

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 21

- 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**
12:00 PM United Women in Faith General Meeting, **Thorpe Building**
5:00 PM Youth Group, **Youth Room**

Monday, September 22

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

Tuesday, September 23

- 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**

Wednesday, September 24

- 9:30 AM MOMS- Walking Group, **Church parking lot**
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**
5:00 PM Wednesday Night Dinner, **Thorpe Building**
5:30 PM Lift and Learn Kid's Dinner & Pickup, **Thorpe Building**
6:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, **Choir Room**
6:00 PM Parents and Youth Pumpkin Patch Meeting, **Thorpe Building**

Thursday, September 25

- 10:00 AM Faithful Women's Bible Study, **Room 203**

Friday, September 26

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

Saturday, September 27

- 9:00 AM Glynn Academy Choir Retreat, **Thorpe Building**

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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 • 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Lamb
Director of Music Ministries

PRELUDE

Sondra Anderson
Music Associate—Pianist

RESPONSIVE READING

Kevin Lamb

Leader: Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of our Lord.

People: We bring our lives and our gifts, offering them with grateful hearts.

Leader: God has given time, talents, and treasure—blessings beyond measure.

People: With joy we return these gifts, dedicating them to God's work.

Leader: Let us serve with gladness, leaving selfish goals behind.

People: We give ourselves to Christ, seeking justice, mercy, and love.

Leader: As we labor in God's kingdom, our hands become instruments of grace.

People: Our voices proclaim hope, our lives bear witness to Christ's light.

Leader: Come, all Christians, be committed to building God's kingdom here.

People: We dedicate ourselves anew—our prayers, our presence, our service, our witness, and our gifts—to the glory of God.

* HYMN OF PRAISE #139 *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

LOBE DEN HERREN

* FELLOWSHIP TIME

* FELLOWSHIP SONG *Surely The Presence*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (11:00 AM)

Victoria Fryer
Director of Children's Ministry

MORNING PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN #75 *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Verses 1 & 4

OLD 100th

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benjy Varnell

OFFERTORY

Kevin Lamb

THE DOXOLOGY

OLD 100th

SPECIAL MUSIC

Surrender

Chancel Choir
By Heather Sorenson

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 20:22-24; 32-35

MORNING MESSAGE

Rev. Benjy Varnell

Words to Remember

* CALL TO COMMITMENT AND INVITATION

***Come, All Christians,
Be Committed***

BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed

To the service of the Lord;
Make your lives for Him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness,
Each His sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give Him,

They are gifts from God above;
To be used by Christians freely
To proclaim His wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior,
Tithes and off'rings with you bring.
In your work, with Him find favor,
And with joy His praises sing.

God's command to love each other

Is required of every one;
Showing mercy to each other
Mirrors His redemptive plan.
In compassion He has given
Of His love that is divine;
On the cross sins were forgiven;
Joy and peace are fully thine.

Come in praise and adoration,

All who in Christ's name believe;
Worship Him with consecration,
Grace and love you will receive.
For His grace give Him the glory,
For the Spirit and the Word,
And repeat the gospel story
Till the world His name has heard.

* BENEDICTION

Benjy Varnell

POSTLUDE

Kevin Lamb

* Stand As Able

Worship Notes

The Worship of God

Contemporary Worship

September 21, 2025

Chapel • 9:45

Welcome and Announcements

Praise and Worship

Holly Lamb, Contemporary Music Associate

Open Up the Heavens

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Fellowship Time

Here I Am To Worship

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Good Good Father

CCLI #7036612

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Word of God Speak

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Morning Prayer

Paul Gallogly

Today's Message

Words to Remember

Acts 20:22-24; 32-35

Rev. Benjy Varnell, Assistant Pastor

Time of Commitment and Invitation

Evidence

CCLI #7147432

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Blessing

A Heart of Gratitude and Generosity

What I will always remember about a mission trip to an orphanage in Honduras was the joy of the children. Though they had little to call their own, they radiated gratitude. A smile, a hug, or a heartfelt “thank you” was given freely - even for the simplest of gifts. Their joy was not rooted in possessions, but in a spirit of gratitude.

For many of us, the word “stewardship” can feel heavy - especially when we’re working hard to make ends meet. But the first step toward generous living isn’t about the size of our bank account; it’s about the condition of our heart. Gratitude changes everything. When we learn to focus on what we have instead of what we lack, worry begins to give way to joy, and joy naturally overflows into generosity.

Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:11–13: “For I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

That’s the heart of stewardship. We don’t give out of guilt, obligation, or fear. We give out of gratitude - thankful for God’s love, thankful for God’s provision, thankful for the privilege of being part of Christ’s work in the world. Joyful and generous giving is simply one more way we glorify God.

This Sunday is Commitment Sunday! It is a time for us, as a church family, to place our trust in God and commit to supporting the ministries of our church as we prepare for 2026. By completing your estimate of giving card, you are helping shape the direction of our church and ensuring that our ministries remain strong and continue to grow in the days ahead.

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

Bring your card to worship this Sunday and place it in one of the baskets during the Commitment time at each service.

