumc.com

# Welcome!

We are glad you are here.

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



*The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.*

624 Ocean Boulevard • St. Simons Island, GA 31522

912.638.3317 • stsimonsumc.com



*This is a Stephen Ministry Church*



# The Worship of God

AUGUST 17, 2025

SANCTUARY • 8:30 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones  
Senior Pastor

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate, Pianist

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostle's Creed*

\* HYMN #140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Assistant Pastor

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Change My Heart, O God*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministries

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*All That I Am*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

*Written On Your Heart*

\* INVITATION #382

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*  
Verses 1

HOLINESS

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# The Worship of God

AUGUST 17, 2025

SANCTUARY • 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson  
Music Associate, Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Tom Jones  
Senior Pastor

\* HYMN OF PRAISE #159 *Lift High The Cross!*

CRUCIFIER

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. Benjy Varnell  
Assistant Pastor

*The Apostle's Creed*

\* FELLOWSHIP TIME

\* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Change My Heart, O God*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Victoria Fryer  
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BIBLE PRESENTATION TO 5TH GRADERS

Tom Jones

*Elliot DeAurora*

*Scarlett Kirby*

*Smith Graffis*

*Avery Martinez*

*Mae Rentz*

*Harlow Robinson*

*Madden Tate*

*Raines Tippet*

*Hays Whatley*

\* HYMN #140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb  
Director of Music Ministries

\* THE DOXOLOGY #95

MESSAGE IN MUSIC

*All That I Am*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Stiles Robinson

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Tom Jones

*Written On Your Heart*

\* INVITATION #382

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*  
Verses 1 & 4

HOLINESS

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## BIBLE PRESENTATION TO 5TH GRADERS

Today we celebrate our 5th-grade students as they receive a Bible presented by the Church. This Bible is a gift and a tool to help them grow in their faith as they participate in our programs. We look forward to walking with them through this exciting year—their final year in Children's Ministry before moving up to Youth Ministry. Later this year, they will also take part in the Confirmation class. These students are just at the beginning of their lifelong journey with Christ, and we, as the Church, are excited to walk alongside them and help guide them.



# Worship Notes

## The Worship of God

### Contemporary Worship

August 17, 2025

Chapel • 9:45

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Rev. Beverly Meyers

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Music Associate

### Friend of God

CCLI 3991651

©2003 Integrity Worship Music

Fellowship Time

### Made To Worship

CCLI #4794118

©2006 New Spring

### Holy Forever

CCLI 7201044

©2022 Brian and Jenn Publishing

### Lord Reign In Me

CCLI #2490706

©1998 Vinyard Songs

## Today's Message

*Don't Idolize God*

Jeremiah 51:15-19 NRSV

Rev. Tab Miller, Assistant Pastor

Invitation

### How Can I Keep From Singing

CCLI #4822372

©2006 Sixsteps Music

Blessing



## New Young Adult Ministry – And Yes, That Might Mean You!

Who exactly are young adults? Excellent question! The answer depends a lot on who you ask. If you're in your 80s, "young adult" pretty much describes anyone who can still bend over and tie their shoes without groaning.

In the church, the definition can be a bit fuzzy from church to church. Here is what we are thinking:

**If you've got kids anywhere from birth through high school — congratulations, you're in the club.**

**If you're single or a couple in your 20's through your 50's — yep, you're in too.**

**And for those brave souls over 55 still raising school-aged kids (God bless you), consider yourself officially granted Honorary Young Adult status. You've earned it!**

So, what's coming up in our New Young Adult Ministry?

### MOMS – Methodists Offering Mothers Support

**Starts Wednesday, August 20 – 9:30-10:30am**

MOMS is a walking group that gathers at the Thorpe Building for a quick devotion, a brisk stroll (strollers welcome!), and a generous dose of fellowship. It's an excellent way to exercise your legs and your faith at the same time. Contact Mary Anna Morrison at [maryannamorrison@gmail.com](mailto:maryannamorrison@gmail.com) for more details.

### Young Adult Gathering

**Saturday, August 23 – 4:30-6:00pm**

Hosted at the home of Jennifer and Stan Robinson (109 Cascades), this will be a relaxed time to enjoy refreshments, reconnect with friends, and maybe even meet new ones. Childcare will be available at the church from 4:00-6:15pm. Please let us know if you need childcare by emailing [macey@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:macey@stsimonsumc.com) Contact the church office for more information and to sign up!

### New Young Adult Small Group -

**Launches Sunday, September 7 – 9:45-10:30am**

The group will meet on the second floor of the preschool building - perfect for dropping off kids in nursery or children's or youth Sunday School Classes nearby. The group will be led by Rich Varner with John Bird and Elizabeth Daniel there to assist. The focus of the group will be on providing a space for encouragement, making and renewing connections, and growing in faith together.

