

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 31

- 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, September 1– Labor Day

Church Office Closed– in Observance of Labor Day

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

Tuesday, September 2

- 10:00 AM Men's Life, **Room 203**
10:30 AM Al-Anon Group, **Room 201**
1:00 PM Women's Life Group, **Room 203**
5:30 PM ERT Meeting, **Room 203**

Wednesday, September 3

- 9:30 AM MOMS– Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
9:30 AM Staff Meeting, **Youth Room**
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**

Thursday, September 4

- 10:00 AM Faithful Women's Bible Study, **Room 203**
1:00 PM Parkinson's Support Group, **Thorpe Building**

Friday, September 5

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

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Welcome!

We are glad you are here.

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



The Mission of Christ is Advanced Consistently.

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This is a Stephen Ministry Church

The Worship of God

AUGUST 31, 2025

SANCTUARY • 8:30 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate, Pianist

* HYMN OF PRAISE #139 ***Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty*** LOBE DEN HERREN
verses 1 & 5

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Rev. Benjy Varnell
Assistant Pastor
The Apostle's Creed

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG #99 ***My Tribute***

MORNING PRAYER Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #140 ***Great Is Thy Faithfulness*** FAITHFULNESS
verses 1 & 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY ***Raise Your Hands*** Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Lamentations 3:22-24 NLT

MORNING MESSAGE Rev. Benjy Varnell
It Is What It Is?

* INVITATION #365 ***Grace Greater Than Our Sin*** MOODY
verses 1 & 4

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

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Worship Notes

The Worship of God

Contemporary Worship

August 31, 2025

Chapel • 9:45

Welcome and Announcements

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Music Associate

Lead On Good Shepherd

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Fellowship Time

Blessed Be the Name

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Same God

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Sanctuary

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Morning Prayer

Today's Message

Mr. Hallowed

Ezekial 36:19-27 NRSV

Rev. Tab Miller, Assistant Pastor

Invitation

Spirit Song

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Blessing

WE ARE ALL WINNERS!

Tommy Fleetwood, British golfer who plays on the PGA Tour, was well-known for always being in contention in golf tournaments, but never winning. He had numerous close finishes, but never could seem to play well enough to win. He had played in 163 PGA events without winning! His entire career had looked like an exercise in futility. However, that all changed last Sunday, as he actually won his first PGA tournament! He sure picked a good one to win! It was the Tour Championship, the highest money event of the year, which paid him a prize of 10 million dollars! You couldn't help but be happy for him!

After his victory, he made this remarkable statement, "I've been a PGA Tour winner for a long time, it's just always been in my mind!" I love that attitude! He never saw himself as a loser, but as a winner who just hadn't won a tournament yet. He had what the writer of Hebrews called perseverance, which means ever moving forward and never giving up. It means running the race of life not as a sprint but as a marathon. It means giving your best to God and His call upon your life, while also accepting that things will not always go as planned. It means that you understand the ups and downs of living the Christian life but you never stop trying to be who Christ wants you to be. As Paul said in Philippians, you "press on to the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus!"

Tommy Fleetwood was considered a loser by many, but in his mind he was already a winner because he was willing to keep trying. We need to see that in God's eyes there are no losers! We are all made in His image and we are precious in His sight. He always wants what is best for us and is always there beside us even in our most difficult circumstances or our darkest valleys. As a matter of fact, God is not only beside us, He is out ahead of us leading the way through the love and forgiveness of his son Jesus! The one who gave His all for us! The one who sees us as winners, even if the world sees us as losers! May we all allow God through Christ to "mold us and make us after His will!" If we do that, there's no way we can ever lose! Thanks be to God!

We look forward to seeing you Sunday for worship at 8:30, 9:45 or 11:00!

Benjy Varnell

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible August 24-30? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:

Jeremiah 32:26 – "I am the Lord, the God of all peoples of the world. Is anything too hard for me?"

2 Chronicles 36:21 – So the message of the Lord spoken through Jeremiah was fulfilled. The land finally enjoyed its Sabbath rest, lying desolate until the seventy years (exile) were fulfilled, just as the prophet had said.

Lamentations 2:17 – But it is the Lord who did just as he planned. He has fulfilled the promises of disaster he made long ago.