Mail your card to the church office or drop it in the secure drop box at the back entrance of the sanctuary.

Complete your commitment online by visiting
www.stsimonsumc.com

Thank you for your faithfulness in the support of our church over this past year. Thank you for the key role you will play in helping to make 2026 an even better year as we work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ. May God bless you and your willingness to give generously!

Blessings,

Tom

A Note from Tom

I will miss being in worship with you again this Sunday as I continue to recover from a recent heart procedure. Please know that all is well. I am simply following the doctor’s orders to take it easy for a few days. Thank you for your prayers and understanding during this time. I look forward to being back in the pulpit on September 28.

Read the New Testament Through

For those who have been reading the Bible through in a year, our reading in the New Testament begins on Wednesday, September 24. You are invited to join us in the journey through the New Testament. Order your Chronological Bible, or find the one you previously ordered, and together as a church let’s explore the New Testament over these last three months of the year. God has a blessing in store for us!

Financial Report

For your convenience you may give online at www.stsimonsumc.com
September 14, 2025

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$32,690.80

Received YTD | \$854,405.11

Expenses YTD | \$865,359.35

Difference YTD | -\$10,954.24

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$942,628.50

Trustees Maintenance Fund YTD | \$17,018.00

thank you

Attendance ~ September 14, 2025

8:30 AM Worship Service: **65** Online Worship Views: **541**

9:45 AM Worship Service: **71** Sunday School/Small Group: **124**

11:00 AM Worship Service: **206**

Total In Person Attendance: **342**

Members in Ministry ~September 21, 2025

Ushers:

8:30 Bill Foster, Joy Coleman, Elden Carmichael, Bob Swinehart

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

Greeters:

8:30 Susan Watkins, Barbara Foster

9:45 Carol Conner, Laura Weldy

11:00 Gayle Disque, Edie Payne

Projection:

9:45 Jessica Zettler

11:00 Elizabeth Daniel

Acolytes:

11:00 Piper Culpepper

Prayer Requests

Please take time this week and pray for these individuals:

New Prayer Concerns - Church Members: Betty Daher, Barbara Jensen, Robin & Bubba Parmelee

New Prayer Concerns Non-Members: Kristie Bernard, Butch Frye, Sarah Gianna, Sandie Goddard, **Hope Hall, Jane Hall**, Edward Hamilton, **Jacqueline Hamilton**, Kay Hardage, Liam Perez, John Rhea

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Di Bailey, Ron Bateman, 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, 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

9/24 from 5:00-6:00pm

Menu: Alice Springs Chicken, Sautéed Green Beans, Dinner 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!



Kickball & Cookout!

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Mallery Park | 4 - 6 pm

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, & fun at our Kickball & Cookout! ALL ARE WELCOME!

- Wear your favorite school colors or team T-shirts.
 - Food and Beverages are provided!
 - Bring a lawn chair to cheer from the side lines.
- Registration is required — sign up and come ready for a great time with friends and family!



New Young Adult Sunday School Class!

Join us this Sunday for the 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 Sunday we will meet at **9:45 AM** in the Youth and Children's Office. Contact John Bird Daniel or Rich Varner for more info!

Weekly Bible Reading Highlights

What did you highlight in your Bible September 14-20? These are a few verses that stood out to Tom:

Esther 4:14 – “If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”

Esther 9:22 - Mordecai told them to celebrate these days with feasting and gladness and by giving gifts of food to each other and presents to the poor. This would commemorate a time when the Jews gained relief from their enemies, when their sorrow was turned into gladness and their mourning into joy.

Esther 9:28 - This Festival of Purim would never cease to be celebrated among the Jews, nor would the memory of what happened ever die out among their descendants.

Nehemiah 2:17 - But now I said to them, “You know very well what trouble we are in. Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire. Let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem and end this disgrace!”

Nehemiah 6:15-16 - So on October 2 the wall was finished - just fifty-two days after we had begun. When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our meal packing event for Rise Against Hunger is Sunday, October 19! Save the Date! Sign up and details coming soon!

Footprint's Widow Support Group Lunch

Please join us for lunch at Del Sur Restaurant Thursday, September 25 at 12:00 noon. Contact Susan Hoshall if you would like to attend at 912-399-5445

Pumpkins are Coming!

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



- Parent & Kids scheduling meeting on **Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00 pm, following Wednesday Night Dinner in the Thorpe Building.**
- The pumpkins will arrive at the church on **Sunday, October 12 at 12:00 pm.** Bring a change of clothes!
- 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

United Women in Faith General Meeting

All women in the church are invited to the UWF General Meeting on **Sunday, September 21** to hear Jenna Kennedy tell us about her work with FaithWorks. Join us in the Thorpe Building after the 11:00 service for fellowship and a light lunch.

Honorariums & Memorials

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY LANGFORD, JR. BY:

Sandra & Ralph Denty
Ann & Wright Culpepper
Janie Alexander

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF JIMMY LANGFORD, JR. TO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BY:

Steve Carswell

A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN IN MEMORY OF BOB JONES TO MUSIC MINISTRY BY:

Judy & JR Wright

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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