This is just the beginning - more Young Adult opportunities are on the way! In the meantime, I invite the church to pray that God will move in the hearts of our young adults, and that this ministry will be a blessing to them and their families.

Blessings,

**Tom**

## Honorariums & Memorials

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF KAREN PEASE BY:**

Stephanie and Gregory Pease

## Financial Report

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

**August 10, 2025**

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$22,939.50

Received YTD | \$746,950.03

Expenses YTD | \$726,994.92

Difference YTD | \$19,955.11

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$814,676.35

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$14,218.00

*thank you*

## Attendance ~ August 10, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **68**

Online Worship Views: **618**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **78**

Sunday School/Small Group: **120**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **231**

Total In Person Attendance: **377**

## Members in Ministry ~ August 17, 2025

### Ushers:

**8:30** Joy Coleman, Martha Dixon, Elden Carmichael, Mike Presley

**11:00** Dona Colglazier, Cyndy Franklin, Zdenek Kuja, Steve Smith, John Rentz, Buddy Brand

### Greeters:

**8:30** Susan Watkins, Helen Baker

**9:45** Pam & Randall Rehberg

**11:00** Robbie Clark, Cheryl Murphy

### Projection:

**8:30** Elizabeth Daniel

**9:45** Jessica Zettler

**11:00** Richard Hart

### Acolytes:

**11:00** Smith Graffis, Avery Painter

## Prayer Requests

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

**New Prayer Concerns - Church Members:** Jim Daher, Paige Daniel

**New Prayer Concerns Non-Members:** Trudy Budd, Mark Jenkins, Family & friends of Bill Markert, Kaye McRoberts, Tye Pipkin,

**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, 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, Kristen Merrill, Megan & Blake Moore, Neil Mullis, Spence Mullis, Kirk Nowery, Randy Payne, Ann Pickard, Dick Pipe, Mable Proctor, Mary Rentz, Dawn Roberts, Anne Rogers, Jimmy Rogers, Irene Rohan, Jo Ann Segars, 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:** Jackie Brand, 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.*



## Wednesday Night Dinner - IS BACK!!!



Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on **September 20!** The menu is: **Lasagna, Caesar Salad, Garlic Rolls and Dessert.** This is a great opportunity to connect with others in our church community, and come together for fun and fellowship with a nice, warm meal! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under eat for free.

**PLEASE register by calling the Church office, clicking the QR code or through Realm no later than noon on Monday, to guarantee your reservation!** We hope to see you there!



## LIFT & LEARN—WEDNESDAYS!

**Kids K-5, join us for an afternoon of music, Bible fun, and dinner!**

**4:30 PM**

Lift your voice in **CHOIR**



**5:00 PM – Learn God's Word in BIBLE STUDY**

**Dinner follows – Reservations required**

**SING. LEARN. EAT. GROW.**

## KIDZQUEST CAMP

SEPTEMBER 12-14

3-5 GRADERS

COST: \$190

**SIGN UP NOW FOR KIDZQUEST CAMP!  
FORMS & MONEY ARE DUE TO VICTORIA BY AUGUST 24!**

**FOR QUESTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION EMAIL VICTORIA!**

**WEEKEND CAMP  
WITH WORSHIP,  
TEACHINGS, & FUN**



## Volunteer for Sunday Projection Team!

Join our team on Sunday mornings! We are in need of a volunteer to help with our projection during the 11:00 AM service a few Sundays a month! Please email Kevin Lamb for more information or if you are interested in this vital ministry opportunity at [kevin@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:kevin@stsimonsumc.com)

## Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

**What did you highlight in your Bible August 10-16? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:**

**Jeremiah 22:5** – “For the time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.”

**Jeremiah 29:10-11**– This is what the Lord says, “you will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

**Jeremiah 50:6** – “My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray and turned them loose in the mountains. They have lost their way and can’t remember how to get back to the sheepfold.”

**Jeremiah 51:5** – For the Lord of Heaven’s Armies has not abandoned Israel and Judah. He is still their God, even though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.

## Saints & Sinners Luncheon

Senior Adult Ministries invites you to a lively Musical Bingo event on **Tuesday, September 9 at noon in the Thorpe Bldg.**

Classic tunes and friendly competition will come together for an afternoon of joy and fellowship. Participants will mark off songs on their Bingo cards as they listen to popular hits from various decades. Sign Up on Realm, scan the QR Code or call the church office to reserve your spot! Entrée will be provided— please bring a dish to share!



## 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)

**Join Our Email List or Update Your Contact Info:**

[info@stsimonsumc.com](mailto:info@stsimonsumc.com) | **912.638.3317**



@stsimonsumc



stsimonsumc.com