Lamentations 3:22-23 – The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness: his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Financial Report

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

August 24, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$13,945.28

Received YTD | \$777,965.31

Expenses YTD | \$790,847.37

Difference YTD | -\$12,882.06

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$864,714.81

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$14,828.00

thank you

Attendance ~ August 24, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **62**

Online Worship Views: **560**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **84**

Sunday School/Small Group: **125**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **210**

Total In Person Attendance: **356**

Members in Ministry ~ August 31, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Mike Presley

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

Greeters:

8:30 Pam Lewis, Leslie Gonzalez

9:45 Judy and JR Wright

11:00 Marlis and Bob Kiser

Projection:

8:30 TBD

9:45 Carol Conner

11:00 Neva Kaye

Acolytes:

11:00 Claire and Ketch Kase

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Family & friends of Jim Daher, Ron Kersh, **Jimmy Langford**, **Tammy Langford**, Sharon McClellan, Nancy Rozier

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: **Renee Boven**, Nancy Brown, **Ali Carlyle**, **Luana Dickey**, **Kim Dunn**, Steve Ford, **Hope Hall**, **Jane Hall**, **John Hancock**, **Linda Hester**, Mark Jenkins, Peyton Hoshall Johnson, **Family & Friends of Bob Jones**, **Tye Pipkin**, **Hatice Schafer**, **Marilyn Schwenk**, Jason Sharp, Family & friends of Jan Smith, Laura Taylor

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, **Trudy 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, 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 9-3-25

Join us for our next Wednesday Night Dinner on **September 3!** The menu is: **Pepper Steak over Rice, Egg Rolls, House Salad & 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!



Faithful ~ Women's Bible Study

As they examine the stories of incredible women of the Bible, readers will find hope, encouragement, and a strong sense of community in this beautiful, eclectic collection of writing, photos, and lyrics that reflect God's faithfulness.

This 11 week study will meet in Room 201 on

Thursdays at 10:00 AM. Order books on Amazon or Christianbook.com register on Realm or through the church office.

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!



Jekyll Island Boat Tour

Enjoy a delightful day on Jekyll Island on **Thursday, September 11**, including lunch at the Wharf followed by a 90-minute boat tour showcasing the island's natural beauty. We will depart from the church at 11:00 AM, and the tour will begin at 2:00

PM. Cost is \$28 and there is a limit of 35 participants—only a few spots left! Register on Realm or by contacting the church office.

Youth Cooking
class

With Connie Kersh

SEPTEMBER 7 | 4:30-5:15 PM

Bi-Weekly Event

Youth Cooking
Class! 9/7 @
4:30

Come learn how to make fun & easy recipes! Email Justis for more info and to attend!

justis@stsimonsumc.com

Bring a friend!



Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIM DAHER BY:

Janie Alexander & Family

Diane & Jim Bailey

Pumpkins are Coming to the Patch!

Pumpkin Patch season is almost here! Important dates to know!



- Parent & Kids scheduling meeting on **Wednesday, September 24 following Wednesday Night Dinner at 6:00 pm.**
- The pumpkins will arrive at the church on **Sunday, October 12 at 12:00 pm.** Bring a change of clothes so you don't get dirty!
- We'll begin setting up the patch on **Saturday, October 11 at 9:00 am.**

We need volunteers to help unload, set up, and spread the word, so bring your family and friends to join in!

We are also looking for volunteers to help with school field trips in the patch throughout the season. If you're interested in assisting, please contact me directly and I will provide more details.

Contact Justis for more info at justis@stsimonsumc.com



SSUMC Preschool Wheel-A- Thon

Volunteers needed for our main fundraiser for the preschool!

Fun times for preschool families and children!

Church Volunteers and Participants are welcome to this fun event!

Contact Tanja for more information at tanja@stsimonsumc.com

New Young Adult Sunday School Class!

We're excited to announce the launch of a brand-new Sunday School class designed especially for young adults - both singles and couples - who are looking to grow in their faith, build meaningful relationships, and find a welcoming space within our church community. This new class will begin **Sunday, September 7, at 9:45 AM** in the Youth and Children's Office. Contact John Bird Daniel or Rich Varner for more info!

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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